

The Tennessee Valley Authority Retirees Association 2009

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NEWS

Coming to Mailboxes Soon — A Special Edition

of the *TVARA News* featuring items and updates related to the TVA Retirement System

by Rowena Belcher
Editor, *TVARA News*

Do you remember playing a game as a child where one of your recess pals whispered some brief tale into the ear of another, and then it was passed down the line ear-to-ear?

The longer the process continued, the more unraveled and reconfigured the words became.

The game usually ended in delighted amazement about how convoluted that tale had become — even when each participant was certain he or she had done a good job of communicating.

Sound familiar?

Been playing that game as of late?

This time the game was not fun, however, especially when the subject of the tale was something as serious as our TVA-retirement monies.

To help get everyone back to if not the same sheet, the same book of music, TVARA soon will be providing its members with a special-edition mailing.

Included will be the outcome of the TVA Retirement System's annual recommendation for TVA's system

contribution, details and photos of the August TVARA Board meeting with TVA Chief Financial Officer Kim Greene, and perspectives by TVARS Board Chair Frank Alford and Executive Secretary Tammy Wilson.

While the mailing will be going only to TVARA members, information will be on our Website, www.tvara.org, and will be available at the upcoming TVARA chapter meetings.

Need to renew your membership? There is a handy form on the back page of this paper.

Tom's Thoughts

There is a fairly common adage that goes something along the lines of ... "In the absence of information, our imaginations will quickly fill in the gaps."

I think it is safe to say that during the last several weeks, many have found our imaginations running wild! Yet, hopefully a number of lessons learned and reminders have emerged as a result.

This is the time of year the TVA Retirement System Board of Directors and TVA work through a process that may result in a request from the TVARS Board for a contribution to the Retirement System. This year, it is obvious the process has been very challenging and opinions varied.

While TVARA does not have an official place at the table in this process, it does have a role.

This is one of the most important reminders that we are "the official organization of all TVA retirees."

Our board opinion is sought on matters critical to the 23,000 retirees we serve.

We are fortunate to have had fellow retiree and TVARA member Frank Alford serving as Chair of the TVARS Board — especially during this year's challenges.

Recent E-mails from many of you have shown that a different approach may be in order for communication about the TVA Retirement System contribution process, and that the speed of new communication technology can both hinder and help.

While quick delivery of opinion feeds the imagination, quick delivery of information can help ease concern.

by Tom Swanson
TVARA Valleywide President

So I remind you that our Website, www.tvara.org, was created to be a valuable timely information source for retirees, and I encourage you to check in, especially when important matters are under way.

We will make every effort to include the latest communication from official sources for your review.

And finally, while TVARA serves all retirees and their families, it is a membership organization whose effectiveness depends on dues and member participation.

If you've let your membership lapse, please re-up — the greater our number, the bigger our voice.

And please support your chapters through participation in their local meetings or community volunteer efforts.

The Knoxville TVARA Chapter is starting an E-mail distribution list for its chapter members.

Please send your name and your E-mail address to Reba Whitson at RJWhitson@tva.gov. This will allow you to receive reminder notices and program updates on quarterly meetings, as well as alerts when new information is posted on the TVARA Website.

These alerts could be related to the TVA Retirement System or other issues of concern to retirees.

This distribution list allows the chapter to communicate with members quickly and inexpensively.

Picnic Planned — The Knoxville Chapter is planning a fall picnic Friday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. at the

Douglas Dam picnic area. Lunch will be catered by Buddy's Bar-B-Q, and picnickers can enjoy some good ole county music and old-fashioned games.

Make reservations by sending your name and address along with \$10 per person to Reba Whitson at Tennessee Valley Authority, WT2A, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Reservations must be received by Sept. 15.

Tickets to the picnic will be available at the Sept. 10 chapter meeting.

September Meeting — Don't forget to attend the quarterly chapter meeting at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Fellowship Church, 8000 Middlebrook Pike.

