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TVA Setting Industry Standard for Safe Storage of Coal Ash

By **SCOTT TURNBOW**, TVA Vice President of Civil Projects

TVA is working hard to be the industry standard-bearer for the safe storage and management of coal-combustion residuals, or what is commonly referred to as coal ash, the byproduct of burning coal.



SCOTT TURNBOW

For decades, coal plants helped power the economies of communities across our nation. Now, we must work collectively to manage the legacy of those plants in a safe, responsible and comprehensive way.

At TVA, we are committed to doing just that. We have invested more than \$2 billion to date to ensure our processes for storing coal ash are state

of the art, including extensive monitoring of groundwater and other technology at all our sites. Our groundwater-monitoring data is publicly available continuously on our website to help keep everyone informed.

TVA experts in engineering and the environment manage a “coal-ash mission control,” also known as the Advanced Technology for Impoundment Monitoring (ATIM), to monitor the stability and operation of our coal-ash sites 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The ATIM center is the only one of its kind in the nation. This facility can

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After Retirement, Appreciation Increases for TVARA’s, TVA’s Values

By **DeWITT BURLESON**
TVARA Valleywide President

From the day I retired and began attending our retiree association’s meetings, I have increasingly become more appreciative of our organization, the people before us who developed and cared for it over the years, and those individuals who put their energy into it today.

Older people, senior citizens, elders, whatever term you choose, are often a source of counsel and guidance for the generations coming along after us. (You know you are old when the candles cost more than the cake.)

Past experiences and learning, however achieved, can be a valuable resource to children, grandchildren, and others.

As retirees, we still learn from each other, and I am always pleased to work with people who have strengths in areas I do not.

Among our retiree population, there are many wise and talented people. Those resources are much more effective when we work together.

TVARA chapter officers are people you worked with who now work diligently to welcome retirees of all ages and have programs of interest. It is a good place to meet old friends and reconnect.

I find that retirees also enjoy being members because they receive the benefits of relevant information and have a voice through the

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Shelton appointed to TVARS Board

By **JUSTIN VINEYARD**, Senior Retirement Consultant & TVARA Liaison, TVA Retirement

Effective Aug. 19, TVA appointed Tina Shelton to the TVA Retirement System Board, filling the Director position most recently held by Chris Hinton.

Shelton joined TVA in 2016 and now serves as TVA’s Vice President, Total Rewards, over compensation, health, wellbeing, and benefits. In addition to her 40 years of experience in the energy industry, she also has

served more than 25 years in various governance and oversight roles, including responsibilities for pension and 401(k) plan administration and investment management.

In the recent TVARS Board election, TVA employees voted to re-elect Jim Hovious, Engineer, Generators & Exciters, Power Operations,

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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.

TVA NEWS & NOTES

The following news items were submitted to TVARA News by TVA's Internal Communications department:

Magazine tabs TVA winner in economic development

Bringing jobs and investment to the Tennessee Valley is part of TVA's central mission to make life better for the people in its region. Because of the exceptional efforts of TVA's Economic Development team to fulfill this vital responsibility, Site Selection magazine has recognized TVA as one of the top 20 utilities in Economic Development in 2019.

TVA was selected from more than 3,300 electric utilities nationwide for the award, and this year marks the 14th consecutive year TVA has received this honor.

"It's very gratifying to receive this recognition, and we are proud to know that we are making a difference for the people we serve," says Heidi Smith, TVA General Manager, Global Business. "Economic development is fundamental to TVA's mission of service, and our team is committed to furthering that mission by helping to foster growth in the Valley."

Economic Development works to attract new jobs and investment to the Valley, engage with existing industries, and serve with our partners to help facilitate economic growth.

In fiscal year 2018, TVA created 65,400 jobs and made a record \$11.3 billion in investment by attracting businesses to the Valley. These investments include major projects such as Facebook and Mazda-Toyota. Mazda-Toyota plans to create 4,000 jobs at its new \$1.4-billion plant in Huntsville, Ala.

"Product development continues to be a focus area, with TVA's InvestPrep site-readiness initiative helping to spur \$1 billion in capital investment from 73 announced projects — including 16 new plant locations," Smith says.

She notes that community-development programs also play an important role in TVA's Economic Development.

