

TVARA NEWS

The TVA Retirees Association

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TVA Retirement System Board Approves Plan Changes

At a special-called meeting on May 9, the TVA Retirement System Board by a 4-3 vote approved amending the TVARS Rules & Regulations and 401(k) Plan Provisions to implement changes related to certain benefits and administration, based on TVA's compromise proposal dated April 18.

The TVARS Board received the original proposal from TVA President/Chief Executive Officer Bill Johnson on Dec. 16, 2015.

After two months of discussions and actuarial analysis of various benefits and funding options, the TVARS

Board on March 3 approved a counterproposal, which was presented to TVA. On April 18, the TVARS Board received a letter from TVA requesting consideration of certain changes to the TVARS counterproposal.

The amendments to the TVA Re-

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Benefits Changes Not Significant for Retirees

By **SUZAN BOWMAN**, TVARA Valleywide President



What a wild ride 2016 has been so far!

As I write this, we were just notified that the TVA Retirement System Board voted to accept TVA's latest proposal on changes in retirement benefits (see article on this page).

The actual wording of the amendments had not been finalized at this time. Overall, the changes are not going to have significant impact on TVA retirees.

You should not see any changes in your current check amounts. More good news is that the COLA is now vested per TVA, and the cap for the COLA rose to 6 percent with a minus -.25-percent CPI. Currently, the Rules & Regulations set the COLA cap at 5 percent.

The supplemental benefit did see a reduction in calculation. TVA also increased the amount it will guarantee to contribute to the fund to \$300 million per year.

These changes take effect on Oct. 1, 2016 (see the chart on page 2 in this newsletter for further explanation of changes).

Many retirees are relieved by this news, and some are still

very upset. However, not one person I spoke with over the past six months wanted the system to be terminated.

Even if the lawsuit that was filed in 2010 is decided favorably toward retirees upon appeal, the TVARS Board can make changes to the Rules & Regulations at that time to support the court's decision.

As you recall, after TVA's proposed changes were announced in December 2015, the TVARA chapter presidents met with TVA President/Chief Executive Officer Bill Johnson and other TVA representatives and TVARS Board members to discuss the proposed changes. I sent a letter (on behalf of the TVARA presidents) to the TVARS Board rejecting the proposed changes.

When I spoke to the TVA Board in February to encourage its members to reconsider the changes, they said they were committed to find solutions to the underfunding problems.

This is the fix we have for now, and this decision will at least allow us to move forward.

Other News & Notes ...

This summer, TVA is celebrating the history of the TVA integrated-resources management approach to the Tennessee

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The TVA Retirees Association is the official organization of all TVA retirees. It was organized to serve the varied interests of TVA and its retirees and their beneficiaries, and to help keep them informed of TVA developments affecting their interests. It has been recognized by TVA as the responsible representative of retirees in conveying retiree views.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO NORRIS

Help Celebrate July 29 & 30



HAVE YOU HEARD!

Norris Dam and Reservoir is turning 80 this year, and TVA is planning a big (dam) celebration!

On Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30, TVA will invite the public to Norris Dam for family fun.

Tours of the dam will be offered, and children's activities will highlight many of TVA's stewardship activities.

Early Saturday morning, July 30, TVA and the Knoxville Track Club will host the "8.0K Big Dam Race".

If walking is more your speed, the Norris Songbird Trail is the site of a Fun Walk. It's going to be great, so put it on your calendars now!

Plan changes...continued from page 1

tirement System's Rules & Regulations and 401(k) Plan Provisions approved by the TVARS Board will reflect the terms of the March 3 TVARS counterproposal as modified by TVA's April 18 requested changes.

The actual amendments implementing all of these changes have not yet been finalized. Once the amendments have been finalized, TVARS will formally present them to TVA and will post notice of

them to participants on the TVARS website at www.TVARS.com.

If TVA does not veto the amendments within 30 days of receipt, the amendments automatically go into effect. The effective date of the changes is Oct. 1, 2016.

See the accompanying chart to review information on how these plan changes impact retirees.