Kim Greene, TVA's Chief Financial Officer, is the featured speaker. She will address the many financial challenges facing TVA, including the stock-market decline's impact on TVA's pension plan and nuclear-decommissioning fund, the reduction in power sales, the North Carolina judgment, the continued need for new capacity, and the increased federal environmental focus.

Greene is taking time out from her hectic schedule to meet with us, so let's have a big turnout and make it worth her time to answer our many questions.

We will also have a representative from Retirement Services if there is news on TVA Retirement System changes/proposals.

Building a Community by Breaking Bread *Smiths among TVARA's Host of Volunteers*

The community of Tupelo, Miss., is fortunate to have the "doing duo" of Bob and Janie Smith.

About 17 years ago, faster than the ink dried on his retirement papers, Bob Smith was reeled in by his energetic wife to assist in one of her longtime volunteer activities, Meals on Wheels.

A homemaker and stay-at-home mom, Janie found this program to be very adaptable to kids' school schedules. And his retirement changed her role for the better; she now had a driver, enabling her to "hop out" and deliver some cheery conversation along with a warm meal.

Meals delivery has become a part of their routine together in other volunteer venues, as well. Holiday seasons find them delivering meals through the Salvation Army to folks suffering difficult times — those without enough money for a Thanksgiving meal who are spending the holiday alone in intensive-care waiting rooms, individuals on shift at local fire halls, or people in prison cells.

Also for the Salvation Army, the Smiths have had a chance to master

that traditional title "Bell Ringer."

She says she is a meticulous record-keeper and last season was the best ever of her kettle collections.

"It seems contrary to what you'd think, but it appears as the times get harder, people work harder to help," she says. "That says good things about what they value."

Just as Smith was reeled by his wife into an active volunteer life, their daughter, Donna Jarrell, hooked them both on Habitat for Humanity. Jarrell is Director of Habitat for Humanity of N.E. Mississippi.

The Smiths' role has modified over time.

"We started getting a little too old for hammering, so we moved to insulation, and Bob did some electrical work," Janie says. "Now we have graduated to chief gophers!"

Oh, but they also perform a well-experienced task of providing meals for the Habitat workers. When contacted recently, Janie was baking pies for a youth group arriving that evening from Pennsylvania to work on the latest house.



Bob and Janie Smith at the most recent Empty Bowl annual fundraiser, in which the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary raised \$40,000 for the Salvation Army Food Program in Tupelo.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this volunteer work is the chance to interact with young men and women from across the country, she says.

"This love for meeting (and feeding) young people started with our involvement with the TVA Co-Op students program almost 40 years ago. These days, we read so much bad news about things going on with young people. But when I get the chance to look into the faces of those who come to enthusiastically do this work on their own time, I feel happy and young at heart, myself."

The Smiths' lifelong work of serving others gives a lasting impression of hope for humanity.

— ROWENA BELCHER

Best Turnout Ever: Browns Ferry Security Gathering

After a record turnout for last year's gathering of former Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant security personnel, the annual celebration's coordinator, Charles D. "Pete" Lawson, is raising the bar.

"Our fourth year brought us 44 attendees," Lawson says. "It seems

only fitting that our fifth would bring more than 50!"

All former Browns Ferry security personnel once again are invited to come share memories and fellowship at a luncheon get-together Thursday, Sept. 10.

The time and location are the same as in previous years: noon at the Catfish Cabin, 906 Highway 72 East, in Athens, Ala. Spouses or guests are welcome.

This year's event will be absent one of its regulars — the late Capt. Cliff Langham.

"Captain Langham, who was a well-respected and well-liked member of our security force, passed away last year the night after we had our luncheon," Lawson says. "His wife said all he talked about that evening



From left, the late Capt. Cliff Langham, Bob Brown, John Fox (standing), J.D. Jones, and Linda Atkins enjoy the festivities at last year's get-together of former Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant security personnel.



At last year's luncheon, Linda Toone and Jimmy Majors exchange jovial greetings, while Mary Goodwin looks on.

was the good time at the get-together with everyone.

"That is a bittersweet reminder about the importance of our staying connected with each other."

