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Do you or someone you know need assistance?

The Cooperative Care Program (CCP) may be able to help.

A local family loses their home in an early morning fire. A young couple is trying to deal with the financial strain of their new daughter's birth defects. You see these types of stories on the news and read them in the papers.

What do they all have in common? Thanks to Anza Electric's Cooperative Care Program, the answer to this question is "help in time of need."

As a cooperative committed to community involvement and member focus, we at AEC are excited to find an effective and easy way to improve the quality of life within our community.

Funds collected from Operation Roundup and unclaimed capital credit checks are used to fund the Cooperative Care Program. The funds will be distributed to two local charitable organizations; The Anza Thimble Club and Smiles for Seniors.

These organizations will process applications and help make a difference in our communities.

Like our Facebook page to receive your Anza Electric notifications.



Applications are available on the AEC website under the Member Services tab at www.anzaelectric.org.

The application available for downloading from the AEC website can only be submitted to The Anza Thimble Club.

In order to apply for assistance through Smiles for Seniors, you will have to contact them directly. Please see their contact information below.

If you're interested in contributing to the Operation Roundup fund by having your bill rounded up to the next whole dollar, select the Community tab at www.anzaelectric.org.

How can an individual or family apply for funding?

Applications may be obtained by mail, AEC website, or at the cooperative office. Submit applications to **The Anza Thimble Club of Anza** directly. Information is available on the application.

Grants for individuals are limited to a maximum of \$300 in a 12 month period.

Smiles for Seniors, a nonprofit Senior Assistance Program has their own application and can be contacted at 909-790-6671
Fax: 909-790-7112 or P.O. Box 1113 Yucaipa CA. 92399.
www.smiles4seniors.org
smiles4seniors@verizon.net



Grants for individuals through Smiles for Seniors are limited to a maximum of \$300 one time.

How is this program funded?

This program is funded two ways: unclaimed capital credit checks and Operation Roundup. Participating AEC members voluntarily have their monthly electric bills rounded up to the next dollar, contributing an average of \$6 a year to Operation Roundup - a charitable program that nearly 300 cooperatives nationwide participate in.

For more information visit www.anzaelectric.org or email aec@anzaelectric.org.

Who is eligible for funding?

To be eligible you must live within the Anza Electric service territory. You will need to provide proof of your residency so that it can be verified with Anza Electric.

You do not need to be a member of AEC but must live within the AEC service territory.

What is the selection process?

Funds are administered by Anza Electric and forwarded to the local charitable organizations. Certain guidelines are followed and decisions are based on the amount of funds available and the number of requests. All applicants will be notified within 30 days of the decision. All checks or payments will be made directly to the service provider unless a special arrangement has been made due to special circumstances or gift cards are distributed.

Assistance will only be granted for living human beings.



A
message
from
the
Manager

Kevin Short

Recently, I was thinking about how far our technology has come in the last thirty years; specifically I was considering the last three decades of advances in consumer products. Now, it wasn't the latest iPhone that had my attention; neither was it the amazing leaps in new hybrid automobiles. No, I believe that one of the most incredible feats of human effort is much more basic than that. I'm talking about the iron.

Yes, the good old clothes iron. Guaranteed to help with all the latest in "permanent pressed" clothing that doesn't live up to its own advertising. Smoothing out the wrinkles of our lives for decades, trusted companion of the well-dressed American. The unbelievably elegant, yet simple clothes iron. This bit of electro-mechanical mus-ing came to me while I was busy, yes,

ironing. While there may be a bit of irony to this story, it's true. I was struck by the sheer genius of the device (it seems that I have a lot of time to think when I iron clothes.) Efficiently using electrical energy to create a hot, flat surface, this little wonder is able to make the chore of looking good rather simple.

(Now, before you gentlemen write this off and get hot under the collar, you should honestly try it sometime. If your better half has always done the ironing, consider volunteering. You'll make a lot of points, and you'll have time to think about all sorts of crazy things. Besides, it's a simple task that your wife will be glad to have your help with.)

Not only is the clothes iron a simple labor saving device, it's got a long history of reliable service. Dating back to 1882, the electric iron replaced flat-irons heated by woodstoves. However, the pressing matter that came to mind during my chores was that our iron had finally developed a problem. The switch that controls the temperature had begun to fail. Our dependable flat-faced friend had begun to show its age. Thirty years old.

Thirty years is a long time in appliance age, even longer than dog years. After untold millions of on/off cycles, this little thermostat had finally decided to retire. The electric cord was still in good shape, and the steamer function worked fine; unfortunately though, without the control switch, our trustworthy friend had finally rolled to a smooth stop.

My wife, ever the bargain hunter, (and someone who knows what she likes in an appliance), stated that she wasn't really interested in an iron that looked like a space station. No sir, she would have a good old-fashioned, really heavy clothes iron (the heavier ones are better, you see), or nothing at all. Simple to operate, too! (Simple is good. Remember that I have to know how to use it too.)

So, discount coupon in hand, I dutifully escorted my wife on a search for a new iron. We looked disdainfully at all of the high tech wonders; amazingly, we found a brand new replace-

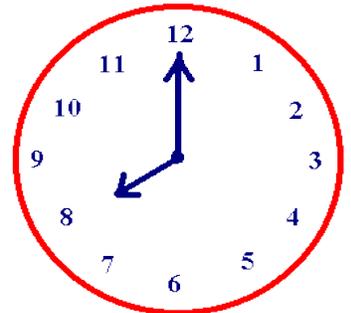
ment for our steadfast, low tech clothing presser.

It looked exactly like the old one. No kidding- the old one even fit perfectly inside the new box! Same look, same basic controls. It even has the same blowhole in the top for adding water. However, there is one nod to high tech; it comes complete with an electronic switch that will turn the thing off if it sits for too long. I'm going out on a limb here, but I have to think that this is where the next iron failure will occur in our household.

Bottom line: when you're looking to maintain the fabric of your life using high technology, sometimes the old stuff works just as well, if not better than the new. Many of the good old standard things that make our lives a bit easier just can't be beat for ease of use, efficiency, and longevity.

New Office Hours

AEC has changed its office hours. Effective May 1, 2014, the AEC office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Monday-Friday.



This extra half hour in the morning will allow us to hold employee meetings and small training sessions. It will also provide some extra time for employees to prepare for the business day.

Mark your calendars!

Assemblyman Brian Jones
- representing District 71 - will be the keynote speaker at Anza Electric's Annual Membership Meeting.

Join us July 19th at Hamilton High School. Look for more information in the July issue of Currents Magazine.