	Current Benefits	Approved Benefit Changes Effective 10/01/2016																														
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COLA **	COLA equal to change in CPI Maximum COLA of 5%	COLA equal to change in CPI minus 0.25%, Maximum COLA of 6%																														
COLA Eligibility	For retirements prior to 01/01/2010, COLA begins the January after reaching age 55. For retirements on or after 01/01/2010, COLA begins the January after reaching actual age 60.	If age 50 or older as of 10/01/2016, COLA begins the January after reaching actual age 60. If under age 50 as of 10/01/2016, COLA begins the January after reaching actual age 65.																														

* Those receiving less than these amounts will continue to receive COLAs until they reach the new cap.

** Rules will be amended to clearly specify that COLAs are a vested benefit.

Additionally, the COLA applied to pensions will be based on salaries up to Executive Level IV, currently \$160,300. Retirees with less than 10 years of TVARS service who were participants in TVA's Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) will not be eligible for COLAs.

TVA, TVARA Team Up To Help Make Robotics Competition Move Smoothly

By **RENY McCLAIN LEE**, Secretary, TVARA Knoxville Chapter

Imagine the opportunity to learn STEM — science, technology, engineering, and math — skills and put them to use even before graduating high school.

Couple this with practicing friendly sportsmanship, teamwork, community involvement, respect for others, and sharing what you learn, all while you are having fun. All this means competing hard, but also helping others.

And that's exactly what I observed firsthand while serving as a volunteer at the Pit Admin desk at one of this year's Robotic Competitions. These students have a jump start on life — both personal and professional.

This year's Smoky Mountains Regional FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition was held in Knoxville at Thompson Boling Arena from March 30-April 2. The foundation seeks relationships with organizations that promote career opportunities in STEM.

TVA was a supporter of the event, with additional support from TVARA. Two of the 17 judges were TVA employees: Rick Buchanan, Director of Capital Allocation & Portfolio Management; and Scott Gureck, Senior Strategic Communications Partner. Justin Maierhofer, TVA Vice President for Government Relations, provided remarks at the opening ceremony.

FIRST is a foundation that inspires young people to get excited about and involved in, science and technology through a progression of four programs: FIRST

LEGO League Jr., FIRST LEGO League, FIRST Tech Challenge, and FIRST Robotics Competition. Each of the programs has, at its heart, an engineering-design problem that must be solved, and each provides students and their mentors an opportunity to test their skills in problem-solving, teamwork, and determination.

This year's FIRST Robotics Competition's theme was "First Stronghold." It provided an opportunity for teams to compete with 120-pound robots of their own design in this varsity "Sport for the Mind," combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology.

A total of 49 teams from 11 different states competed. The students who participated in the three-day event ranged in age from 14-18, and teams competed for awards and scholarships.

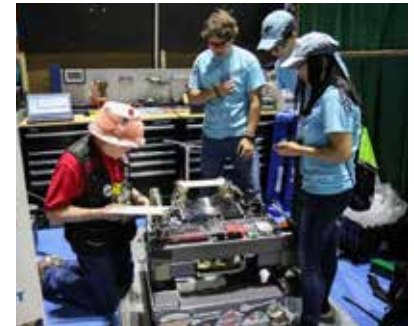
Along with their mentors and coaches, they developed designs, project management, and programming of their robots — all this through teamwork and strategic thinking, competing hard but also helping the other teams.

I had the opportunity to meet all the teams and witness the true spirit in which the event met all goals. I have already marked my calendar for next year's competition.

For more information or to volunteer for an upcoming event in your area, go to firstinspires.org or call 1-800-871-8326. Also, there are numerous informational videos on YouTube that you can find by searching "FIRST Inspires."

'Some of the kids of today will solve tomorrow's problems in ways that we can't even imagine'

— Dean Kamen, Founder of For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology



Robot Inspector Jeff Rees checks out Hardin Valley Academy RoHAWKtics' robot "Pultruder" as team members Gavin St. Pierre, Caleb Young, and Weishan Liao answer questions.



Weishan Liao lines up Pultruder as the RoHAWKtics prepare for a match.



From left, Hardin Valley Academy RoHAWKtics' Drive Team members Gavin St. Pierre, Weishan Liao, Caleb Young, and Jodie Parham operate Pultruder during a match at the Smoky Mountains Regional.