For more information about the luncheon, contact Lawson at 256-764-1910 or llawsonp5@aol.com.

BC/BS, Delta Dental Change Benefits Explanations

by Becky Thompson
TVA Employee Benefits

Starting Oct. 1, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee members will no longer receive explanations of benefits (EOBs) by mail, but instead will receive a single Monthly Claims Statement by mail when they have a claim paid to providers on their behalf.

The new statement engages members in their healthcare by making benefits easy to understand — and improves the environment by cutting paper waste and saving trees.

The new statement is clear and understandable. It explains what was paid, to whom and for what, and includes a section showing a family's status in meeting deductibles and reaching out-of-pocket maximums.

Members can still see and print their detailed EOBs online at www.bcbst.com from the secure

BlueAccess pages. The Website also can be used to produce a summary for any time period requested.

Members who do not have access to a computer or printer can call BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Customer Service at 1-800-245-7942 if they need a printed EOB. Customer Service representatives are available from 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday.

Delta Dental recently made a change in its mailing of EOBs, as well. Delta Dental will no longer mail EOBs to members when the balance is zero, meaning the members owe nothing to the dentists.

Members interested in reviewing zero-balance EOBs can do so through Delta Dental's Consumer Toolkit, which is available at www.DeltaDentalTn.com by select-

ing "For Subscribers."

Report Address Changes

To make sure you receive your BlueCross Blue Shield EOBs — and other benefit information — you must report address changes to the TVA Retirement System.

Address changes must be reported in writing. An address-change form is available at www.tvvars.com under Forms.

Your address as shown in Retirement System records is the address that is reported to BC/BS.

If you have dental coverage through Delta Dental, be sure to report an address change using the change form that is available at www.tva.com under Retirees, Health Care Benefits, Dental Insurance.

The form must be mailed to Delta Dental at the address on the form.

Last Call for the Picnic, Y'all!

Picture yourself sauntering around a scenic sunny lakeside location, with tempting wafts of barbecue and banana pudding tickling your nose, your excitement pricked by excited anticipation of door-prize drawings — and enjoying all this while in the midst of about a thousand of your “closest friends”!

Yep, it is time once again to roll your way to Alabama for the annual TVA Retirees Picnic Friday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. CDT at Guntersville’s Civitan Park.

This important annual event is a great example of success from a large collaborative effort shared among many parties.

It is organized by the TVA Retirees Association (led by Picnic Chair Extraordinaire Buster Smith) and host TVA, and it involves a network of extensive support by area TVARA chapters, Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. representatives, TVA staffs, and the Guntersville community.

“I really enjoy the planning process about as much as I do the picnic itself,” Smith says. “There is some associated activity to work on just about every month of the year. I also look forward to trying new tweaks from lessons learned.”

Working closely with Smith for the last few years on the picnic, TVA’s retiree liaison, Carolyn Minter, echoes his feelings.

“This event is a reunion of friends and family members who come long distances to see each other each year,” Minter says. “I am proud to be a part of this tribute to and appreciation for TVA’s retirees, the many folks who worked hard to build its legacy.”

As usual, picnic attendees will have the opportunity to interact with



Buster Smith

members of the TVA leadership team. The Keynote Speaker scheduled for this year’s event is Kim Greene, TVA’s Chief Financial Officer.

If you have never attended the picnic, you are strongly encouraged to do so. And if you are going to be there, why not make a weekend of it? This spring’s rain has made the Guntersville area even more beautiful, and the Southern hospitality is plentiful.

See y’all.

—ROWENA BELCHER



Carolyn Minter



Kim Greene

TVA Had Strong Ties to Park Long Before Retirees Picnic

by **Buster Smith**

Attending the annual TVA Retirees Picnic is like going to a family reunion, and the event has been held in Guntersville, Ala., for so long, it’s sort of like going home.

Actually if you consider the fact that the Civitan Park site is former TVA land, it is really like going home.

TVA’s contributions to Civitan Park did not end with providing the land.

