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(for all those on your nice list!)

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Save Energy



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For Districts 1 and 7

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When it's cold outside, start up the fireplace, get your favorite slippers on, wrap up in a warm blanket and snuggle on the couch with this delicious White Hot Chocolate.

Find more recipes at Culinary.net.

White Hot Chocolate

- 3 cups Half & Half
- 2/3 cup white chocolate baking pieces
- 1-3 inch cinnamon stick
- 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- Ground Cinnamon (optional)
- Whipped Cream (optional)

- In a medium saucepan combine 1/4 of the half & half, white chocolate baking pieces, cinnamon stick and nutmeg. Stir over low to medium heat until white chocolate is melted.
- Add remaining half & half. Stir and cook until heated through. Remove from heat. Discard cinnamon stick.
- Add in vanilla and almond extract. Stir until mixed through.
- Pour into your favorite mug(s). Top with whipped cream and sprinkle with ground cinnamon.

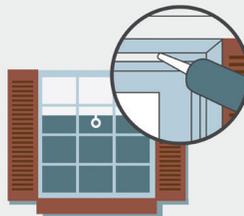
Recipe adapted from Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook.

3 EASY WAYS TO SAVE ENERGY

1

Weatherize

Seal doors and windows with caulk, weather stripping and/or plastic film. (Lucky Number: 1120300)



2

Seal in Warmth

Close blinds and curtains during the night to keep cold air out. Open them during the day to let sunlight in.



3

Cook Up Savings

Close blinds and curtains during the night to keep cold air out. Open them during the day to let sunlight in.



Tech THE Halls



A Bluetooth speaker is great gift to keep those on the go entertained. Whether they're listening to their favorite tunes or watching the latest flick, Bluetooth speakers can clarify and amplify volume to satisfy any media enthusiast



1

GIFTS FOR
**Those on
the go**

We all have that one friend who never stays in one place, so they'll appreciate gifts that keep them charged and entertained while on the go. (Lucky Number: 1495001)

A **portable charger** (or power bank) can keep their smart phones and tablets juiced, and the good news is this gift won't drain your wallet. You can purchase portable chargers online or at local retailers for as low as **\$20**. Typically, these compact devices can fully charge an iPhone three times before running out of steam.

A **Bluetooth speaker** is another great gift to keep those on the go entertained. Whether they're listening to their favorite tunes or watching the latest flick, Bluetooth speakers can clarify and amplify volume to satisfy any media enthusiast. Prices range depending on features, but you can purchase a quality Bluetooth speaker online or at local retailers for as low as **\$30**.

2

GIFTS FOR
**Those
who live
away**

Share photos to family members near and far with a **smart photo frame**. This is a great gift for new parents, grandparents, newlyweds, college kids or families separated by distance. With a smart photo frame you can share photos with family members by simply uploading the photos to a cloud based account. These photo frames require wifi access to receive photos. What a great way to share life as it happens.

(Lucky Number: 1904700) Prices vary depend on the size of the frame and the amount of data the frame can hold, but typically you can expect to pay around **\$150** on Amazon.com.

3

GIFTS FOR
The chef

Every foodie knows that temperature matters when mastering the perfect cut of meat. A **Bluetooth-connected thermometer** can help your chef ensure a delicious (and safe-to-eat) meal. Just download the associated app and keep an eye on the grill right from your smart phone or tablet. Prices vary from **\$30 to \$200**, but you can purchase these handy gadgets online or at any big box store, like Wal-Mart or Target.

A **digital kitchen scale** is a must for any culinary pro. No more guessing--the easy-to-read digital screen ensures the exact weight or amount required for that perfect dish. Prices vary depending on the weight the scale can handle, but you can find a 13-pound max weight scale for about **\$20** on Amazon.com.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, GIVE THE GIFT OF TECH!

If you're searching for the latest gadgets and electronics to gift but don't know where to start, we've got you covered.

Here's a list of ideas for your tech-savvy friends and family members, and with a range of prices and interests, there's sure to be something for everyone.



GIFTS FOR **The ones focused on health**

Most of us wear a watch daily, but now you can purchase a watch that has features such as accurate and effective heart rate monitoring, automatic sleep tracking providing comprehensive analysis of your sleep (deep sleep, light sleep and wake up time), track your all-day steps, calories burned and distance traveled, has an alarm feature to set multiple alarms, and so much more.

The **smart watch** is a great gift for someone who is focusing on their health in the new year. (Lucky Number: 2071602) You can find many different types of smart watches with customizable bands on Amazon.com starting around **\$35**.



Pet cameras, like the PetChatz model shown here, allow pet owners to monitor their furry friends in real time. (Lucky Number: 2356701) Check in on your pet from your smart phone, tablet or laptop.

Image Credit: PetChatz



GIFTS FOR **The pet owner**

Let's face it--pet owners would be lost without their fur babies. Luckily, **pet tracking products** continue to advance, so pet owners can always keep a watchful eye on their furry friends. Most trackers simply attach to your pet's collar. Prices vary depending on the tracker's capabilities, but some features include water resistance, health monitoring and exceptional battery life. You can purchase pet trackers online or at your local pet store.