"Our community development programs, such as the Rural Leadership Institute, Valley Workforce Institute, Young Talent Initiative, Community Livability, and Valley Sustainable Communities, help support our local community partners to

be better prepared for economic success. This goes hand-in-hand with our ability to provide low-cost, clean, and reliable power, in attracting major companies to the Valley."

TVA's EnergyRight Solutions team contributed to TVA's placement in the top 20, as it continues to offer incentives to help business owners revitalize once-forgotten and unused spaces in new, fresh, and energy-efficient ways.

Machinist apprenticeships now filling skills gap at TVA

Electricians, pipefitters, boilermakers — almost every trade has an apprenticeship program at TVA. But when it had trouble finding machinists, TVA partnered with Northwest-Shoals Community College and Johnson Contractors to start a new training program.

Wendell Dean, TVA Machinist and Director of the apprenticeship program, coordinates between TVA and Northwest-Shoals CC to train 10 apprentices who work for TVA's Power Service Shop during the day and take night classes at the college twice a week. The apprentices are in the first year of a four-year program.

"Machinists are the only skilled craft that didn't have an apprenticeship program within TVA," Dean says. "It's about time we have one, because you can't find machinists anymore."

Watts Bar 'Bee Team' saves 25,000 bees

When Mark Porter, Nuclear Online Scheduler, saw a swarm of 25,000 bees outside the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant maintenance building, he was uniquely equipped not to panic.

"As a beekeeper, I knew the swarm had a queen, and half her colony would split off to find a new home," Porter says. "Most people's first instinct is to spray them dead, but these pollinators are crucial to our food supply and need to be saved."

So Watts Bar's "Bee Team" took action.

To prevent injuries, especially for workers with allergies, the Watts Bar team first roped off the area. Then, Porter was able to educate curious — and some fearful — employees on bee behaviors.

“Bees in a swarm are less likely to sting because there’s no hive to protect,” he says. “They are also too full from gorging on honey before making the long trip to an unknown destination, to bend their bodies enough to sting.”

Watts Bar halted any kind of work that could potentially release pesticide or herbicide into the air. They then reached out to Billy Thedford, a local beekeeper who brought in a special swarm box to relocate the bees to a new home.

Together, Thedford and Porter gently brushed the bees into the special box using a turkey

feather. Once captured, Thedford relocated the swarm to a new hive at his home in Spring City, about 8.5 miles upriver from the plant. Thedford planned to split the Watts Bar bee colony into additional hives after that. Within a few years, the goal is for the bees to multiply into dozens of stable colonies that can be positioned in different locations across Rhea County — benefiting the entire community.

Sturgeon surgin’ in Valley waters

The North American lake sturgeon — a giant bony-plated fish that dates back to the time of the dinosaurs — disappeared from the waters of the Tennessee Valley due to

overfishing coupled with poor water quality and habitat changes.

For the last 20 years, TVA Aquatic Zoologist David Matthews has been working with other federal and state agencies to get the massive, bottom-feeding fish on the “river to recovery,” reintroducing the ancient creatures to the depths of the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers.

“This is one of the biggest fish-conservation initiatives in the country right now,” Matthews says. “It’s one thing to stock fish in a creek. Stocking more than 300 miles of river

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immediately identify and respond to any coal-ash situation before it becomes an issue. It receives real-time data every five minutes from more than 16,000 sensors across the Tennessee Valley. These sensors report everything from weather patterns to seismic activity to structural stability.

TVA also uses compaction technology and cutting-edge 3D technology to map each layer of coal ash that is laid into a landfill, so engineers can analyze the safety and stability of each storage site for decades to come.

And as much as possible, we will repurpose coal ash by selling the material to companies that recycle it into products like cement and concrete and drywall. As much as 35 to 40 percent of the coal ash we produce each year is recycled for

beneficial use. That’s millions of tons of coal ash that is not placed in one of our dry-storage landfills.

As we consider the future of our sites and of decisions surrounding them, we believe customization is key. There is no “one size fits all” approach for coal-ash management, which is why we invest considerable time studying and examining a number of factors at each site, such as the science, the geology, and the economics. We also coordinate with the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation regarding environmental considerations and analysis, as well as regulators in Kentucky and Alabama.

The most important part of this process is hearing from members of the public—our friends and neighbors. We have launched a public-outreach effort across the communities we serve to keep everyone informed and

engaged on our coal-ash storage and management.

