



Oconto Electric Cooperative



Employees Donate \$3,500 to Honor Flight



“My husband and I got involved in the Honor Flight in 2009 and I have to say this is the most rewarding thing I have ever been involved in. The support we receive from the public is amazing,” states Diane MacDonald, treasurer for the Old Glory Honor Flight organization.

The Old Glory Honor Flight was the selected Oconto Electric Cooperative employee charity of 2011. This volunteer organization arranges trips to Washington DC for the World War II veterans of northeast Wisconsin. During the one-day trip, Vets visit monuments honoring them. The trip is free for the vets; they just have to have transportation to Outagamie County airport and back. Old Glory Honor Flight, a chapter of the Honor Flight

Network, is funded entirely through private donations.

2011 turned out to be the biggest fundraiser to date for OEC employees. On January 4, a group of employees presented a check to MacDonald for \$3,500. Diane was truly surprised and pleased at the size of the donation.

Employees worked all year to raise the funds by having charity lunches, a bake sale and raffle at the Member Appreciation Picnic, selling painted pumpkins and by having the ever-popular “Bag Lunch To Go” in October. The co-op thanks all of our members who bought or donated items or in any way helped raise the money for this wonderful organization who honors our veterans.

Diane MacDonald (front row, left) accepts check from OEC employees, left to right: Byron Nolde, Amy Winkler and Chuck Wellens.