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## ATMC Gives Back \$2 Million in Capital Credit Refunds

ATMC Board of Directors President Lyle Ray King recently announced that the cooperative has issued \$2,000,000 in Capital Credit Refunds to current and former cooperative members who had telephone and/or cable TV service in 1996 and 1997.

As a membership cooperative, ATMC refunds to its members portions of revenues not used for expenses in a given year. These refunds are called Capital Credits. In July, ATMC's Board of Directors approved refunds totaling \$2,000,000 to be returned to members who had services during the 1996-1997 time frame.

"The patronage of our members has allowed ATMC to grow into the successful company that it is today," commented King. "When we have a successful year, we are able to return a portion of past profits to our members, and that is something that we are very happy to do." ATMC has issued over \$32 million in Capital Credit refunds in the last 25 years. Anyone who had telephone or cable service in 1996 or 1997 and has not received a Capital Credit refund by October 1st should call 755-1609. ●

## Community Grants Awarded

ATMC recently awarded Community Connections grant funds totaling \$25,000 to 16 organizations serving Brunswick County.

Allen Russ, CEO/General Manager, commented, "The people in this room exemplify community service at its best, and your collaboration with one another takes it a step further, strengthening the positive impact you have on our residents. Thank you for allowing ATMC to be a part of the great work you do."

Those receiving funding were: American Red Cross - Vickie LaBelle; Brunswick Adult Medical Clinic - Denise Donnelly; Brunswick County Homeless Coalition - Barbara Serafin; Brunswick Family Assistance - Lora Moree; Coastal Horizons Center, Inc. - Kate Gomes; Hope Harbor Home - Lynn Carlson; New Hope Clinic - Sheila Roberts; Pretty in Pink Foundation - Joy Wade; South Brunswick Interchurch Council - Mary Pritchard; and WINGS Ministry of Brunswick County - Angela Settlemyre; Brunswick County Free Kicks - Samuel Zeng and Ian Niggles; Brunswick County Literacy Council - Dorothy Hoerr; Comfort Socks - Theresa Tese; Communities in Schools of Brunswick County - Bonnie Jordan; Ocean Isle Sunset Beach Lions Foundation - John Horton; and Paws Place, Inc. - George Zimmerman.

ATMC has awarded more than \$400,000 in community and education grants to 263 programs since its inception in 2006. ATMC will also be awarding Smart Connections education grants in November. For more information, visit [www.atmc.com](http://www.atmc.com) or call 755-1755. ●



PICTURED: (left-right, seated): Teresa Tese, Lynn Carlson, Dorothy Hoerr, Dennis O'Connor, Joy Wade, Samuel Zeng. Row 2 (standing): Bonnie Jordan, Lora Moree, Kate Gomes, Lois Ann Robinson, Annette Laska, Angela Settlemyre, Janice Gore. Row 3: Allen Russ, Vicki LaBelle, Peggy Durso, Mary Pritchard, Barbara Serafin, Randy Hardee.

## 57th Annual Meeting!

Friday, October 3, 2014 | 7:00 PM

Registration begins at 1:00 PM  
Odell Williamson Auditorium  
Brunswick Community College

**Featuring:**

**Elvis Illusionist Keith Henderson**  
Barbecue and Chicken Dinner at 4:00PM  
Cash Prizes



Allen Russ

ATMC's 57th Annual Meeting of Members will take place Friday, October 3rd in the Odell Williamson Auditorium on the campus of Brunswick Community College. This event is the highlight of our year because it's a fun way for us to meet so many of you who so steadfastly support this cooperative.

Registration for this year's meeting will start at 1:00 PM, and the business meeting begins at 7:00 PM. In what's become a tradition, a barbecue and fried chicken dinner will be served starting at 4:00 PM. For this year's entertainment, we are turning back the clock and bringing you a night of hip-shaking rock-n-roll from Elvis Presley "Illusionist" Keith Henderson. Mr. Henderson performed for us once before at our annual meeting in 2005, and he brought down the house. You won't want to miss him.

The past 12 months have been busy for ATMC, and we look forward to sharing more information with you about the state of your cooperative. On behalf of our over 200 local employees, we appreciate your support of ATMC, and we look forward to seeing you on October 3rd. ●

## When Learning Is a SNAP



Rick Arevalos and Joey Carpinello

West Brunswick High School (WBHS) Automotive Mechanics Instructor Robert Watkins always knew his students were eager to learn, but an ATMC Smart Connections Grant helped him shift their learning into overdrive by bringing the Snap Automotive Electrical Training system into his classroom.

Using the Snap Electronic Circuit Kits, students are able to build and test more than 700 different electrical circuits with reusable components to gain a better understanding of basic computer systems and scan tool diagnostics. "My students have completed dozens of projects with the Snap kits, including sound, temperature, and light-activated circuits," said Watkins. "Their favorite project so far has been a fan/propeller that launches from the motor when the power is removed."

Student Amanda Prince said the project has sparked a new interest in science for her. "The Electrical Kits were really fun, and I actually enjoyed learning," said Prince.

"Being able to figure out the different types of electrical circuits to either make a light come on or to make sound is cool. I never really cared about electricity in science class, but using the electrical kits has helped me understand how things work."

Watkins said the hands-on experience has been invaluable. He added, "Students have gained a greater understanding of electrical circuit operation. The majority of my students prefer hands-on learning, and the *Let's Build It* grant has enabled me to purchase the tools and equipment that provide these learning opportunities." He continued, "It's rewarding for me as an educator to see the entire class engaged and to know that I helped to make that possible."

ATMC has awarded more than \$400,000 in community and education grant funds since the program began in 2006. For more information regarding ATMC's Grant Program, visit [www.atmc.com](http://www.atmc.com). ●



Amanda Prince