We are holding meetings at our sites with our subject-matter experts to help everyone better understand our efforts and to answer any questions. And we’re creating independent citizens-advisory groups to provide two-way communications at every site. We want everyone to understand and have confidence in our plans for the long-term management of coal ash.

The Tennessee Valley is our home. We are committed to being a good steward of the environment and to being a good neighbor.

We will continue to invest in the future of safe, reliable, clean, and affordable energy that includes the responsible management of coal ash.

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Chattanooga, as a Director, with a new three-year term running from Nov. 1, 2019, to Oct. 31, 2022.

The carryover term of Allen Stokes, seventh Director on the TVARS Board, ended Oct. 31, 2019. The seventh Director position is held by a TVA retiree selected by the other six board members.

The TVARS Board has narrowed its review to a select few candidates and is continuing to discuss these candidates with the goal of selecting a new seventh Director retiree in the near future. Once selected, the term of the new seventh Director will be for the remaining amount of time of the current three-year term from the effective date of the selection to Oct. 31, 2021.

Financial Update

TVARS reports that for the calendar year to date as of Sept. 30, investments had earned 12.8 percent. Continuing the positive investment performance of 2019, assets rose to about \$8 billion. The system’s annualized returns over the past three, five, and 10-year periods have been 7.4, 5.7, and 7.9 percent, respectively.

Open Enrollment Ending Soon for Medicare Retirees

By **JERRY LONDON**, Senior Program Manager, TVA Healthcare Plans

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Open Enrollment for Medicare plans began Oct. 15 and will be ending Dec. 7.

Make sure you review any materials your current plans sent you such as the Evidence of Coverage and Annual Notice of Change. Ensure your plans will still meet your needs for 2019.

If you don't want to make any changes, you don't need to do anything. You will remain in the plans in which you currently are enrolled.

If you are enrolled in a plan through Via Benefits and want to make a change or are interested in learning more about the options available to you, call Via Benefits toll-free at 1-844-620-5725 by Dec. 7.

IMPORTANT: *As a reminder, if you are a TVA retiree or the surviving dependent of a TVA retiree and do not remain enrolled in a medical plan through Via Benefits, any dependents covered on a TVA group medical plan (that is, 80-percent Preferred Provider Organization or Consumer-Directed Health Plan) will be removed from coverage, and any TVA Contribution or TVA Healthcare Credit will no longer be provided.*

What's New for 2020 in Non-Medicare Benefits

Retirees or their dependents who are not yet eligible for Medicare will see some changes in the TVA-sponsored Medical Plan for 2020. Specifically, the following changes will be in effect starting Jan. 1:

1. Acupuncture covered in medical plans

Acupuncture will be covered under the TVA/BCBST medical plans (both the 80-percent Preferred Provider Organization or Consumer-Directed Health Plan). Applicable deductibles, coverage limits, co-pays, and co-insurance will apply. The American Medical Association and other associations of medical professionals have recognized acupuncture as a legitimate medical treatment. Research has shown acupuncture to be effective at treating a variety of conditions, including pain, nausea, and headaches.

2. Changes in Consumer-Directed Health Plan

The CDHP in-network deductible will increase from \$1,350

Individual/\$2,700 Family to \$1,400 Individual/\$2,800 Family as mandated by the IRS. Deductibles for out-of-network services will not change.

3. Increase in maximum contribution for Health Savings Accounts

The maximum annual HSA contribution from all sources (that is, TVA contribution plus member contributions) will increase to \$3,550 Individual coverage/\$7,100 Family coverage as mandated by the IRS. If you are age 55 or older, you also can make additional "catch-up" contributions. The maximum annual catch-up contribution is \$1,000, beginning in the year you turn 55.

Need more information?

For more information about the plans available to you, see the "Medical Plan 2020" booklet mailed to your home or visit tva.com/retireportal.

— JERRY LONDON

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

Did you recently change your email address or phone number? If so, go to mytvara.org/your-current-membership-information/ and correct the appropriate data. If you have changed your home address recently, notify the TVA Retirement System in writing. Also, you can change your home address through the Bank of New York Mellon website: bnym.accessmyretirement.com.