As Paul Harvey used to say, here is the Rest of the Story:

In the late 1980s a severe storm hit the Browns Creek Area of Guntersville. The waves and wind from the storm uprooted or blew down more than 80 trees along the shoreline park and severely damaged a horse-show rink in what is now Civitan Park.

Soon after the storm, Guntersville Mayor Bob Hembree, father of the present mayor, approached TVA and the Corps of Engineers for help in restoring the eroded shoreline and damaged property.

Since neither agency had money available for such a project, they had to turn the mayor down.

Mayor Hembree, being an aggressive politician, turned to U.S. Rep. Tom Bevill of Alabama for assistance.

Although it took several years and much lobbying, the Corps of Engineers finally came through with funds for a Shoreline Protection Demonstration Project. Just so TVA would not be left out of the mix, Congressman Bevill put \$100,000 in the TVA budget for assistance to Guntersville in restoring recreation facilities.

The TVA money, along with state and local funds, was used to remove the dilapidated horse-show rink, to construct a pavilion and amphitheater, and to landscape the park that TVA retirees and many others enjoy each year.

To check on available seats on bus rides to the picnic, call the following individuals at these numbers:

Chattanooga — Cid Heidel, 423-476-6497

Knoxville — Reba Whitson, 865-632-3318

Muscle Shoals — Eddie Garrett, 256-760-1783

On the Trail(s) for 1,327.9 Miles

“Walk a mile in my shoes . . .”

If this familiar saying were being delivered by Debbie Barton, it would more appropriately go: “Walk 1,327.9 miles in my shoes.”

A couple of months ago, this recent TVA retiree accomplished something to which only a couple of hundred folks hold the bragging rights. Barton has now hiked all 900 miles of trails of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

While the trail system is actually something more than 800 miles, it requires overlaps and backtracks along the way that stretch it another hundred.

The timing of her memorable July trek was purposeful — celebrating this big milestone in conjunction with the park’s celebrating its 75th anniversary.

America’s most-visited national park, known far and wide as “the



Smokies,” is a sub-range of the Appalachian Mountains and almost equally divided between eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. Its nearly 800-square-mile area is a hiker’s paradise.

Encompassing elevations from 800 to more than 6,600 feet, it has served as host to Barton and her friends in the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club for almost 20 years. To say she has “seen it all” would not be far from the truth.

A hiker in all four seasons, she says she has been “snowbound, waterlogged, and parched.”

She has crossed paths with snakes, bees, hogs, grouse, coyotes, elk, and bear. Experience has taught her many lessons.

“One hike many years ago started with a boat ride from Fontana Marina,” she says. “It was a beautiful day — warm, sunny, just perfect. By the time we had hiked to our destination, Clingman’s Dome, it was 47 degrees with the wind blowing hard; and it was a biting wind.

“My hands were so cold, I couldn’t unhook my backpack. I vowed then to always be prepared with a pair of gloves.”

A 32-year career with TVA in various business roles probably contributed to Barton’s comprehensive recordkeeping of her hiking history. This trekker has kept a detailed journal of all her hikes since 1992.

“Out of the total 1,327.9 total miles I have logged, my guess is that I hiked or walked about 1,250 miles in order to complete all the official trails in the park,” she says.

For example, her commemorative entry reads:

“Saturday, July 11, 2009 — Last hike for completing the official trails in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

“Jakes Creek Trail (0.3 m.) and (0.1 m.), Meigs Mountain Trail (4.1 miles) and Curry Mountain Trail (3.3 m.). Total mileage = 7.8 miles. Total mileage for 2009 = 285.3 miles. Grand Total Mileage = 1,327.9 miles.

“Hiking Partners: David Starnes, David Smith, Lois Esmark, Todd Wright, Hershell Bush, Daniel and Tiffany Barton

“Note: This moderately short, cross-country hike by car shuttle allowed me to finish up the last remaining official trail in the Smokies. In celebration, a picnic lunch was served to the hikers by my husband, Tom, at the Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area.”

