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DELL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE TO HOST 61ST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 61ST Annual Membership Meeting of Dell Telephone Cooperative will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Cooperative's Business Office in Dell City, Texas. All Cooperative Members are encouraged to attend. In addition to the business meeting, director's election, and scholarship presentation, lunch will be provided and many door prizes will be awarded. Entertainment will be provided by the classic country duo, the Thunderkatz. For the convenience of DTC members, handicapped parking will be provided in the parking lot behind the building. Parking for the general membership will be directly south of the building. Registration for Cooperative members begins at 9:00 a.m.; the Business Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Members who have not registered prior to 10:00 a.m. will not be eligible for door prizes.

Cooperative Members to Vote on Proposed By-Law Amendment

To clarify eligibility for board membership and eliminate possible conflict of interest, the following bylaw amendment has been recommended by the Cooperative's legal counsel. This item will come before the membership for approval at the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, March 25, 2017. If you did not receive your Annual Meeting Information Packet and Ballot the week of February 20th please contact our Business Office at 915/964-2352.

It is proposed that Article IV, Section 3(b) of the Bylaws of the Cooperative be amended to include (3), stated below:

“(a) No person shall be eligible to become or remain a board member who is not a bona fide resident of the designated district for which elected or appointed.

“(b) In addition to the residence requirement contained in (a) above, no person shall be eligible to become or remain a board member of the Cooperative who:

(1) is not a member and is not presently residing in the area served or to be served by the Cooperative; or

(2) is in any way employed by or financially interested in a competing enterprise or a business engaged in selling telephone service or supplies, or constructing or maintaining telephone facilities, or

(3) is a current employee or has been an employee of the Cooperative at any time within the five (5) years prior to the date of scheduled election for the board position sought by the person.”

You can vote for or against the proposed change on your mail ballot or in person at the Annual Meeting:

Proposed By Law Change
Propusta para cambio en el Reglamento
Article IV, Section 3(b)

Health Watch

Watch for these sources
of illness while traveling

Traveling has enough hassles—check-in lines, lost luggage, bad airline food—without adding germs to the mix. Be safe by watching out for these common sources of germs and bacteria that can make you sick when you travel (from the CNN website):

- **Washroom stall locks.** In one test, airport stall locks were found to have an average of 70 colony-forming units (CFUs) per square inch. Use soap and water or a good hand sanitizer after touching them.
- **Seatbelt buckles.** Clean your hands after buckling up. Airplane belt buckles can have up to 230 CFUs per square inch.
- **Lavatory flush buttons.** These can get pretty nasty, containing 265 CFUs per square inch (although overhead vents and tray tables have more).
- **Drinking fountains.** Thirsty? Maybe buy a bottle of water instead. The buttons on airport drinking fountains have been found to hold 1,240 CFUs per square inch.

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DAYLIGHT
SAVING
TIME

Sunday March 12, 2017
Remember to set your
clocks forward one hour

NEW LISTINGS— 2017 February

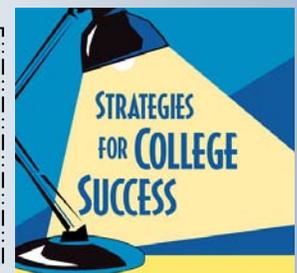
Dell Valley Ranch Management	964-2333
Clark, Mark	987-2585
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March 1	Ash Wednesday
March 12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 20	Spring Begins

Don't forget Scholarship Application Deadline
For High School Seniors—March 13, 2017

Applications are available for Dell Telephone Cooperative's "*High School Scholarship Program*" and may be picked up at the Business Office located at 610 South Main in Dell City.



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