Photos provided by event photographer, Michael Messing Photography of Knoxville



'HIKING for Fun and Pain' Tracks Curran's Trails & Trials

By DAVID CURRAN

After a lifetime of hiking, I decided to write a book of my experiences on the trail, ranging from the comical to challenging, and the result is "HIKING for Fun and Pain."

As a child, I had a heart condition that didn't allow me to play sports, and I took up walking as exercise. Shortly after I joined TVA in Knoxville in 1966, a doctor told me my condition was cured, and I could do what I wanted. With the Great Smoky Mountains National Park so nearby, the logical next "step" was hiking.

In addition to the usual hiking books, there is a 1938 TVA book titled "The scenic resources of the Tennessee Valley: a descriptive and pictorial inventory" that served as an inspiration. Over time, with different hiking partners, I hiked about a third of the Park trails, including all the Appalachian Trail in the Park.

In addition to the Smokies, this area has many other great trails such as Sand Cave at Cumberland Gap that I learned about from the old TVA book.

While hiking, I encountered a wide range of situations, such as the first episode in my book about being trapped in a shelter in the Smokies with bears outside.

Much of the fun is seeing entirely new scenic wonders accessible only by foot and meeting people on the trail and hearing their stories.

In the book, I give the basics of hiking and backpacking, so it can be a fun time without too much pain.

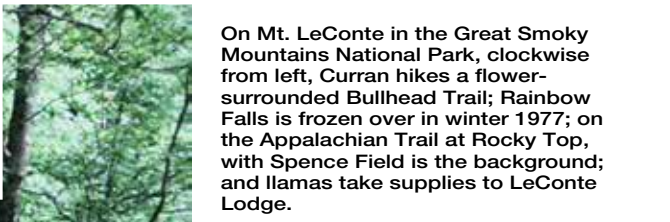
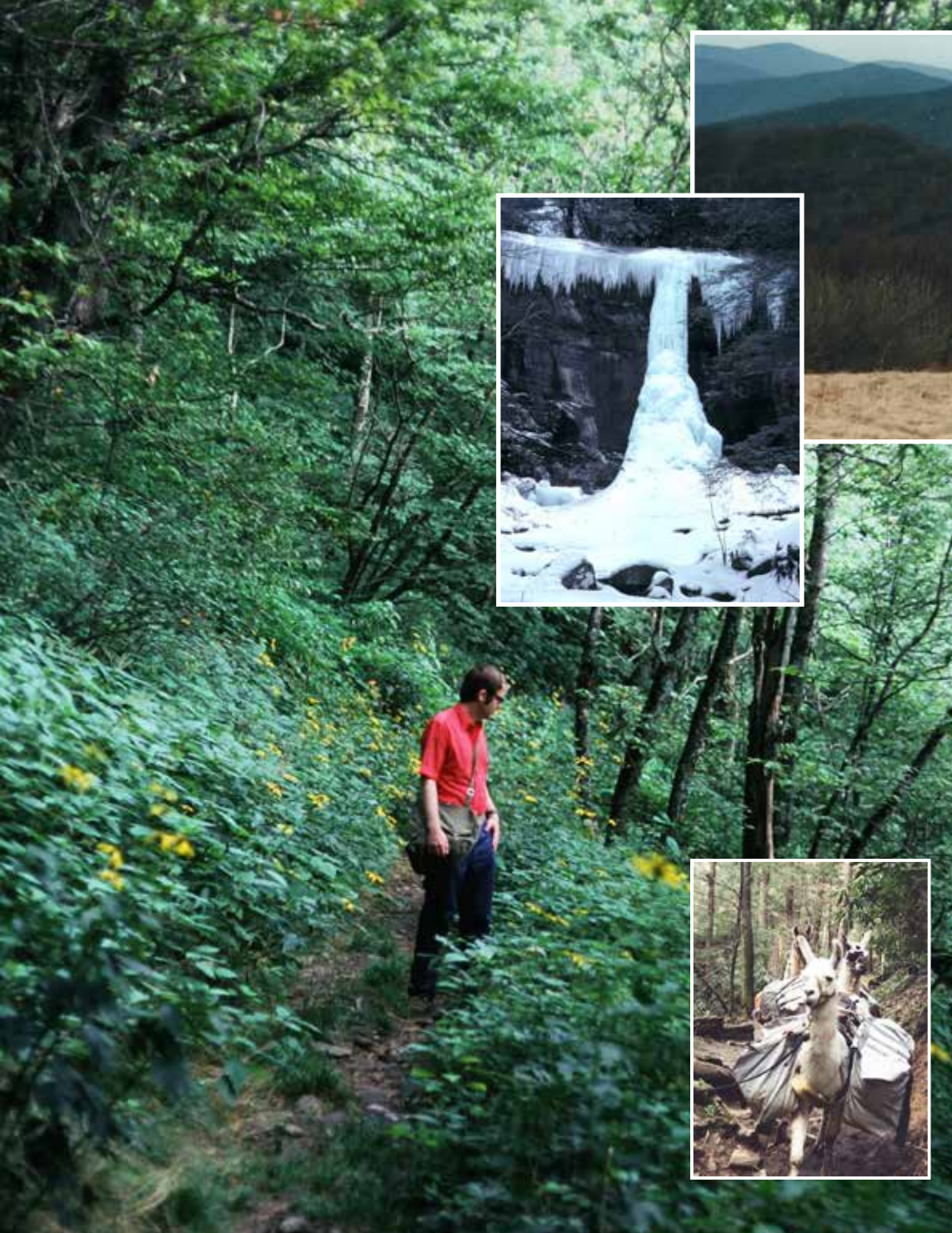
I also hiked some in Wyoming and New England, with the hardest hiking I have done being around Mount Washington in New Hampshire. I knew that section of the Appalachian Trail was above the tree line, but I thought it would be grassy areas like our balds. Instead it was a boulder field that was hard to walk through.

