

# Transmitter

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative Assn. • June 2019

## 65th Annual Meeting



Approximately 300 members and guests attended Egyptian Telephone Cooperative's 65th Annual Meeting on April 26, 2019. This meeting was held at Steeleville American Legion. This year members re-elected David Ibendahl of Rice and Jonathan Krause of Glenn to the board.

Board President David Ibendahl welcomed members. "We are always looking for ways to continue to make your cooperative stronger," Ibendahl said. "The survival and economic development of our rural area depends on the latest technology."

Ibendahl explained the theme of this year's meeting, Building Blocks of Technology, emphasizes the steps it takes to bring the latest technology to our members. "We are excited to be expanding our Fiber to the Home (FTTH) reach in some of our communities," he said. "This technology is considered future proof and offers flexibility to deliver additional services in the years to come."

Egyptian Telephone CEO Kevin Jacobsen addressed the

crowd. "On the technology side of things 27 years ago, everything was about voice," Jacobsen continued. "We are transforming the cooperative from voice to broadband, high-speed data, and we've accomplished that. We are flipping the page to the next chapter – fiber."

Jacobsen explained that the cooperative's engineers have finished up its fiber to the home engineering study, and a loan to the Rural Utility Service (RUS). "Installing fiber will help bulletproof our network and allow us to lead the broadband needs of you, our members."

A grand prize of an Apple iPad plus one year of high speed Internet service and approximately 70 additional prizes were given away to members at the end of the meeting. After the meeting, the board met in re-organizational session and elected David Ibendahl of Rice as President, Kevin Nurnberger of Blair as Vice President, and Sue Wennemann as Secretary/Treasurer.

Thank you to all members who attended the annual meeting.

## New directories available in July

Your 2019/2020 Egyptian Telephone book will be delivered in July. Please take the time to become familiar with the book's contents and offerings. Your directory is filled with valuable information. Whether you are searching for emergency numbers, area codes, special service offerings, and much more, your phone book is designed to meet all your needs.

Advertisers in the Yellow Pages help make Egyptian's phone book an extremely useful tool for you. Yellow Pages save you time and money by letting you enjoy the convenience of shopping at home. Remember that advertisers add to the phone book's success. Please support your local merchants and let them know you found them in the Yellow Pages.





# Win a \$10 Bill Credit



Correctly complete the following questions and mail the completed form with your telephone bill before the due date. Your name will be placed in a drawing for a \$10 bill credit. There will be four winners drawn in July. Last month's winners were Pauline Nehrkorn, Cecil Schmidt, Matt Sullivan, and Dan Blumhorst.

1. Egyptian Telephone directories will be delivered during the month of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Members subscribing to Egyptian Long Distance get \_\_\_\_\_ Nationwide Calling in July.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_



## Unwanted Telemarketing Calls

Illinois law protects residents from certain unwanted telemarketing calls. For more information about the Restricted Call Registry and how to enroll, visit [www.fcc.gov/cgb/donotcall](http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/donotcall).

## Telephone Assistance

Eligible low-income households can receive financial help with the cost of phone installation and basic local phone service. The federal program's monthly discount is \$9.25 off the cost of basic local phone service.

## Free Nationwide Calling in July from Egyptian Telephone Cooperative

\*Subscriber must be switched to Egyptian Long Distance for both local toll and long distance services. Time frame for free calling is 7/1/19-7/31/19. Plan applies solely to voice calls terminating within the continental U.S. Plan does not apply to calls for Internet access services, calling card services, operator assisted calls, collect calls, third number calls, calls to international numbers, incoming 800 calls, calls to 900 numbers, directory assistance, operator services, and preferred plus calling. Non-qualifying calls are subject to additional charges at Egyptian's then current rate.



The cooperative office will be closed on Thursday, **– July 4, 2019 –** in observance of Independence Day.



**Remember Father's Day on June 16**

## IMPORTANT- 24-Hour Trouble-Reporting Numbers

To report trouble from ETCA Exchanges, use the following free telephone numbers 24 hours a day:

Oakdale ..... 329-1234  
 Rice ..... 336-1234  
 Glenn ..... 763-1234  
 St. Libory..... 768-1234



Blair ..... 774-1234  
 Baldwin..... 785-1234  
 Venedy..... 824-1234

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