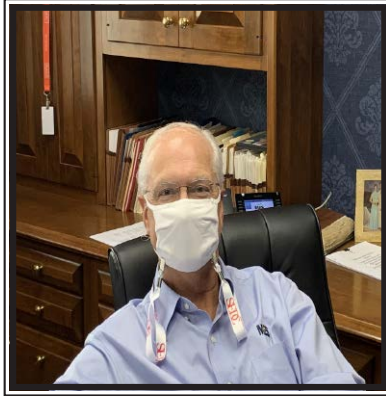




Illuminations

FROM THE DESK OF OUR GENERAL MANAGER



Celebrating Over
80
YEARS
of Public Power

At the beginning of 2020, I waxed exhaustively in the MES newsletter about all the puns associated with 2020 such as “the year with perfect vision”, “2020, looking good”, and other similar expressions related to vision. Back in January of 2020, I looked forward to a year filled with bright sunshine and even gloomy rain, starry nights and blue sky days, surrounded by family and friends with joy and love. Now I know my particular vision was not quite what 2020 had in store for us.

However bad 2020 has been, it has provided significant learning experiences. I am now more familiar than I'd like to be with pandemic vocabulary terms like “social distancing”, “flatten the curve”, “drive-thru testing”, “droplet transmission”, and “super spreader”. I've found just how important toilet paper REALLY is and have prepared accordingly. It is now possible to enter a bank (or jewelry store) wearing a mask without getting arrested

- in some cases a mask is required before entry! Gaining weight and blaming it on COVID-19 is acceptable during a pandemic. Other things revealed: professional athletes are not as important as they think they are; drive-in movie theaters, books, and old board games are cool again; homeschooling is hard unless you have a PhD.; I sing to myself to ensure proper hand washing technique; kids are much more resilient than adults; masks are quite the fashion statement; curbside delivery works well and is just as enjoyable as dining-in; working from home brings out the crafty side of people; there's a different liquid preferred from the Jack Daniel's Distillery called handsantizer (it's all about branding); pet adoption is popular; and finally, there is likely to be a noticeable increase in births as a result of sheltering-in-place (I know of at least one). By the way, what do you think they will call this generation of babies - corona

babies, covid babies, generation 2020?

So there, take that 2020!!!! You may not have turned out to be the year-of-enlightenment, but your friends at MES have kept the lights on for you. We at MES, anxiously await with you the new year of 2021, hoping for less stress, and less sickness. Who would've thought we would prefer “just normal”?

As always, MES is here to help you, even when

we have a year like 2020.

**2021, HURRY UP!
PLEASE...**

*MES, shining the light on
your future since 1939.*

While our lobby is closed, we are thinking of ways we can connect with you, our customer. We miss the decorating and all the interaction with customers especially during the holiday season. With that in mind, please take a moment to snap a photo of your holiday decorations (Fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.) and email it to us at

melectric@mesystem.net



You may also drop those photos with your name and phone number at the drive through window. We would like to publish those in our next newsletter. For each photo sent (one per holiday or occasion please), your name will be placed in a drawing for one of four \$25 Visa Gift Cards! Entries must be received by December 31, 2020 for entry into drawings. One winner per household. Good luck!



FREE RECIPE BOOKLETS AT THE DRIVE THROUGH WINDOW



MES employees and retirees have put together a collection of some of their favorite recipes. We hope you enjoy them as much as we enjoyed bringing them to you!



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RELAY FOR LIFE

COVID-19 has left its mark on 2020 for sure as many of our local and regional events have cancelled with hopes for a brighter 2021. In the meantime, charities like **Relay for Life** can use our help because every dollar donated matters. MES's **Relay for Life** team is working toward attaining its goals in every way possible. We have candy bars year 'round for \$1 each. They are really delicious and popular! Another fundraiser is called Plunder In Pink 2020. This event is mid-state wide reaching at least 7 counties' **Relay for Life** groups. To gain 20% of total sales (less sales tax), just visit this website and choose your team to get in on the fundraising simplicity:

www.plunderdesign.com/debbiesparkles

Oh and you can snag some really beautiful jewelry to help your shopping list blues! For questions, contact Marlene Delong at marlene.delong@cancer.org