The book also has some non-hiking experiences, such as whitewater rafting and playing on a soccer team. My wife, Lola, and I were missionaries in France for a year and a half,



David and Lola Curran

David Curran at Cirque of the Towers in Wyoming's Wind River Range in 1980



On Mt. LeConte in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, clockwise from left, Curran hikes a flower-surrounded Bullhead Trail; Rainbow Falls is frozen over in winter 1977; on the Appalachian Trail at Rocky Top, with Spence Field is the background; and llamas take supplies to LeConte Lodge.

Knoxville Columnist Praises Curran Book

Knoxville News Sentinel veteran columnist David Hunter on May 10 wrote the following about David Curran's new book, "Hiking for Fun and Pain":

"On occasion, I receive an advance copy of a new book from the publisher of four of my books, Oconee Spirit Press.

"The one I received most recently, 'Hiking for Fun and Pain' by David Curran, immediately caught my attention, but not because I am an outdoor person.

"I swore off hiking and sleeping outside during Army basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., during a thunderstorm, inside a leaking tent on June 29, 1965 — and I have been true to my promise.

"It was Curran's dry wit and clear writing that caught my eye and kept me reading. Both are rare qualities. There is a school of thought that says everyone is capable of producing a bestselling book if they just believe they can. I do not subscribe to that theory. Good writers are rare.

"His publisher and editor, Deborah Adams, summed up my feelings: 'I don't understand David's excitement about hiking, but he writes so well, I knew we had to publish his book.' ..."

Hunter went on to praise Curran's website as follows:

"Curran's website for 'Hiking for Fun and Pain' is a visual delight of mountain vistas and information for those who are interested. I would suggest that such people take a look at www.hikingforfunandpain.com."



and I have a chapter that treats Paris as just another hiking trail.

Not wanting to go the self-publishing route, I had the usual experience of sending out multiple inquiries to publishers and receiving multiple rejection slips.

Last September, I sent an inquiry to Oconee Spirit Press in Waverly, Tenn., and the folks there kindly agreed to print it.

The book is available in paperback and e-book and can be ordered on Amazon. I also have a website at www.hikingforfunandpain.com that has photos of hikes described in the book.

(David Curran retired from TVA in 1994 as a Human Resource Specialist in Rewards & Recognition in Human Resources in Knoxville.)



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3/15/2016, (2/27/1988)

To report the death of a retiree, call the TVA Retirement System toll-free at 1-800-824-3870.

