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GVTC's 56th Annual Meeting focuses on *The Next Level*

Hundreds of GVTC cooperative members who attended GVTC 56th Annual Meeting on June 22, 2011, heard how the company is moving to the next level as a premier communications provider.

Chairman Chuck Knibbe told the audience GVTC's fiber network upgrade was the right strategy to help the cooperative capitalize on the broadband explosion underway. He said over the past two years broadband usage by GVTC customers has increased by 204 percent.

"If you're an Internet provider like GVTC, having the biggest, fastest and most reliable connection gives you a distinct advantage over your competition," Knibbe said.

CEO Ritchie Sorrells told members GVTC is committed to extending broadband access to all customers within its 2,000-square-mile service area. Sorrells said there will be 98 percent broadband coverage within the next two years. He said the company #0000001729-001-6 will look at more cost effective options to bring broadband to the remaining most rural homes.



GVTC employees help cooperative members register for the 56th Annual Meeting.

"Part of our mission is to enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve," Sorrells said. "As president and CEO, I will not be satisfied until 100 percent of our customers can receive a broadband connection from GVTC."

GVTC cooperative members cast votes on Board of Director positions

The Annual Meeting gave cooperative members an opportunity to vote on candidates for five positions on the GVTC board of directors.

Richard Elkins was elected to serve as a new director for District III, Position 1. Elkins replaces Harry Klar, who chose not to run for re-election, after serving 24 years on the GVTC board.

Members also re-elected four directors to another term. They are: George Steinke, District I; Jameson Arnold, District II; Clint Swindall, District II; and Howard Morrow, District V.

Each term is for a three-year period.



Richard Elkins (center) poses with CEO Ritchie Sorrells (left) and Chairman Chuck Knibbe (right) after being elected to the GVTC board of directors, District III, Position 1.

Four Years Running – GVTC ranked Top 100 Broadband Provider in America



Broadband Communities is the leading source of information on digital and broadband technologies for buildings and communities. The magazine editorial aims to accelerate the deployment of Fiber-To-The-Home and Fiber-To-The-Premises while keeping readers up to date on the available solutions capable of serving their practical needs.

GVTC Ranked Top 100 Broadband Provider in America - 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

The magazine editors select companies for this honor based on their work in advancing the cause of fiber-to-the-premises and broadband.

Facebook 80Mbps Sweepstakes winner announced



Robert Soliz and his daughters use GVTC's fast Internet connection with several wireless devices at their home

Congratulations to GVTC customer Robert Soliz, who gets to use the fastest Internet speed in South Texas for six months, at no additional charge. Robert recently registered through Facebook for GVTC's *Need for Speed* contest. He was one of 25 customers selected for a 30 day free upgrade to GVTC's new 80/20Mbps Internet speed. Out of those customers, Robert was randomly picked to keep the connection for an additional five months at no extra cost.

"I'm very happy with the 80Mbps connection," Robert said. "It works exactly as advertised."

Robert is accustomed to speedy Internet connections. He's a 40/10 Mbps customer, which was #0000023544-001-3 GVTC's fastest connection before we doubled our speed to 80/20Mbps in May 2011.

GVTC's 80/20Mbps is the right Internet solution for busy lifestyles and perfect for multi-computer households, downloading videos, music, photos and a great gamer advantage.

Congratulations to Robert and thanks to all who registered through Facebook for GVTC's *Need for Speed* contest.

FIND YOUR LUCKY NUMBER!

Two lucky statement numbers are hidden in this issue of LINK. Find YOUR statement number after a # sign in the text of this newsletter and you're a winner! The number must match your statement number (from your GVTC statement). This month GVTC is giving each of the two winners a \$20.00 GVTC Gift Certificate, to be applied to your phone bill. If you are a winner in this newsletter call Maria Claudia Redd at GVTC: (830) 885-4411 or toll-free 1 (800) 367-4882.

The GVTC Foundation donates thousands to five area nonprofits



Big Brothers Big Sisters received \$8,000 from The GVTC Foundation in June to mentor more youth in our service area.

The GVTC Foundation had a busy June fulfilling its mission to profoundly enhance the communities it serves. During the month, the foundation donated more than \$27,000, to five organizations dedicated to helping people with a variety of needs in our area.

The nonprofits benefitting are: Bulverde Senior Center, \$6,800, to install automatic door openers; Bracken Christian School, \$3,894, for education technology upgrades; Big Brothers Big Sisters, \$8,000, to expand their services throughout the area; Habitat for Safe Seniors, \$5,000, to distribute more food to elderly in need; and Gonzales Learning and Career Center, \$3,750, to support adult workforce education.

"The foundation is now able to consider giving more per donation request because we're in a better financial situation, due to our increased level of employee participation, GVTC matching funds and the success of our golf tournament," Paula White, The GVTC Foundation president said. "This benefits our community because the nonprofits we support have more resources to help those in need."







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