Retiree Dental Plan Open Enrollment Ending Dec. 6

By **JERRY LANDON**, Senior Program Manager, TVA Healthcare Plans

The open-enrollment period for the retiree dental plan available through Delta Dental of Tennessee will end Dec. 6. Coverage will be effective Jan. 1.

TVA retirees (or spouses of deceased retirees) are eligible to enroll if they receive monthly retirement benefits from the TVA Retirement System, the Civil Service Retirement System, or the Federal Employees Retirement System.

The monthly premiums for 2020 will be \$33.42 for individual coverage and \$78.87 for family coverage. Premium payment options are explained in the enrollment package.

Retirees who were enrolled in this plan previously and have since cancelled their coverage cannot re-enroll in the plan.

Enrollment packages are available at tva.com/retireeportal (see Health Care Benefits) or by emailing Delta Dental at TVAEnrollment@deltadentaltn.com. Be sure to review the enrollment package carefully. Return your enrollment form directly to Delta Dental.

Questions? Call Delta Dental toll-free at
1-800-223-3104

TVARS Going Green with Direct-Deposit Statements

Beginning February 2020, the TVA Retirement System will change the frequency of direct-deposit statement mailings.

Retirees and beneficiaries will receive a direct-deposit statement via mail each January and then in any month their deposit amount changes for any reason. This will help TVARS continue to administer the system efficiently and reduce waste. TVARS encourages retirees and beneficiaries to register to view their information online at bnym.accessmyretirement.com.

What is not changing?

- Your monthly retirement benefit will continue to be deposited to your bank account on the last business day of each month.
- Your monthly retirement-benefit amounts are not impacted by the change to monthly statements.
- You will continue to receive a direct-deposit statement by mail in January each year.
- Your tax form 1099-R will continue to be mailed each year by Jan. 31.
- Use of the BNY Mellon website is optional. Paper forms will still be accepted for making changes.
- The TVARS staff is still there to help you.

What are the benefits of accessing my information online?

- **Saves Time** – Get instant access to your direct-deposit statement and other online services, including tax-withholding information.
- **Saves Money** – Going green helps ensure retirement security for you and future generations by saving printing and mailing costs.
- **Reduces Environmental Impact** – Online statements decrease our carbon footprint by using less paper and ink.
- **Increases Security** – Online statements are encrypted, and only you have access.
- **Provides On-the-Go Access** – Because statements are available online, you can view them at any time from your computer, tablet, or smartphone.

How do I access all of my direct-deposit statements?

You have access to your direct-deposit statements online by logging in to bnym.accessmyretirement.com and selecting Payment History. Here you will see your current and previous statements.

How do I make changes without setting up an online account?

You can still use paper forms to make changes to your address and tax-withholding and direct deposit information. Use the back of any monthly deposit statement or the forms available online at tvars.com or by calling BNY Mellon toll-free at **1-844-545-1256**. The use of the website is optional. For additional information on setting up a BNY Mellon account, visit bnym.accessmyretirement.com and select Create Account. From there, you will need your SSN and your BNY Mellon account number (starts with TVR), which can be found on your deposit statement. For assistance with setting up your account, call BNY Mellon at the toll-free number listed above.

What information can I find on the BNY Mellon website?

- View your profile and update your address information.
- Update federal and state tax-withholding elections.
- Update direct-deposit information.
- View payment information and two years of payment history.
- Access and print direct-deposit statements.
- View and print tax forms before they are mailed, and for up to three years, including corrected tax forms.
- Receive security alerts through email or text messaging, when changes occur.

Questions?

BNY Mellon representatives are on hand to answer questions about these changes by calling the toll-free number above.

Water, Water Nowhere, then Everywhere, but Picnickers Prevail

By SUZAN BOWMAN, Past President, Valleywide TVARA

The annual TVA Retiree Appreciation Picnic, with more than 1,100 registrations, was postponed due to NO water in downtown Chattanooga on Friday, Sept. 13.

That's right, Friday the 13th, when a major water-main broke.

Then, on Wednesday, Oct. 30, the rescheduled picnic was greeted with torrential downpours of rain. But no one was wet, because the luncheon was held inside the Chattanooga Convention Center, and retirees braved the rainy day to attend.

TVA retiree Dana Couch of Chattanooga said, "This is the second picnic I have attended, and getting to see fellow TVA co-workers I worked with for 20-25 years is amazing. You can just pick right up where you left off."