Upcoming June 2016 Chapter Meetings

BROWNS FERRY

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, Noon

Stanfield's Restaurant, Rogersville, Ala.

- Guest Speaker: Barry Gore, Vice President, TVA Retirees Coalition

John Corcetti, President
256-233-3587/sundevil71@gmail.com

CHATTANOOGA

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

The Colonnade, Catoosa Civic Center, 264 Catoosa Circle, Ringgold, Ga.

- Annual Picnic
- Guest Speaker: Chris Hinton, TVA Vice President, Compensation & Benefits

Tom Swanson, President
423-344-6892/twswanson@comcast.net

CLEVELAND

Friday, June 17, 2016, 10 a.m.

Hopewell Church of God, Mike Long Pavilion, 5765 Eureka Road NW

- Annual Picnic
- Program: TBA

John Austin, President
423-472-2720/austintnutfan@charter.net

FLORIDA

Friday, September 30, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Lakeside Inn, 100 N. Alexander St., Mount Dora, Fla.

- Program: TBA

Patrick Hughes, President
321-392-3097/patngigi@gmail.com

GALLATIN

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, Noon

Gallatin Public Library, East Main Street

- Guest Speaker: William Lambert, State Representative

Al Goguen, President
615-325-6938/goguen68@comcast.net

HUNTSVILLE

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 10 a.m.

TVA Office, 4960 Corporate Drive, Suite 125F

- Guest Speaker: Connie Glass, Certified Elder Care Attorney, "Wills, Trusts & Investments"
- Update on proposed TVARA Rules & Regulations changes
- Introduction to the new TVARA website

Richard Dearman, President
256-683-7920/redearma@comcast.net

JACKSON

Wednesday, June 8 2016, 9:30 a.m.

St. John's Lodge, 1341 North Highland Ave.

- Guest Speaker: Harbert Alexander, Madison County Historian

Alan Campbell, President
731-988-8814/abcjax@eplus.net

JOHNSONVILLE

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Country Western Steakhouse, Camden, Tenn.

- Program: TBA
- Bring a can for the Food Bank

Randall W. Clark, President
731-584-7629/rwclark29@charter.net

KINGSTON

Monday, June 27, 2016, 10:45 a.m.

Kingston Community Center, 201 Patton Ferry Road

- Program: TBA
- Marcus C. Melton Jr., President
865-388-3919/mcmelton@nxs.net

KNOXVILLE

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Church, 8000 Middlebrook Pike

- Guest Speaker: D. Ray Smith, Historian, "Insights on Department of Energy Oak Ridge Projects"

DeWitt Burleson, President
865-675-7474/bdewitt@tds.net

MEMPHIS

Monday, June 20, 2016, 11 a.m.

Allen Fossil Plant

- Annual BBQ (pork & chicken), \$8 per person — RSVP by calling 901-212-3822 or 662-429-8282 by **June 15**

David L. Teuton, President
901-212-3822/davidteuton@yahoo.com

MISSISSIPPI

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Tupelo TVA Customer Service Center, 3197 Brooks Road, Belden, MS 38826

- Guest Speaker: TBA
- Program: TBA

Tim Meeks, President
256-366-2530/meekstim100@yahoo.com

MUSCLE SHOALS

Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

Florence Lauderdale Coliseum

- Annual Picnic & Healthcare Fair
- Henry Long, President

256-381-2599/henrylogn@comcast.net

NASHVILLE

Wednesday, June 8, 2016, 10 a.m.

Piccadilly Cafeteria, 865 Murfreesboro Road

- Guest Speaker: Mike Moseley, President, TVA Retirees Coalition
- Guest Speaker: Dan Pitts, TVA Retirees Coalition Executive Committee Member

• \$25 door prize
Charles P. Smith Jr., President
931-381-0255/charlesjewel@charter.net

NORTHEAST ALABAMA

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 11 a.m.

Mud Creek Restaurant, Hollywood, Ala.

- Program: TBA
- Larry A. Hancock, President
256-437-8220/lah35772@gmail.com

PADUCAH AREA

Tuesday, June 21, 2016, 10 a.m.

