



CVEA's 2010 Employee Service Awards, See Who's Working Hard For You

Copper Valley Electric employs 39 Alaskans, all of whom live and work in the communities we serve. We are proud of our employees and the work each one does to help fulfill CVEA's mission to provide exceptional customer service through safe, reliable, cost-effective electric service as well as CVEA's vision to reduce or completely eliminate our dependence on fossil fuel for power generation. Each year, CVEA recognizes employees with extended years of loyal and dedicated service to the Cooperative. We invite you to join us in congratulating them on their accomplishment.



Jeanie Willford
Accountant
20 Years of Service

Jeanie Willford, CVEA's Accountant came to work for CVEA in 1990, shortly after moving to the Copper

Basin. Prior to CVEA, Jeanie spent her time as a Pastor's wife, a mother, and a substitute teacher's aide. Jeanie's family includes her husband, Gary, son Aaron and his wife Jennifer of Minnesota, and daughter Anna and her husband Ronny of Wasilla. Jeanie and Gary also have four grandchildren; Aubrey, Jonah, Alexis, Ashley, and one more on the way.

When not at work Jeanie enjoys walking, reading, and spending time with family and friends. Jeanie participates in Alaska Bible College student activities, is involved in ministries and activities at her church, and supports the Glennallen Panthers by attending various activities.

When asked what her favorite thing is about working for CVEA, she responded by saying, "the diversity of my position and getting to interact with most of CVEA's employees."

According to Barbara Eaton, CVEA Office Manager, "a CVEA Accountant is expected to perform with focused consistent accuracy. Jeanie does this with dedication and is respected by fellow employees, management, and the entire community."



Mark Czarnecki
Valdez Plant Operator
10 Years of Service

In 2010, Mark Czarnecki celebrates 10 years with CVEA. Mark came to Valdez from Fairbanks, Alaska, where he lived for 20 years after moving from North Carolina in 1966. He began his career at CVEA as a Lineman and became a Valdez Plant Operator in 2004.

Prior to CVEA, he worked as a Construction Power Foreman. Mark and his wife, Geri, are proud parents and cat and dog owners. In his spare time, Mark enjoys woodworking, travelling, and fishing with Geri. He comments that, "we are owned by our boat and being owned by a boat just forces you to go out and enjoy life. It also gives you something to work for....fuel money."

Mark's favorite thing about working for CVEA is the location and schedule. He's loved fishing in Prince William Sound since he was a kid, which made Valdez a possible retirement spot long before working for CVEA. Now his schedule allows him to 'retire and fish every other week in the summer.' When asked for a favorite quote, Mark provided, "people may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do."

John Hunter, CVEA Plant Manager, said, "Mark became a Plant Operator in Valdez in March of 2004 and has done an excellent job ever since. Mark has trained several new Operators since coming into the plants. He cares a great deal about the plants and the people he works with. I hope Mark will be with CVEA for many years to come."



Jaime Matthews
Manager of
Administration & Finance
5 Years of Service

Jaime Matthews, originally from Cordova, Alaska, came to the Copper Basin five years ago to become the Manager of Administration &

Finance for CVEA. Prior to that she worked for five years as a budget/financial analyst for Homer Electric Association.

Jaime's husband is Mel Matthews. They have two children named Cassidy and William and a black Lab named Chloe. Jaime lives life to the fullest and enjoys the outdoors with her family, especially weekends on pristine Prince William Sound. They enjoy snow machining and ice fishing in the winter and spending time with their families. In her spare time, she enjoys keeping in touch with friends, exercising, and scrapbooking.

Jaime's favorite thing about working for CVEA is the 'teamwork philosophy'. Being such a small cooperative it takes everyone to get the job done. There are many loyal and wonderful employees at CVEA and she is proud to be part of the team. Jaime offers the following quote, "In between goals is a thing called life, that has to be lived and enjoyed." (Sid Ceasar)

CVEA CEO, Robert Wilkinson says, "Sharon Crisp asked me for a quote talking about what a wonderful employee Jaime Matthews is, so here goes. Jaime is a Rock Star. She is smart, energetic, tech savvy, can juggle multiple projects with grace, eager to learn, willing to accept new responsibilities, is a consummate professional in every respect, and I am privileged to work with her on the CVEA team. Jaime possesses superior leadership abilities and the members are fortunate she chooses to employ them at Copper Valley."



Brett Stewart
Valdez Plant Operator
5 Years of Service

Brett Stewart is a Valdez Plant Operator who is celebrating his fifth year at CVEA. Brett, originally from Tacoma, Washington, has lived in Valdez for 23 years, and was an electrician prior to joining the CVEA team.

Brett's wife is Karen and they have one son named Nick who lives in Ohio. They also have Nutmeg, their chocolate Lab. When not at work, they enjoy outdoor adventures like boating, fishing, river rafting, hiking, and skiing.

Brett's favorite thing about working at CVEA is being part of a team that provides a valuable service to the community. Brett truly believes, "it's never too late to learn something." According to John Hunter, "Brett has become an excellent resource. He is an electrician and brings much practicable knowledge to the job. Brett is always helpful and does an excellent job for the Cooperative and the membership."