Speaking of keeping an eye on pets, you can also purchase **surveillance cameras for real-time monitoring**--some cameras even allow you to toss treats to your furry friend while you're away. Additional features include a microphone (so you can talk to your pets), a built-in laser toy (for our feline friends) and the ability to snap a photo or take video from your smart phone. Prices vary depending on the bells and whistles, but you can purchase a pet camera for as low as **\$40** on Amazon.com.



But no matter what

Even though these suggestions are just a few of the great electronic gifts out there, you're sure to find the perfect gift for your tech-savvy loved ones. (Lucky Number: 2016801) Happy shopping! ●

COMMITTEE NOMINATES Candidates FOR DISTRICTS 1 AND 7

The candidates nominated are incumbents Al Ewing of District 1 and Chris Settoon of District 7.

PC Electric members serving on the nominating committee from Districts 1 and 7 were listed in the September/October issue of Connections Magazine.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES BY PETITION is November 20, 2020 at 3:30 P.M.

According to the by-laws of PC Electric, candidates to run for the Board can be nominated in two ways:

- **(1) NOMINATING COMMITTEE** of PC Electric Members make recommendations from their district; and,
- **(2) PETITION** - Any fifteen (15) members acting together in a district may nominate another candidate by petition not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the election.

NOMINATIONS BY PETITION for candidates in District 1 and 7 are due in the office of PC Electric at 2506 False River Drive, New Roads, Louisiana before or by the close of business at 3:30 P.M., November 20, 2020.

The Nominating Committees made up of PC Electric Members from Districts 1 and 7 met Monday, November 2, 2020 at PC Electric Headquarters at 2506 False River Drive in New Roads. The purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors for terms of three years beginning January 27, 2021.

Candidates for the Board must be active members of PC Electric and their main residence must be in the district for which they are nominated.

Only active members within the same district as the candidate may make nominations. The district number is listed on the far-right side of the PC Electric bill in the green shaded area.

The list of nominations will be posted in the lobby of the PC Electric office. (Lucky Number: 577702)

If there are no nominations by petition, the candidates placed in nomination by the Nominating Committees will assume their seats on the Board of Directors on January 27, 2021.

The by-laws regarding elections of Directors of the PC Electric board and the election schedule were published in the September/October, 2020 issue of Connections Magazine.

PC ELECTRIC TO AWARD CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

PC Electric strives to promote education and today's youth. "For many years, the Cooperative has sponsored and been involved in many educational programs within the local schools in our tri-parish service area," said Jill Copeland, Manager of Member Services and Communications at PC Electric. Some of the programs include the Adopt-A-School Program, the Math & Science Awards Program, Electrical Safety Program, and so much more. Copeland continued, "PC Electric annually awards certificates and scholarships to three graduating high school seniors, one from each of our tri-parish service areas; Iberville Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish and West Baton Rouge Parish." The three \$1000 scholarships will assist the students in their continuing education at any accredited college, university, business or vocational school of their choice.

The criteria to be used in selecting the scholarship recipients will be as follows:

- Applicant must live on PC Electric electric lines or have a parent who is a manager or owner of a company on the Cooperative lines.
- Applicant must have maintained at least a 2.5 overall grade point average in high school.
- Applicant must submit a copy of high school grade transcript.
- Applicant must be entering freshman year.
- Applicant must be entering as a full-time student.

The scholarship recipients will be announced at the PC Electric Annual Membership Meeting which is set for noon on January 27, 2021. One winner will be selected from each of the three parishes in which we serve.

Applications and eligibility requirements are available at the local high schools in the tri-parish service area or the information may be picked up at the PC Electric office in New Roads. Application and guidelines can also be downloaded from our website at www.pcemc.org and clicking on the Educational Programs link. To request an application and guidelines, you may also contact the Member Services Department at 225-638-3751 or 1-800-738-7232. The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, December 11, 2020. ●



ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH



Keep cold air out to save energy. Seal air leaks around pipes and any gaps around chimneys and unfinished spaces behind cupboard closets. ●

Source: energy.gov

Lucky NUMBERS



LOOK FOR YOUR LUCKY ACCOUNT NUMBERS!

If you see your account number published inside this issue, call PC Electric by Dec 31, 2020 to receive a \$25 credit on your bill. **Your account number can be found on your bill statement. Good Luck!** ●

Service ANNIVERSARIES



Josh Sanders
Lineman
19 years



Jerry Moore
Lineman
13 Years



Marilyn Wire
Accountant
39 years



Gloria Harris
Dispatcher
10 Years



Gerard Derbes
Right of Way
12 Years

closing notice

PC Electric would like to wish you and your family a very happy & safe holiday.

Our office will be closed the following days on the right. A dispatcher will be on duty in the event of an emergency or power outage.

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NOVEMBER 26 & 27



CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 24 & 25



NEW YEARS DAY
JANUARY 1



PC Electric is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Save the Date

All PC Electric Members are invited to attend the 82nd Annual Membership Meeting of PC Electric on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the Scott Civic Center in New Roads, LA.

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