

# POWERFUL GADGETS



## UPS: Powerful Insurance for Remote Workers

If you work from home and rely on a computer for productivity and communication, you need a UPS — uninterruptible power supply, that is. It can save your bacon if the lights go out.

A UPS is a battery backup that provides near-instantaneous emergency power to computers, peripherals, modems, routers and telecommunication equipment. In the event of a power outage, it keeps power flowing to allow sufficient time to start a standby power source or properly shut down the protected equipment to avoid data loss or hardware damage.

A UPS also doubles as a surge protector, guarding against sudden drops and spikes in voltage that can damage delicate electronic circuitry.

A standby UPS, which sells for about \$85 to \$300, provides sufficient protection for the average home office. This system allows equipment to run off utility power until the UPS detects a problem, at which point it switches to battery power. Installation is a simple plug-and-go project.



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This question answered by  
**Mike Beck**  
Line Crew Supervisor

**Q:** Why do my lights occasionally blink?

**A:** Have you ever seen your lights blink during a thunderstorm? Or perhaps you've noticed a blinking microwave clock when you arrive home. These are signs there's probably been a brief disruption to your electric service.

Momentary power interruptions or "blinks" are most often caused by uncontrollable circumstances. Wind, trees, lightning, birds, animals, equipment failure and humans can all disrupt the normal flow of electricity.

While blinks can be annoying, they show that the electrical system is working exactly as designed. A blink indicates one of Walton EMC's system protection devices has momentarily interrupted power to protect an entire section of the system. These devices and blinks protect your home, appliances and electronic components — as well as those of your neighbors.

Walton EMC customer-owners should use an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) device to protect computers and other sensitive electronic equipment from potential damage caused by blinks. Also, notify the co-op if blinking repeatedly occurs so the problem can be investigated.

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## 86th Annual Meeting Sets Record Attendance

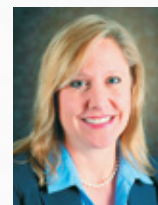
Walton EMC hosted 2,253 registered participants on Saturday, June 18 at its 86th Annual Meeting.

From 8 to 11 a.m., smiling employees welcomed customer-owners with a bucket of gifts. Walton EMC selected the names of 200 customer-owners to receive \$50 bill credits.

### RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS



**Billy Ray Allen**  
District 7  
Mountain Park



**Dawn Taylor**  
District 9  
Five Forks-North  
Snellville



**Johnny Allgood**  
District 11  
Southwest Walton



Congratulations to the Paul family for winning the grand prize pickup truck. Pictured (left to right) are Jim Bottone, Walton EMC, delivering the keys to Aaron, Millie and Emily.

# 2,253

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS



You can read the full report, see a complete list of prize winners and watch the video at [waltonemc.com/annualmeeting](http://waltonemc.com/annualmeeting).

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WHEN WE'RE AVAILABLE  
Power Outages and Emergencies > 24/7  
Contact Center > M-F, 7A-7P  
Business Offices > M-F, 8A-5P

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COO Ron Marshall  
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Senior VP Power Supply Robert Rentfrow  
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Our subsidiaries supply natural gas and security services.



## Walton Gas Celebrates 20 Years of Service

As the parent company of Walton Gas, we are proud to celebrate its 20th anniversary in October. As we recognize this milestone, we remember why we started the natural gas company: for you, our customer-owners.

In 2002, the natural gas market was deregulated, which allowed Georgia residents to choose their natural gas provider. Many companies offered misleading rate plans to gain customers during this confusing time and many continue these practices today. Our customer-owners did not know who they could trust to help them through the transition, so they turned to us. Our goal when creating Walton Gas was to support our customer-owners by offering transparent pricing plans the same great service you expect from Walton EMC.

Twenty years later, we are proud to continue to serve our customer-owners and other residents across Georgia. With three walk-in offices and the opportunity to consolidate your electric and natural gas bills, we make it easy to do business with Walton Gas.

Without your loyalty and support, we would not have been able to reach this tremendous milestone. We sincerely thank you and look forward to continuing to serve you.



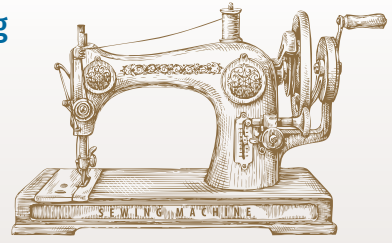
# Appreciating Appliances

MAKING HOUSEHOLD WORK EASIER FOR MORE THAN 125 YEARS.

