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## The City of Lewes BPW Announces the Winner of its 2016 Earth Day Tree Raffle

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May 23, 2016 –City of Lewes BPW – Congratulates Karen Coning for winning the City of Lewes 2016 Earth Day Tree raffle! Karen was very excited to win the tree and she knows the perfect spot for the tree.

The City of Lewes BPW raffles shade trees because they naturally provide a welcoming spot to cool down during hot summer days. When shade trees are properly located and planted they can reduce home and business energy costs by reducing the need for summer air conditioning. The energy savings associated with trees doesn't stop with summer. In the winter, trees lose their leaves which allows the sun to warm up homes and business; reducing heating needs and lowering heating costs.

The 2016 Earth Day Tree Raffle is part of the Lewes BPW's Earth Day Education campaign to teach its citizens more about energy efficiency and conservation. The Lewes BPW provided a display at the BPW office for the public to learn more about this year's overall message: **Think Locally, Act Locally, and Buy Locally** to benefit health and quality of life while saving money.

**Thinking Locally** – Means asking ourselves to think about:

- The uniqueness of our community,
- How we sometimes waste our limited resources, and
- How to use resources more sustainably to retain the natural beauty of the local environment

**Acting Locally** – Means taking action to help ourselves and our community:



Left to Right: Lewes BPW General Manager Darrin Gordon and Earth Day Tree Raffle Winner Karen Coning

- Save money on electricity costs through simple low and no cost energy efficiency measures,
- Better understand how energy efficiency and conservation help reduce local carbon emissions, and
- Take direct personal action by entering a raffle to win a tree that not only absorbs carbon but also reduces summer cooling costs through free shading

**Buying Locally** – Means we should seek local resources first because:

- Imported food typically travels farther and requires more fuel to get from field to plate,
- Local trips can sometimes be handled on foot or bike which reduces vehicle miles traveled and saves energy, and
- Reducing the amount of congestion on the roads can improve local air quality

To learn more about how to save energy, visit the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) website [www.demecinc.net](http://www.demecinc.net)

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DEMEC was formed in 1979 as a public corporation constituted as a Joint Action Agency and a wholesale electric utility. DEMEC represents and serves the nine municipal electric distribution utilities located in the State of Delaware.

Members of DEMEC are the cities and towns of Clayton, Dover, Lewes, Middletown, Milford, New Castle, Newark, Seaford and Smyrna. Collectively, they serve over 129,000 residents and businesses in their respective communities. In total DEMEC's Members have a peak load over 450 Megawatts. DEMEC is a generation owner and the PJM Load Serving Entity ("LSE") for eight of these municipal utilities (except Dover) and provides 100% of their wholesale power supply requirements.