Barton’s family has been a big support for her hiking passion. Husband Tom, whose knee surgery has taken him off the trails, not only treats her and fellow hikers to celebratory meals, he proudly catalogs her many



Debbie Barton crosses a trail bridge in the Gatlinburg, Tenn., area.

photos and journals.

And when her backpack — a hand-me-down from her grown son’s elementary-school years — failed her on a difficult and nearly disastrously drenched 25-mile outing, her kids replaced it with a new, well-deserved one befitting the hiker she had become.

Happy trails to you, Debbie Barton!
— ROWENA BELCHER

Volunteers Needed for Chattanooga Schools

TVA’s Partners In Education program needs your help with several engineering and science programs it is getting started in nine of Hamilton County’s downtown schools.

These schools are Battle Academy, Brown Academy, Calvin Donaldson, Clifton Hills, Eastside, Orchard Knob, and East Lake elementary schools; East Lake and Orchard Knob middle schools, and Howard High School.

The projects beginning this year range from science fairs and Chattanooga State’s Science Olympiad to specific programs in robotics, weather, explaining TVA generating stations, and wetlands.

If you enjoy working with kids and young adults, PIE needs your help and expertise to help make these programs a success.

If you would like to become involved, E-mail Charley Spencer at cwspencer@tva.gov.

In Memoriam

(April 3, 2009 – July 17, 2009)

TVA Retirement Services received notifications of the previously unreported deaths of the following retirees for the period April 3, 2009, through July 17, 2009, as well as other previously unreported deaths. They are listed with date of death (and date of retirement).

Allan, Young J., Jr.,
05/30/2009 (12/31/1986)
Anderson, Raymond T.,
04/17/2009 (09/22/2004)
Anderson, Thomas M.,
06/05/2009 (09/12/1983)
Anderson, J. Marcel,
05/31/2009 (01/05/1985)
Armstrong, Arthur R.,
05/27/2009 (05/01/1993)
Barbee, Johnny H.,
03/12/2009 (12/09/1997)
Barry, Stephen B.,
05/01/2009 (10/04/1986)
Beane, Aubrey D., Sr.,
06/13/2009 (01/04/1994)
Beaty, Narvel,
06/17/2009 (02/03/1992)
Berry, William H.,
06/10/2009 (05/23/1987)
Bone, James E.,
05/28/2009 (10/01/1988)
Brackett, J. D.,
05/16/2009 (06/11/1991)
Bridges, Helen S.,
05/15/2009 (01/01/1977)
Brock, Alfred W.,
06/02/2009 (10/21/2000)
Brown, Jack R., Jr.,
06/12/2009 (08/19/1988)
Bryant, Robert D.,
05/02/2009 (10/17/1994)
Buck, Jimmie L.,
03/20/2009 (01/24/1992)
Buehler, Warren B.,
06/08/2009 (01/03/2000)
Byrd, Glenn A.,
05/30/2009 (09/18/2007)
Cagle, David E.,
06/11/2009 (12/01/1992)
Cantler, Edwin D.,
07/10/2009 (10/02/1986)
Cotton, Preston,
04/09/2009 (08/02/1988)
Coverdale, John C., Jr.,
11/08/2008 (10/01/1985)
Cox, Timothy L.,
05/09/2009 (09/01/1993)
Crabbe, Hubert F., III,
04/18/2009 (02/27/1999)
Crichton, John E.,
04/15/2009 (07/23/1983)
Crumpton, Avery A.,
03/12/2009 (01/14/1985)
Curtis, Kenneth F.,
05/01/2009 (10/13/1990)
Cutshall, Aaron J.,
06/05/2009 (01/31/1981)
Dalton, James R.,
04/30/2009 (Unknown)
Elliott, James D.,
06/02/2009 (01/05/1980)
Elmore, Stevie L.,
05/11/2009 (09/04/2005)
Ezell, James O.,
05/25/2009 (03/20/1992)

