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## Santel Communications Hosts Virtual 68th Annual Meeting of Members

Santel Communications Cooperative hosted the 68th Annual Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020. Hosting a meeting during a pandemic was a unique experience for us and we are very grateful for our members' patience and understanding. That we could bring all of our board, staff and member/owners together via Internet is confirmation of why fiber optics and outstanding technology are critical to all of us.

We had excellent response, with members representing every exchange in attendance. President Alt called the meeting to order at 7pm. Minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting were approved. Treasurer Jerry Jenssen briefly presented highlights of the 2019 Treasurer's Report and that was also approved as presented. President Alt and General Manager Ryan Thompson each spoke briefly before some door prizes were awarded. List of winners is shown at right.

There was no election this year as incumbents Pam Moore, Central District, and Kent Swenson, Director-at-Large, were the only ones to return petitions for their respective seats.

While we hope to see all of our members in person next year, we also were very pleased to have such diverse attendance and want to continue utilizing our technology to ensure all members wishing to participate are able to do so in the future.



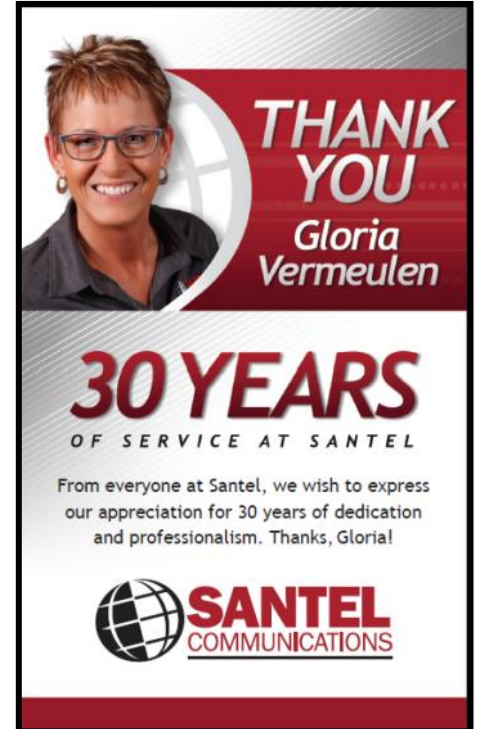
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### And the winners are...

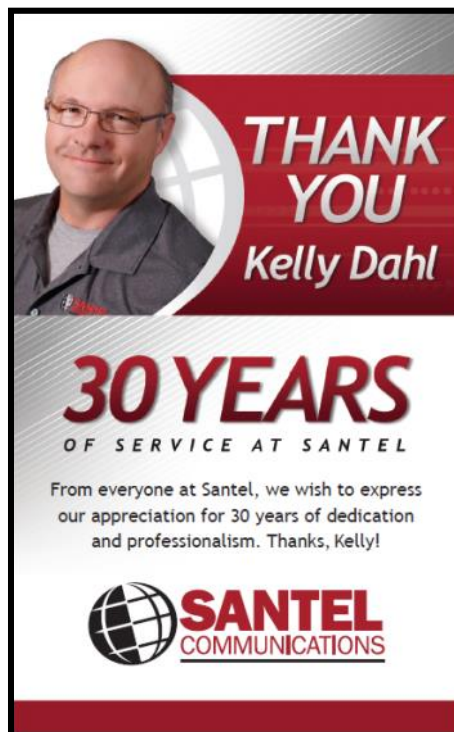
iPad donated by Ripley's Inc, contractor for fiber projects: Tommy & Sheila Baruth of Alpena.

\$250 cash donated by Cutler Law Firm: Fred & Kathy Zoss of Letcher.

\$100 Cabela's cards donated by Vantage Point Solutions (consultants and engineers of Mitchell): Mike & Barb White of Woonsocket and Dale & Kathryn Wormstadt of Tripp.

\$50 Amazon cards donated by Innovative Systems of Mitchell (billing and TV software solutions): Jeanette Cornelius of Forestburg, Ken & Lila Stach of Letcher, and Dwight & Sherry Gerlach of Parkston.

\$25 Scheel's gift cards donated by Graybar (a Santel supplier): Tiffany Bawdon of Woonsocket, and Rick Tarbox of Wolsey.





*National Co-op Month* is celebrated by cooperatives nationwide during the month of October. It is an annual opportunity to raise awareness of a trusted, proven way to do business and build communities. This year we highlight how co-ops create diverse, equitable and inclusive workplaces and boards, and how co-ops can better meet the needs of communities that may otherwise have been excluded from economic participation and advancements.

*We thank you, our member owners, for your continued patronage and support of our cooperative!*



Right: Tommy Baruth of Alpena stopped by the office to collect his iPad. Below: a few of our valued members and directors at the Virtual Annual Meeting.



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Red Hog Pub & Casino 849-3590

### ARTESIAN

Rock Creek Agronomy 527-2111

Schrank, Lenny 527-2020

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