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On the Line with Rich Page:

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Do you remember all the worry that Y2K generated? Can you believe that was over five years ago? It is true, time does fly by faster the older you get.

As Dell Telephone starts to prepare for its 50th Anniversary, I started thinking about the way things were 50 years ago. Usually, the "good ol' days" refers to the good memories that remain from hard times. But I think in the case of 1954 - 1955, they really were good years.

The United States was embarking on a period of peace and prosperity. Dwight D. Eisenhower was president. For perhaps the first time in decades, following the Great Depression, World War II and the Korean War, the nation could focus on less self-sacrifice and more on savoring the fruits of prosperity and increased leisure time. The Soviet Union was still just a looming threat.

Gasoline sold for 22 cents a gallon and first class stamps were 3 cents. The DOW Average was 403 and a new home averaged \$22,000 while a new car was \$1,950. "Mister Sandman" by the Chordettes and "Secret Love" by Doris Day topped the musical charts. Popular TV shows included Fireside Theatre, The George Gobel Show, The Life of Riley, The Millionaire, I Love Lucy, The Adventures of Rin Tin Tin, I've Got A Secret, The Loretta Young Show and You Bet Your Life. The first children were being vaccinated with Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine and the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was being commissioned.

President Eisenhower proposed an interstate highway system. The New York Giants take the World Series in four games; the Lakers were in Minneapolis and won the NBA Championship. Babe Didrikson won her third US Women's Open Golf Championship. Rocky Marciano defeated Ezzard Charles twice in one year and Cleveland routed Detroit in the NFL.

I wonder what will be remembered of the year 2004 in another fifty years?



Happy New Year

May you have a happy, healthy,
and prosperous New Year!



George Rauch is the newest member of the Dell Telephone Board of Directors, taking the reins from Pete Lewis who retired from his District 6 post in September 2004.

Rauch was born and raised in Carlsbad, New Mexico and graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1955.

He and wife Barbara moved to the area in 1964. The couple married in 1955 and is blessed with 2 children, Richard and Dawn; 4 grand children and 2 great grand children.

Rauch leased his first place in 1957 after working on ranches during the weekends while in junior high and high school. He has been a cattle rancher for 48 years and has also performed iron work and pipe line welding on the side. He describes his hobby as horses.

When considering the strong points of serving on the cooperative's board, Rauch says that "much can be done when people pull and work together. We must remember that we are here to serve the members."

He also advises young people to "pick something you really like to do and stick to it - money is not everything!"

DELL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. MEMBERSHIP NOTICE STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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Membership to Elect Directors at 49th Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of Dell Telephone Cooperative will be held Saturday, March 26, 2005.

The Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 and selected the following candidates for the Board of Directors positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting. The candidates are:

District #3: Larry Brewton, Gregg Gardner, and Art Gonzales
District #6: Bobby Jones, Ronald R. Jones, and Quentin Dean
District #7: Olin "Jr." Hammack, Buck Williams, and Joe Mannello

Dell Telephone Employees Spread Christmas Cheer



Dell Telephone Employees Annette Snodgrass, Marcy Guillen, and Carmen Gentry spent a day in December visiting some of our long-time subscribers. Pictured with Member Service Rep Carmen is Esequiel and Ofelia Perez, pictured with Plant Secretary Annette and Office Manager Marcy is Jenny Teitsworth, and pictured with Annette is her Mom, Lillie Mae Hill. It was such a blessing to get to spend time with these and other special customers.