Pizza Inn, Joe Clifton Drive

- Guest Speaker: Pat Brackett, Executive Secretary, TVA Retirement System

Ken Dickerson, President
270-442-9539/kenneth.dickerson@comcast.net

PARADISE

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Catfish Dock Restaurant, Powderly, Ky.

- Guest Speaker: TBA
- Program: TBA

Gary Southerland, President
270-526-3451/glsouth@bellsouth.net

UPPER EAST TENNESSEE

Thursday, June 9, 2016, 11 a.m.

Rogersville City Park Shelter

- Annual Picnic — RSVP on or before **June 3** by calling Jerry Alvis at 423-235-2439 or Denver Bennett at 423-587-6505
- BBQ, water, and soft drinks provided; bring a covered dish

Leslie "Les" P. Bays, President
423-782-8458/Lpbays1@yahoo.com

WATTS BAR

Monday, June 13, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church, Life Center, Spring City, Tenn.

- Guest Speaker: TBA
- Catered lunch \$7 per person — RSVP to 423-365-9048 by **June 10**

Kathleen Garrison, President
423-365-9048/eddiekathleen@bellsouth.net

WESTERN AREA

Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Paris Landing State Park Inn, Buchanan, Tenn.

- Guest Speaker: Jim Russell, Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. President

Paul Russell, President
731-642-1222/No email address



Please visit the TVARA website at www.tvara.org and hover your mouse over the tab "Local Chapters" to find your chapter. Click on your chapter to view the chapter's meeting details.



**The Tennessee Valley Authority
Retirees Association**

400 West Summit Hill Drive SPT 5A
Knoxville, TN 37902

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River system by hosting a Norris Dam 80th Anniversary Event July 29-30 in Norris (see invitation on page 2). The event in Norris is geared toward family, with many fun activities such as a race, informational booths, and food trucks. Retirees are encouraged to volunteer for the event. Contact Reba Whitson if you are interested.

I am so proud of the Rochester Ballpark project in Rochester, Ky. A small group of retirees from the TVARA Paradise Chapter and Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. partnered to make significant improvements for the community ballpark. At the dedication ceremony on May 7, the community officially thanked BVI and the TVARA Paradise Chapter for their efforts, with a commemorative plaque. Congratulations to Gary Southerland and team for this terrific project.

As summer approaches, remember to attend your local chapter meetings for the latest information.

Have a safe summer!

TVARA Stalwart Jacobs Dies



George Jacobs

George Jacobs, a highly valued employee of the TVA Retirees Association for nearly two decades, died April 21 in Maryville, Tenn. He was 90.

Jacobs retired in 1988 as a Systems Analyst in the Controller's Office in Knoxville, after 40 years of service to TVA. Four years later, at the request of then-Valleywide President Lew Wallace, he "unretired," beginning a second career as TVARA Membership Chairman.

He would serve in that position until June 2011, watching TVARA grow from fewer than 3,000 dues-paying members to more than 12,000.

Jacobs was a Purple Heart recipient, serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II and the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

An avid University of Tennessee fan, he was well-known to season ticket-holders passing

through Neyland Stadium's Gate 2, where he served as an usher for 52 years.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Loraine, two children, five grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

(A video made in July 2015 featuring George Jacobs is a poignant tribute to his life. The video can be seen at <https://vimeo.com/163923847>.)

Summer's in air, picnics in plans

Five TVARA chapters have planned picnics in June.

The time, location, and reservation details for chapter members in Chattanooga, Cleveland, Memphis, Muscle Shoals, and Upper East Tennessee can be found in the list of chapter meetings on page 7 of this issue.



YOU'RE INVITED!

**2016 TVA Retiree Appreciation Picnic
Hosted by TVA
Friday, September 9, 2016**

Civitan Park, 1150 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, Alabama 35976
Doors open at 10 a.m.; lunch begins at 11 a.m. CDT
Free to retirees and one guest each; additional guests are \$9 each.

For reservations:

Email sjbryson@tva.gov or phone toll-free 1-877-335-1222

Please provide your name, spouse/guest name, phone number, and address so we can reach you if we have questions.

NOTE: INVITATIONS WILL NOT BE MAILED.

Reservation Deadline: September 6, 2016

For more information, visit www.tvara.org.

