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## Thank You Operation Round Up



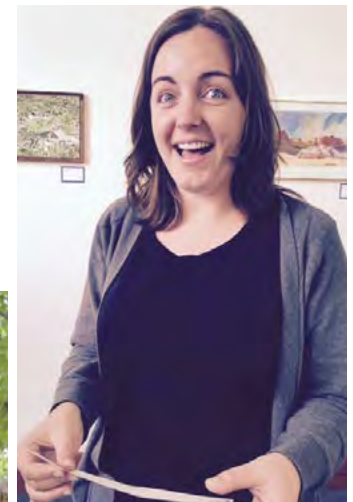
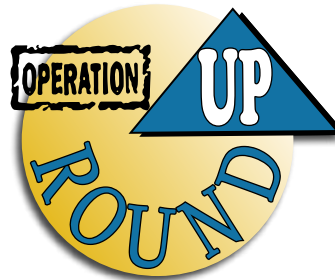
Jasen Bronec, CEO

I don't say or write it often enough: Thank you Operation Round Up. And, thank you to the members who contribute each month to this worthwhile organization by rounding up their bill. It can be easy to overlook the impact this program has on our members. How much can I really help when I'm just giving pocket change each month? Turns out, a lot. Last year alone, Operation Round Up was able to donate more than \$70,000 to families in need and charitable organizations.

Every single penny donated by our members through Operation Round Up goes back into the community. Because of your generosity, we are able to help families put food on the table, endure expensive illnesses, buy medical equipment, stay in their homes, and so much more.

I'd be remiss if I didn't call attention to the hardworking men and women who help us distribute our Operation Round Up funds. Each month, a volunteer group of members gathers around a table to review dozens of, and sometimes more, applications from members and organizations in need. It's not an easy task. The applications that come in are full of strife, hardship, and need. This volunteer group helps us make sure your round up dollars impact as many people as possible. Please join me as I express my appreciation for the work of the DMEA Operation Round Up committee members.

I also ask that you join me in giving thanks this month in the best way possible – round up your bill. My pledge for the next year includes both rounding up my bill and an additional \$3 each month. It might not seem like much alone, but my small change added with your small change can really make a difference.



### Participate in Operation Round Up:

To sign up for Operation Round Up, go to [www.dmea.com/community](http://www.dmea.com/community) or call 1-877-687-3632.

### Apply for funding:

To apply for funds, download an application at [www.dmea.com](http://www.dmea.com). If you have questions, call 1-877-687-3632.

# EXPLORE MORE WITH ELEVATE

## Elevate construction update is here.

Installations continue in Cedaredge, Hotchkiss, and Montrose. If you live in any of the below zones and have not had the chance to sign up, please give us a call at 877-687-3632, and we can get you connected before our crews leave the area. If you've been waiting to sign up until voice service is live, good news, it's now available. Already have Elevate? Just give us a call to add voice today.

Cedaredge 125 | Hotchkiss 48 | Montrose 418 | Montrose 425

## Do you live in Montrose 813, 417, or 427? Have you preregistered for service? Now is the time.

These zones are getting close to their goal and our crews will be headed there soon. It is important to get on our list now to secure your spot and the \$100 installation fee. For those of you who have preregistered, keep spreading the good news to your friends and neighbors. Remember, you can always visit the updates page at [join.elevatefiber.com](http://join.elevatefiber.com) and follow us on Facebook to stay in the know.

## Are you signed up for the fastest, most reliable internet in town?

Preregister for Elevate Fiber and help bring 1 Gig (1,000 Mbps) internet speeds to town. That is over 10x faster than the fastest speed in town!

### ► Internet

100 Mbps internet	\$49 <sup>95</sup>
1 Gig (1,000 Mbps) internet	\$79 <sup>95</sup>

### ► Internet + Voice

100 Mbps internet + unlimited voice	\$79 <sup>95</sup>
1 Gig (1,000 Mbps) internet + unlimited voice	\$109 <sup>95</sup>

## We want to hear from you!

Elevate is planning on hosting a technology member training and we need your help deciding what will be best.

- \_\_\_ How to stream shows and videos online
- \_\_\_ Education on smart home/energy devices
- \_\_\_ WiFi education and understanding speed
- \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Check what topics you would be interested in above and **mail this form in with your payment** or email your feedback to [training@elevatefiber.com](mailto:training@elevatefiber.com).

Preregister for service—visit [join.elevatefiber.com](http://join.elevatefiber.com) » call 877-687-3632 » or stop by your local DMEA office!

# SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

Thank you to all of our members—our events are great because of you!



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## LEDs are Good for Business



Rod Geiger and Darleen Carron of DMEA (L) present Zoe Larkin and Scott Locke with a commercial lighting rebate check.

