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Golf Tournament Raises Over \$28,000

To say the Annual OREMC Golf Tournament is a labor of love for the employees responsible for the event is an understatement. Even more rewarding is making a **record-breaking \$28,719.29 donation to the Southeast Cancer Unit, Inc.**, from the proceeds raised at the 2025 tournament held on April 26 at The Lakes Course at Laura S. Walker State Park in Waycross.

Linda Henderson, and her brother Larry Lee, accepted the donation on behalf of the Branching Out in Brantley arm of the Southeast Cancer Unit. Speechless at first, Henderson said, "This is such a blessing, and we so appreciate all the work OREMC puts into the tournament. We currently have 170 patients we are helping across the three counties—Brantley, Pierce and Ware. This means so much."

The Southeast Cancer Unit, Inc., is an all-volunteer organization providing financial assistance to cancer patients who live in the three-county area and are currently undergoing treatment. Patients can receive up to \$1,500 in aid per calendar year to help offset the cost of travel for treatments, medications, medical supplies, wigs and/or nutritional supplements.

"We welcomed several new sponsors this year, and other long-term sponsors stepped up their donations," explains OREMC Director of Communications & Marketing Michele Hutchins.

"Combined with a Hole-In-One contest and some really great prizes in our tournament raffle, the tournament set a new fundraising record! We are so grateful for the support of our golfers, volunteers, vendor partners and our community for their continued support in helping grow the tournament. Their commitment to the tournament enables us to make a difference in the lives of people living in our OREMC communities."

Presented by Oglethorpe Power Corporation/ Georgia Transmission/Georgia System Operations, the OREMC Golf Tournament's major sponsors included: EnerVision, Hospitality Sponsor; Abentras Benefit Administrators and Balch & Bingham, LLP, Range Sponsors; Altec, Towel Sponsor; Asplundh, Prize Sponsor; Southeastern Bank, Golf Ball Sponsor; Cart Sponsors Asplundh, Green Power EMC, Pike Electric, Stifel Greer Wealth Advisors, and TerraVolt Solutions; Kings Colonial Ford, Hole-In-One Sponsor; Fairway Sponsors Beach Timber, Tri-State Utility Products, Helena Agri-Enterprises, Meridian Cooperative and Mountaineer Electric. A special thank you also goes to OREMC Right of Way Coordinator Roger Sloan who was the pitmaster and fed all the golfers and volunteers.

See back cover for a complete list of sponsors.

2 Peter 3:9 ESV

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any perish, but that all should reach repentance."

**Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
It is the courage to continue that counts.**
— Winston Churchill

A Capitol Experience

“An inspiring week full of discovery, connection and leadership growth.” That is how Georgia EMC summed up the 2025 National Youth Tour Leadership Experience in Washington, D.C., back in June for the 116 Georgia student-delegates including four from OREMC—Emma Dilliard, Troy Medcalf, Emory Popham and Micaela Vazquez.

They experienced the history, culture and legacy of Washington, D.C., as they explored iconic landmarks, memorials and museums. Four delegates had the very special opportunity to lay a wreath on behalf of our group at Arlington National Cemetery’s Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They also had an unforgettable day on Capitol Hill engaging in thoughtful discussions on current events and civic responsibility. They even met, and took a selfie, with Senator Raphael Warnock on the Capitol steps.

Students also toured Mount Vernon, the World War II, MLK Jr., FDR and Jefferson Memorials, and attended the U.S. Marine Corps Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial.

Meeting so many different people and getting to know them and where they plan to go in life was a highlight of the trip for Micaela. She said, “I loved being able to learn more about America and connect with the people around me.”

The biggest lesson for Troy was, “Everything is earned, not given. Seeing all the memorials and monuments helped remind me of the sacrifices and hardships the people of this country went through to get where we are now.”

“I had such a fun week and enjoyed getting to know more people and reconnecting with old friends from other statewide youth events,” noted Emory. “It just goes to show you how important it is to meet people, because you are likely to see them again at other events.”

Emma summed up the trip saying, “I’m so thankful to have gained new experiences and met so many amazing people. I saw and learned so much about our government during my time in D.C.—from touring the Capitol to hearing from wonderful speakers. It really opened my eyes to how our government works and how young people can get involved.”



Get Ready for the 2025 Annual Meeting

It is Annual Meeting time again! This is your opportunity to meet and mingle with your elected Board of Directors, the leadership team and employees, as well as learn about OREMC programs, initiatives and business updates.

The 2025 OREMC Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13, at the Brantley County High School, Highway 82 West, Nahunta.

- Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be drive-thru with access through the Middle School gate.
- Please bring the preprinted registration card you will receive with your official annual meeting notification letter to register and receive your attendance gift.
- Attendance gifts will be presented to members at registration. Please note: Just as there is only one vote per member regardless of how many accounts are in your name, there will also only be one attendance gift per member. As the name suggests, it is a thank you gift presented to those members who choose to attend the Annual Meeting.
- Proceed forward to the refreshment stop where you will be offered donuts and choice of water and

Coke® products. Additional beverages and coffee will be available at the refreshment counter located just outside the gym in the high school.

- You will be directed to follow the road around toward the high school for parking.
- Musical entertainment will be provided 8:30 -10 a.m. Information tables and “dress like a lineworker” will be available for the kids throughout the morning.
- The official business meeting will start at 10 a.m. During the business meeting, members will hear reports from OREMC’s Board President and General Manager. Elections will be finalized for three members of OREMC’s Board of Directors to serve for three-year terms.

Raffle prizes, superlative prizes and a grand prize will be awarded to those in attendance at the conclusion of the business meeting you must be present to win.

Please contact us about any special needs or requirements for your participation in the Annual Meeting by calling our office at (800) 262-5131 or emailing us at member.service@oremc.com prior to September 13, or by contacting one of our employees at the meeting.



Plugged In: Addressing Your Questions Regarding Power Restoration

In this episode of our OREMC *Plugged In* podcast, ROW Coordinator Roger Sloan helps to address some of those frequently asked questions you have about power restoration following a storm. Between August 2024 and January 2025, the OREMC service area was impacted by a tropical storm, two hurricanes and one ice storm. Every storm is different, but the goal is to get the most number of members restored as soon as possible, working our way down the system to the smaller lines and service wires. Questions were pulled directly from social media and/or voicemails members left following the storms that impacted OREMC’s service area from August 2024 - January 2025. Use QR code to access playlist.



Church of the Month

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service	11 a.m.
Evening Service	6 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7 p.m.



Correction

In the May/June issue of our newsletter, the wrong photo accompanied scholarship recipient **Karis Richardson’s** bio. We apologize for the error and once again congratulate Karis for being selected as an OREMC Scholarship winner.