



Virginia Cooperative Council

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2023 Co-op Month Celebration

The Virginia Cooperative Council cordially invites you to our annual breakfast, open to all members & their guests, with pre-registration & prepayment requested.

DATE: Thursday, October 5th

TIME: 7:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

PLACE: Olde Dominion Agricultural Center,
(north of Chatham on Route 29)

COST: \$30 per person in advance,
\$40 at the door, check payable to “VCC” or Paypal to mary.howell@sscoop.com

Join us to honor 2023 Cooperative Career Leadership award recipients!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: John C. Lee, Jr.
President & CEO of Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative (MEC)

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER: This longtime friend of the Council earned his B.S. in business from Mississippi State University. John began his cooperative career in 1992 as the community relations specialist for Old Dominion Electric Cooperative (ODEC) as they began construction of the Clover Power Station, a 1,200 megawatt clean coal plant in Halifax County. John went on to serve as ODEC’s director of economic development, then manager of administration and finally vice president of member & external relations before becoming MEC’s leader.



John has long championed issues that bring value to co-op members, working to provide resources for economic development across Southside Virginia.

He currently serves on the board of both ODEC and the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives. A co-founder of Southside Community College’s Power Line Worker Training School at Fort Pickett in Blackstone, he has been a leader in forming EMPOWER Broadband in 2018. Come learn & celebrate all that cooperatives have accomplished in this region of Virginia!

RSVP by Wednesday, September 20, 2023; those needing lodging the night before, call the Hampton Inn Gretna by Sept. 4 at (434) 656-9000 for the Council’s discount.

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