Gordon Composites PolyOne Corporation was all smiles when they received their \$15,015 rebate check from DMEA recently. The local manufacturing company, which specializes in what they describe as high-performance composite materials with superior strength and flexural capacities – we'll just call it super awesome space-age stuff – recently swapped out their old lights for energy-saving LEDs.

“The buzzing of the [old] lights, the heat they generated, and the light delay from the switch were all factors for making the switch,” explained General Manager Zoe Larkin.

By swapping out their old lighting, comprised mostly of high-bay metal halides and fluorescents, for new LED lighting, Gordon Composites expects to save \$1,998 each month in electricity costs. Couple that with a substantial rebate from DMEA, and the new lights will pay for themselves in just 22 months.

“The rebate was instrumental for our return on investment. We also get better, more uniform lighting and significantly lower power consumption which equates to long-term cost savings” said Larkin.

DMEA has a variety of commercial lighting rebate programs that can help businesses become more energy efficiency and save money. Contact our energy services team today.

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## Commercial LIGHTING PROGRAMS

### COMMERCIAL LIGHTING RETROFIT

- One project per member account per year
- Rebate is the lesser of:
  - \$250/kW saved or
  - 50% of fixture/lamp cost
- Project cap of \$20,000

### LED POLE MOUNTED LIGHTING

- LED only
- One project per member account per year
- Minimum light output 2,100 lumens
- Must be grid connected
- Retrofit and new construction
- Maximum rebate of 25% of the head cost. Project cap of \$20,000

### NEW CONSTRUCTION LED LIGHTING

- One project per member account per year
- For new buildings, significant spaces within new buildings or significant additions
- Space must be primarily lit by LED lighting
- Rebate is the lesser of:
  - \$750/kW saved from baseline (ASHRAE Std. 90.1-2010)
  - 1/3 cost of fixture material
- Project cap of \$20,000

### LED REFRIGERATED CASE LIGHTING

- Applies to retrofit and new construction
- \$60 per reach-in case door
- \$10 per foot of multi-deck open case
- Max rebate is 50% of fixture material cost
- Project cap of \$3,000 (50 doors or equivalent)

## Illuminate Your Holiday Season with Safety

Whether hanging holiday lights, cleaning gutters, or reaching high to hang a photo just out of arm's length, ladders are a necessity for home improvement. For projects large and small, ladders provide the extra height to complete tasks that are otherwise out of reach. However, when climbing a ladder, use caution to avoid accidents and electrical injuries.

In 2016, ladder accidents ranked among the top ten causes of injury cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Although falls are most common, increased height can also increase the risk of electrical accidents, injuries and death. Safe Electricity urges everyone to keep themselves and equipment at least 10 feet away from overhead power lines and electrical equipment.

In order to climb safely, take your time to select the optimal ladder and survey the area for electrical hazards. Safe Electricity provides these tips for enhancing electrical safety:

- Opt for a fiberglass, rather than wood or aluminum ladder when working near electricity. Although fiberglass is less durable and heavier than other materials, when clean and dry, fiberglass ladders are less conductive.
- Remember that no ladder is safe around electricity. To stay safe, take precautions such as wearing electrically insulated hand protection and footwear
- Before each use, inspect the ladder, paying attention to cracks or defects. Never use a damaged ladder or one coated with foreign matter such as dirt or grease. This can provide a path for electrical currents.
- Make sure that you are using the correct size ladder for the job, especially when completing tasks outside the home.
- Always look overhead to make sure that you will not make contact with any overhead power lines, building electrical service connections or other electrical equipment. Keep yourself, the ladder, and all tools at least 10 feet from any energized equipment.

## Home COOKING

### Carrot Soufflé

#### Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 lbs. carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/2 tbsp. vanilla extract
- 2 tsp. all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 2 tsp. confectioners' sugar

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large pot of boiling water, cook the carrots until very tender. Drain and transfer to a large mixing bowl.

While carrots are warm, use an electric mixer to beat with sugar, baking powder, and vanilla extract until smooth. Mix in the flour, eggs, and margarine. Transfer to a 2 quart baking dish. Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven or until top is golden brown. Sprinkle lightly with confectioners' sugar before serving.

- Zee Pacheco, Austin



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DMEA board meetings are open to all members and are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday monthly, beginning at 3pm with the public comment period at 5pm. Call (970) 240-1212 to confirm specific dates, times, and locations.

#### Recipes Info:

Submit recipes, including your name, address, and phone number to:  
DMEA Newsletter  
PO Box 910  
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Or email your information to communications@dmea.com.

If your recipe is published, claim your prize by calling (970) 240-1273 within 60 days.

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For more information on electrical safety, visit [SafeElectricity.org](http://SafeElectricity.org).