Happy 100th birthday to the electric blender! It's just one of the laborsaving appliances that began appearing after electrification introduced light and power into American homes

## 1880s

1889 Sewing Machine



## 1900s

- 1903 Lightweight Iron
- 1907 Washing Machine
- 1908 Stove



## 1920s

- 1922 Blender
- 1926 Automatic Pop-up Toaster
- 1927 Garbage Disposal



## 1910s

- 1913 Dishwasher
- 1912 Upright Vacuum Cleaner
- 1918 Refrigerator
- 1919 Stand Mixer



## 1930s

1938 Clothes Dryer

## 1940s

1940 Slow Cooker



## 1950s

1952 Automatic Coffeepot

## 1990s

- 1990s Energy-saving Washers & Dryers
- 1996 Robotic Vacuum Cleaner

## 1970s

1978 Electronic Sewing Machine

## 1960s

- 1963 Self-cleaning Oven
- 1967 Countertop Microwave Oven



## Rounding Up Makes Cents for the Community

Operation Round Up is Walton EMC's community assistance program.

The concept is to extend the principle on which electric cooperatives were built over 85 years ago — neighbor helping neighbor — and as a cooperative to follow one of our core principles, which is commitment to community.

The program is a simple and rewarding way for our customer-owners to raise money for local charities, needy individuals and service organizations. The average contribution is \$6 a year — a small amount to help worthy causes in our communities.

### RECENT GRANTS

**Adventure Bags Inc. – \$10,000.** Organization that provides book bags with overnight essentials and comfort items for foster children being placed in a new environment. **Project:** Serving Children in Crisis, One Bag at a Time. *Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale and Walton counties.*

**Camp Dream Foundation – \$8,000.** Camp for children and adults with special needs. **Project:** Summer Camp 2022 scholarships. *DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale and Walton counties.*

**Foster Siblings Reunited – \$2,000.** Camp to reunite brothers and sisters that have been placed in different foster homes. **Project:** Summer Camp to Belong 2022. *DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton and Rockdale counties.*

**Healing for the Soul – \$800.** Organization with a mission to empower, inspire and support communities to be hunger-free. **Project:** outreach program. *DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale and Walton counties.*

**Helping Young People Excel (HYPE) – \$5,000.** Ministry program assists at-risk teens. **Project:** Summer camp. *Gwinnett county.*

**Juvenile Offender Advocate – \$2,500.** **Project:** Operating Support. *Clarke county.*

**Mosaic Georgia – \$10,000.** Organization helping children and adults put their lives back together after sexual abuse and assault. **Project:** Children's Advocacy Support Center. *Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb, Greene, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Walton, and Newton counties.*

**Operation Appreciation – \$3,000.** Assistance to our military/veterans and families. **Project:** Emergency humanitarian support. *All of Walton EMC territory.*

**Path United – \$6,375.** Community and youth development organization dedicated to empowering community at-risk children growing up in mobile home parks. **Project:** Summer Camp 2022. *Barrow, Gwinnett and Walton counties.*

**Spectrum Autism Support Group – \$10,000.** Organization that provides support, education and resources for individuals and families impacted with autism. **Project:** day camp program. *DeKalb, Gwinnett and Walton counties.*

**Team Up Mentoring – \$10,000.** Supports children that have experienced sexual, emotional and physical abuse, neglect, substance abuse and trauma. **Project:** Breaking Barriers. *Walton county.*

**Wheels of Hope – \$5,000.** Provides a ride for the visually impaired, elderly and disabled. **Project:** Rider Transportation program. *Barrow, Clarke, Oconee and Walton counties.*

**Faith in Serving Humanity, Salvation Army – Athens, Shepherd's Staff Ministries, Step by Step Recovery – \$60,000** to these organizations that provide emergency food, shelter and medical needs. These funds come from unclaimed capital credit refunds.

### WANT TO HELP?

Go to the "Community" tab at [waltonemc.com](http://waltonemc.com) and click on the Operation Round Up link. Every customer-owner's donation helps those in need. Walton EMC covers all administrative costs of the program.