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GUADALUPE VALLEY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

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## AS WE CELEBRATE OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY...

Fifty years ago last month—on April 23, 1955 at 2:15 to be exact—GVTC first made history. On that Saturday afternoon, our Cooperative made its first direct telephone call to Mr. Ancer Nelson, the administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration—more commonly known as REA. The REA was an organization charged with administering loan programs that allowed for the building of electric and telephone systems in rural areas.

That first phone call was the culmination of a four-year effort to furnish a modern telephone system for hill country residents of northern Comal and parts of Kendall, Blanco and Bexar counties. It was made during the Cooperative's first annual meeting and as we get ready to convene our 50th meeting this month, I think it is appropriate to reflect back on the incredible journey that we have undertaken and the immense challenges that lie ahead.

Since that day in April 50 years ago, GVTC has continued to make history and bring its customers top quality, leading-edge technologies. You can rest assured that commitment has not—and will not—waiver.

At GVTC, we are immensely proud of our heritage of "firsts." We were the first telephone Cooperative in the State of Texas to offer equal access and install digital switch technology. In the 1980s, we were the first Texas telephone Cooperative to enter the cable television industry. GVTC was also the first Cooperative member of the Texas Telephone Association (TTA). #060385 We were also one of the first Cooperatives to install fiber optics between central offices. More recently, GVTC was the first telecommunications Cooperative in South Texas to introduce Fiber-To-The-Home technology which will allow us to deliver the quadruple play: voice, video, data and security—all over a single fiber connection.

What does this mean to you? It means that your Cooperative is prepared and well-positioned to enter an era of unprecedented challenges and competition. In years past, our competition was more focused on the more urban—and profitable—areas. As our

communities begin to grow and populations begin to rise, competition for your services will significantly increase. It also means that the competition is lobbying for legislation that would effectively remove much of the federal subsidies that allow us to provide you lower-cost services.

You might be asking yourself why stick with GVTC? Why not switch to the competition? As a GVTC member, you own the cooperative. When you spend your dollars with us, the majority of the funds are reinvested back into our communities

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“With GVTC, you get much more than telecommunications services—you get a community partner.”



Ritchie Scovells, GVTC  
President and CEO

Our offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

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through donations, sponsorships and economic development. In fact, GVTC recently held its first annual Charitable Partnership Golf Tournament and raised more than \$45,000 for the Comal Public School Foundation. Support such as this isn't possible without your business. With GVTC, you get much more than telecommunications services—you get a community partner. With the competition, you get a bill.

Today, I'm pleased to report that your Cooperative is as strong as it has ever been and we are just as committed to bringing our members the technology and level of service as we were 50 years ago.

We look forward to a bright future together and hope that you will join us on Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the New Braunfels Community Center as we come together for the 50th GVTC Annual Meeting.

As always, we thank you for your continued commitment to GVTC.



## GVTC TO REFUND OVER \$4.4 MILLION IN CAPITAL CREDITS

Guadalupe Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (GVTC) will celebrate its 50th Annual Membership Meeting on June 22, 2005, at the New Braunfels Civic Center, with the distribution of over \$4,450,000 in capital credits to its members.

Mr. Charles J. Knibbe, Chairman of the Board, GVTC, will preside over this year's historical event. During the evening he will deliver a report on the cooperative's performance in 2004 and reflect back on GVTC's rich 50-year history and its numerous accomplishments.

"GVTC is proud to announce the decision of the Board of Directors to approve the distribution of over \$4.4 million dollars in capital credit check allotments to its membership," says Ritchie Sorrells, President and CEO for GVTC. "This is a remarkable achievement that really sets us apart from the competition."

Active memberships, with service during the years of 1989 and 2003, may collect capital credit checks that evening prior to the onset of the Annual Meeting #84137 To collect a check at the meeting, members are required to have working GVTC telephone service along with a copy of their annual meeting notice.

Capital credit checks may only be released to the person whose name appears on the membership account. Due to the size of the distribution, over 47,000 checks, they are not available at any of the GVTC office locations. Capital credit checks for memberships without active telephone service will be mailed after the first week in July.

To date, including the sum of this year's Capital Credit checks, allotments now represent over \$57,800,000 that GVTC has proudly given back to its membership over the past 30 years.



### Check Out GVTC's New Community Portals

We are excited to announce the launch of GVTC's Community Portals, a place where everyone in your community can go for local information that's readily accessible. You'll find local happenings, the latest breaking community news, chamber events, school news and other updates. Simply go to [www.gvtc.com](http://www.gvtc.com), click on your community link under the Community Portal icon and you'll be on your way!

### Find Your LUCKY NUMBER!

Two lucky member numbers are hidden in this issue of Party Line. Find YOUR member number after a # sign in the text of this newsletter and you're a winner! The number must match your member 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 Mrs. Janet S. Sczech, Director Sales & Marketing at GVTC: (830) 885-4411 or toll-free 1 (800) 367-4882.