Fowler, Russell C.,
06/27/2009 (01/12/1985)
Frizzell, Carl J.,
05/27/2009 (09/12/1981)
Galyon, Anderson M., Jr.,
05/23/2009 (02/13/1992)
Gates, James E.,
05/13/2009 (10/01/1988)
Gose, Sophia L.,
04/07/2009 (01/04/2000)
Gross, Samuel D., Jr.,
02/26/2009 (Unknown)
Grubb, Richard M.,
05/19/2009 (02/02/1988)
Guill, Johnnie L.,
04/24/2009 (10/01/1988)
Hall, James C.,
05/29/2009 (10/17/1994)
Hamby, Guinn,
05/30/2009 (08/02/1992)
Hamby, Memford L.,
06/25/2009 (10/10/2000)
Hardcastle, Lee D.,
05/10/2009 (10/01/1985)
Hardee, Michael G.,
06/02/2009 (02/18/1998)
Hardeman, Guy N.,
07/07/2009 (01/10/1982)
Harper, Andrew E., Jr.,
04/15/2009 (01/03/1987)
Henderson, Jerry L.,
04/18/2009 (11/27/1990)
Herndon, Junior M.,
05/31/2009 (09/15/1984)
Hixson, Rebecca P.,
03/21/2009 (09/15/1984)
Holton, William S., Jr.,
03/10/2009 (03/03/1984)
Horton, Jesse W.,
05/12/2009 (09/18/1982)
Hosmon, Robert T.,
07/08/2009 (07/01/1977)
Howard, David,
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Hudson, Paul J.,
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Isbell, Betty R.,
06/13/2009 (02/23/1991)
Jarnagin, James R.,
04/02/2009 (10/17/1994)
Johnson, M. Elizabeth,
04/04/2009 (08/07/1982)
Johnson, William S.,
05/22/2009 (07/27/1973)
Joiner, Jacquelyn M.,
06/29/2009 (10/27/1990)
Kamal, Amin M.,
03/28/2009 (08/01/1988)
Kellam, Walter L.,
05/02/2009 (10/01/1996)
Kelley, Raymond N.,
05/22/2009 (09/17/1983)
Kuykendall, Woodie K.,
05/22/2009 (06/19/1991)
Ladd, Edward A.,
06/28/2009 (Unknown)

Lawhern, Franklin W.,
06/01/2009 (01/22/1983)
Laws, William S.H.,
07/01/2009 (10/22/1984)
Laxton, Larry D.,
07/03/2009 (01/10/2005)
Layton, Charles W.,
04/17/2009 (08/06/1981)
Leslie, Earnest W.,
07/09/2009 (01/10/1981)
Lovelace, Joe L.,
06/08/2009 (03/02/1976)
Lyons, Vernon E.,
05/11/2009 (03/02/1976)
McDonald, William L.,
06/20/2009 (10/01/1988)
McKissack, Hugh M.,
05/13/2009 (08/01/1980)
Miles, William P.,
03/15/2009 (05/01/1977)
Mitchell, Harold T.,
05/23/2009 (01/04/1986)
Moss, Michael R.,
06/30/2009 (Unknown)
Neal, Barney S.,
07/08/2009 (08/14/1989)
Nelson, Donald B.,
01/06/2009 (09/12/1983)
Nelson, Kathryn S.,
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Newell, Oscar B.,
07/08/2009 (08/23/1980)
Nichols, Thomas L.,
04/28/2009 (03/18/1987)
Norman, Herman T.,
03/19/2009 (06/05/1974)
Oakes, Billy T.,
04/11/2009 (10/17/1994)
Odom, Donald W.,
04/21/2009 (Unknown)
Ottinger, Millard E.,
05/24/2009 (03/17/1990)
Payne, James D.,
05/12/2009 (01/01/1982)
Peak, William G.,
05/26/2009 (Unknown)
Peden, Dorothy E.,
06/09/2009 (04/26/1986)
Perkins, John W.,
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Potts, John M.,
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Province, Powhattan,
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Pryor, Pat D.,
05/03/2009 (10/17/1994)
Quave, Elizabeth K.,
04/11/2009 (10/01/1988)
Quigley, Eugene B.,
06/08/2009 (07/30/1988)
Ralph, John H.,
04/01/2009 (01/25/1983)
Ray, Alene M.,
06/27/2009 (07/14/1979)
Richards, Charles D.,
05/07/2009 (10/03/1985)

