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Federated Telephone Announces 2009 Customer Appreciation Picnic & Cooperative's Annual Meeting

All Federated Telephone customers and Federated Telephone Cooperative members are invited to attend a Customer Appreciation Picnic followed by the Cooperative's 57th Annual Meeting of the members on Thursday, June 18, 2009, at the Chokio-Alberta High School in Alberta, Minnesota. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and ceases at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The Annual Meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Voting for two directors will take place at the annual meeting. The terms of Roger Gerdes, District #1 Chokio-Alberta exchange, and Kenneth Rohloff, District #5 Danvers exchange, will expire. Members may vote at the annual meeting or by absentee ballot which will be mailed out with the notice of the Annual Meeting on June 2, 2009.

Absentee ballots must be received in FTC's office by 10:00 a.m. on June 18, 2009 and no further voting will be allowed after tellers have collected the ballots at the meeting.

In other business, the President's report by Richard Bjornjeld and the General Manager's report by Kevin Beyer will be presented.

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2009 Customer Appreciation Picnic

Thursday, June 18, 2009
Serving from 4:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Annual Meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.
Registration open from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Door Prizes awarded after the meeting concludes.
Must be present to win.

Minnesota Telecom Alliance Celebrates *100 Years* of Innovation and Leadership *Honors Lucius Fullerton Clark - First MTA President in 1909*

As members of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance (MTA), Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and Federated Telephone helped celebrate a century of cooperation among Minnesota's telecommunications companies at the 100th Annual MTA Convention in Minneapolis March 2-4, 2009.



Kevin Beyer, General Manager of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company and Federated Telephone, attended the Centennial Convention along with Lyle Dahle, Dale Falness, Mark Hoffman, Diane Morken, Board of Directors for Farmers Mutual Telephone Company; Marcia Greiner and Kenneth Rohloff, Board of Directors for Federated Telephone.

The Centennial Convention commemorated the founding of the Minnesota Independent Telephone Association on March 27, 1909, by a group of 100 independent telephone company owners. Known today as the Minnesota Telecom Alliance and serving over 400 members, this trade association continues to lead the greater telecommunications industry by communicating with state and federal decision makers and advocating shared goals on behalf of its members and Minnesota consumers.



Lucius Fullerton Clark

Membership in the MTA provides Farmers Mutual and Federated Telephone with a powerful ally when key decisions are made concerning industry regulations. Without the unified voice of the MTA, Minnesota companies that offer telephone, wireless, cable television, video, and high-speed Internet access to communities across the state would likely not be able to offer the level of service now available to nearly every Minnesotan.

This was an extra special event for Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. Lucius Fullerton Clark, President of Bellingham Telephone Company in 1904, became the very first President of the Minnesota Independent Telephone Association in 1909.

Farmers Mutual and Federated Telephone are proud to be members of the MTA, which has allowed us to offer the products and services our members have come to expect. Thanks to the consistent advocacy by the MTA, companies like ours have thrived over the past 100 years. We look forward to the next 100 years of cooperation, industry leadership and superior service.



Construction Clean Up

Do you have any unresolved issues from our construction last year?

Our contractor will be back in the area soon. If your location needs to be reviewed, please contact our office at 324-7111.

Planning to Re-side Your House?

On the outside of every home or business with telephone services, there is a unit called a protector. The protector connects the phone line to the wiring inside the building. Federated Telephone owns this equipment.



If you are planning to re-side your home or business, DO NOT try to remove the protector yourself. Simply contact our office a few days in advance and a Federated technician will come remove the unit.

Once the new siding has been installed, a Federated technician will return to replace the unit (in the same location) for you free of charge. However, if you or your contractor damages the unit, you will be billed for the necessary repairs.



Jenna Zimmerman Awarded MTA Foundation Scholarship

Jenna Leigh Zimmerman, daughter of June and Keith Zimmerman of Johnson has been selected to receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year from the Minnesota Telecom Alliance Foundation, according to Kevin Beyer, General Manager of Federated Telephone. Jenna will be graduating from Chokio-Alberta High School and plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, studying biomedical engineering.

"When I look into my future, I see myself as an important member of a dedicated research team working to find valuable medical discoveries. Discoveries for cures of diseases like diabetes, Alzheimer's or multiple sclerosis are ones I hope to find in my lifetime," said Jenna in her scholarship application.

Jenna is one of five students selected out of 95 applicants to receive the MTA Foundation Scholarship. In awarding the scholarship to Jenna, Kevin Beyer said, "We're pleased to make an investment in our rural communities and support the future of our youth. Rural communities need educated and talented young people like Jenna to be our leaders of the future. It makes us all proud at Federated Telephone when one of the statewide winners is selected from our area."

The Foundation is part of the Minnesota Telecom Alliance, a trade organization based in St. Paul representing 86 telephone companies and cooperatives in the state. The MTA was founded in 1909 and recently celebrated its centennial anniversary on March 27.



Do Not Call Registrations Permanent and Fees Telemarketers Pay to Access Registry Set

Telephone numbers placed on the National Do Not Call Registry will remain on it permanently due to the Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007, which became law in February 2008. More than 157 Million phone numbers are on the National Do Not Call Registry.



Under the Act, the Federal Trade Commission will continue to remove telephone numbers that have been disconnected and reassigned to other customers. Consumers can delete their telephone numbers from the registry at any time by calling 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236) - the call must be made from the telephone number they wish to delete.

The Do-Not-Call Fee Extension Act of 2007 also was enacted, setting the annual fees telemarketers will pay to access the registry in fiscal year 2009 at \$54 for each area code of data accessed or \$14,850 for access to every area code in the registry, whichever is less. Telemarketers may access the first 5 area codes of data at no charge, and certain exempt organizations will continue to access all data at no charge. For each fiscal year beginning after year 2009, the fees will be increased at the rate of change of the consumer price index, unless the change is less than 1 percent, in which case the fees will not be adjusted.



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Debbie Jones.....394-2247

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Amy Bjerke392-5481

Milan

Judi Bohm.....734-4671
Jim & Phyllis Hanson.....734-4671
Kristin Hoppe.....734-4555
Samari Sepinon.....734-4556



Mother's Day is May 10th

Don't Forget to Call Your Mom on Mother's Day.



The Federated Offices will be Closed
Monday, May 25, 2009 in
observance of Memorial Day.



Congratulations 2009 Graduates!

2009-2010 Area-Wide Directory

The 2009-2010 edition of the area-wide directory is scheduled for distribution during the third week of May. Please remember to recycle your old books according to the information provided on the inside front cover of the 2009-2010 directory. Each county has different instructions, so make sure you find the proper instructions for your county.

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