Richardson, Charles A.,
04/18/2009 (10/01/1985)
Riddle, Marie S.,
05/09/2009 (02/13/1988)
Roberts, Harold, Jr.,
05/29/2009 (05/02/2004)
Rose, Gaynes J.,
05/19/2009 (Unknown)
Rucker, Hadley L.,
04/23/2009 (01/12/1980)
Sample, Eugene C.,
05/13/2009 (08/07/1993)
Schofield, Ellouise J.,
03/02/2009 (Unknown)
Sexton, Larry S.,
06/24/2009 (05/29/2004)
Smith, Claude C.,
04/20/2009 (01/01/1974)
Smith, Edd W.,
05/11/2009 (01/05/1992)
Smith, Paul,
07/02/2009 (04/06/1991)
Smith, Hillard D.,
06/21/2009 (05/30/1987)
Standridge, Parks E.,
04/08/2009 (04/02/1980)
Stansberry, Clyde J., Sr.,
06/04/2009 (12/31/1976)
Suiter, Billy D.,
01/09/2009 (08/01/1988)
Swafford, Mary B.,
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Taliaferro, Anthony I.,
03/28/2009 (01/08/2005)
Tate, Marie Cross,
04/22/2009 (10/01/1976)
Taylor, Larry S.,
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Tenry, Wilson L.,
04/02/2009 (01/01/1984)
Thomas, Edward H.,
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Thompson, Lyndal,
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Thrasher, Olon W.,
06/07/2009 (05/11/1991)
Thurman, Brenda S.,
04/12/2009 (07/05/1999)
Tippitt, Fletcher A.,
05/12/2009 (02/08/1973)
Walker, John J.,
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Welch, Robert W.,
07/14/2009 (10/01/1988)
Williams, Willie N.,
05/07/2009 (03/05/1972)
Williams, Everett C.,
05/21/2009 (07/30/1988)
Yates, Ralph L.,
06/12/2009 (08/06/1988)

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER 2009 CHAPTER MEETINGS

BROWNS FERRY

Sept. 8, 6 p.m.

Stanfield's Restaurant, Rogersville, Ala.
Guest Speaker Mike Lamb, BVI President
"BVI Upcoming Events" &
"Contracting Opportunities for Retirees"
Terry Chinn, President
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CHATTANOOGA

Oct. 13

Health Fair, Brainerd United Methodist Church
Details will be provided
in the Chattanooga Newsletter
& on the TVARA Website
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CLEVELAND

Sept. 18, 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church, Adult Education Building
Guest Speaker Tammy Wilson, Vice President,
TVA Retirement Services
Bill Rievley, President
423-479-9409
brievley@att.net

FLORIDA

Nov. 13, Noon-2 p.m.

Lakeside Inn, Mount Dora, Fla.
Annual Luncheon Meeting
Patrick Hughes, President
321-392-3097
patngigi@yahoo.com

GALLATIN

Sept. 8, 1 p.m.

King Solomon Masonic Lodge
East Main Street
Guest Speaker Debra Maggart,
State Representative
Alfred R. Goguen, President
615-325-6938
goguen68@comcast.net

HUNTSVILLE

Sept. 10, 10 a.m.

TVA Offices, 4950 Corporate Drive
Suite 125F (Phone 256-430-4800)
Representative from Huntsville Police
Department to speak on "Identity Theft"
Steve McRight, President
256-247-1447
stevemcright@aol.com

JACKSON

**Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m. Refreshments
10 a.m. Meeting**

11 a.m. Bring a Dish Lunch
St. John's Masonic Lodge
1341 N. Highland Ave.
Program: "Pension Fund Report"
Reggie Barnett, President
731-668-0680
rbarnett33@bellsouth.net

JOHNSONVILLE

Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Four Seasons Restaurant
New Johnsonville, Tenn.
Program to be announced
Remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001
Bring a can of food for the Food Pantry
Randall W. Clark, President
731-584-7629
rwclark29@charter.net

KINGSTON

Sept. 28, 10:45 a.m.

Kingston Community Center
201 Patton Ferry Road, just off Highway 70
A TVA Representative to talk
about the Kingston Recovery
Jerry Pickell, President
865-789-1269
dillis66@bellsouth.net

KNOXVILLE

Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Church
8000 Middlebrook Pike
Guest Speaker Kim Greene,
TVA Chief Financial Officer
Also a representative of Retirement Services,
if there is news on Retirement System
changes/proposals.
Theresa Habiger, President
865-777-1409
thabiger@charter.net

MEMPHIS

Sept. 21, 11:30 a.m.

Ryan's Family Steakhouse
3813 Riverdale Road
Discuss minutes from TVARA Board Meeting
David L. Teuton, President
901-212-3822
dlteuton@yahoo.com

MISSISSIPPI

Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m.

Tupelo TVA Customer Service Center
3197 Brooks Road
"TVA Retirement System Plan"
& Guest Speaker John Blackwell,
TVARA Valleywide Secretary
Robert "Gus" Hildenbrand, President
662-842-0553
roberthildenbrand@att.net

MUSCLE SHOALS

Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

TVA ERC Building Auditorium
Muscle Shoals TVA Reservation
Program: TVARS Board members
speaking on the need for long-term
sustainability of the Retirement System
Cameron Kay, President
256-810-6569
cikay1@juno.com

NASHVILLE

Sept. 9, 10 a.m.

Nashville TVA Service Center
1195 Antioch Pike
Guest Speaker Judy Stephens,
Senior Retirement Benefits Counselor,
TVA Retirement Services
Charles P. Smith Jr., President
931-381-0255
charlesjewel@charter.net

NORTHEAST ALABAMA

Sept. 8, 11 a.m.

Mud Creek Restaurant
Discuss status of TVA Retirement System
& information from TVARA Board Meeting
\$25 Door Prize
Charles A. Roper, President
256-495-2992
artro@juno.com

PADUCAH

Sept. 15, 11 a.m.

Noble Park Shelter
next to Ball Park off Nobel Road
Annual Picnic
Food and drink will be provided
Finger-food desserts will be welcomed
Ken Dickerson, President
270-442-9539
kenneth.dickerson@comcast.net

PARADISE

Sept. 8, 11 a.m.

Muhlenberg County Conservation Club
Pavilion at Lake Malone
Quarterly Meeting & Fall Picnic
Darrell K. Sisk, President
270-934-8381
thesisks@logantele.com

PICKWICK

Sept. 15, 10 a.m.

Pickwick Landing Inn
Pickwick Dam, Tenn
Guest Speaker Tammy Wilson,
Vice President, TVA Retirement Services
"Retirement System Update"
Door-Prize Drawing
Charlotte Daniel, President
662-423-5377

UPPER EAST TENNESSEE

Sept. 10, 11 a.m.

Golden Corral Restaurant
Morristown, Tenn.
Guest Speaker Mark Meigs,
Senior Project Manager,
TVA Retirement Services
"Retirement System Update &
Recommendations from the TVARS Board"
Kenneth "Ken" Rice, President
865-377-3078
ken2kaye2r@comcast.net

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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS

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WATTS BAR

Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m.

Spring City, Tenn., City Hall

Meal catered by Evelyn Hawkins, \$7 per person

Call 423-365-9048 for reservations

Guest Speaker Tammy Wilson,

Vice President, TVA Retirement Services

“Financial Status of your Retirement”

All Watts Bar retirees are invited to attend

Drawing for \$25 Door Prize

Kathleen Garrison, President

423-365-9048

eddiekathleen@bellsouth.net

WESTERN AREA

Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Paris Landing State Park Inn, Dining Room

Guest Speaker Tony Troyani,

TVA Retirement System Board Member

“Proposed future TVA contributions &

proposed reductions of liabilities

to the TVA Retirement System”

Paul L. Russell, President

731-642-1222

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