Justin Maierhofer, TVA Vice President of Government Relations, and Bob Deacy, TVA Senior Vice President of Generation Projects & Fleet Services, provided comments to the group.

Maierhofer thanked retirees for their many years of service to TVA and told them TVA takes its obligations to retirees very seriously, as shown by TVA's commitment of \$300 million in annual contributions to the TVA Retirement System for 20 years or until full funding is achieved.

Deacy said TVA honors and respects the work of retirees as they laid the foundation for TVA's service to the people of the Tennessee Valley, including a power system that now supplies energy for 10 million people.

He said TVA has begun to sign two-year partnership agreements with local power companies and intends to hold rates steady for the next 10 years.

He also noted that TVA's debt is the lowest it has been in 25 years and that the TVA Board has approved a new Integrated Resources Plan that will guide TVA's energy decisions over the next 20 years, including having more clean energy and reducing TVA's carbon footprint in the Valley. To date, TVA has reduced its carbon rate by 60 percent.

Deacy told the group about his efforts to preserve TVA's history and safeguard the legacy the retirees helped to create. He said he has spearheaded efforts to save the marble and other artwork that resided in the retired plants. He said many of the painted murals and the tiles of mosaics are now repurposed in visitor centers and other plants around the Valley, including the original "Built for the People of the United States" lettering from many retired fossil plants.

TVA Board Director William Kilbride attended the picnic this year and said he enjoyed meeting retirees who built the foundation of TVA that makes it great today.



From left, Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. President Jim Russell, Judy Allen, Joan Marsh, Carol Sherer

Shirley Aker (left) and Belinda Hardaway



From left, Past TVARA Valleywide President Suzan Bowman, TVA Director William Kilbride, TVARA Valleywide President DeWitt Burleson, and TVA guest speakers Bob Deacy and Justin Maierhofer



Carl Porter

Pat Brackett, outgoing TVARS Executive Secretary, thanked the group for working with him over the years and proudly pointed out that he is now a retiree himself.

Several schools from the Chattanooga area brought their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) projects, science experiments, robots, and electric-powered go karts for the retirees to see.

Retiree Pat Roza of Chattanooga commented that these students are future TVA scientists and employees who will continue the traditions of the retirees attending the picnic.

And speaking of the picnic, retirees were treated to a picnic lunch with all of the trimmings—and without all of the rain.

Next year's picnic will be held in Chattanooga on Friday Sept. 18, weather and water mains permitting.

Marva (left) and Milton Naylor



From left, Jo Anne and Neal Lavender, and Barry Simpson



Charley Spencer (left), TVA Director Kilbride, with student from area school



From left, Jeanine May, Ruth Thomas, Myra Fuller



Subir Banerji



From left, Eloise Oattes, Alice Cameron, and Patricia Baker



Larry Hancock (left) and Robert Carpenter



School exhibits



Elba Lue and John Blackwell



Willie Brown



Don and Charlotte Albritton



Past TVARA Valleywide President Tom Swanson



Jim, Carolyn Dodson Named BVI Volunteers of the Year

By KRISTIN DAVIS

Jim and Carolyn Dodson were named Volunteers of the Year at the 2019 BVI Awards Banquet in September in Chattanooga. The Dodsons volunteer at the TVA visitor centers for Raccoon Mountain Pumped-Storage Plant and Fontana Dam.

“Jim and Carolyn always bring their A-game to whatever they are doing,” Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. President Jim Russell said in presenting the award.

“When they talk to visitors at the centers, they give it everything they’ve got to make it a good experience for the visitors. No one cares more about our efforts at the visitor centers than Jim and Carolyn Dodson.”

In addition to the Dodsons, many other retirees were honored at the awards banquet.

To see those awards, along with photos of the honorees, go to mybvi.org/wp/jim-carolyn-dodson-named-volunteers-of-the-year/.



Jim & Carolyn Dodson

Rollin' on the Danube...

By LARRY EDWARDS



Last winter, my wife, Linda, and I booked a river cruise in Europe to sail from Nuremberg, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary, in May on Viking River Cruises.

Neither of us had been on a river cruise, and we wanted to experience something new. We also booked a three-day pre-cruise visit to Prague, Czech Republic — but I get ahead of myself.

Before you start your adventure, you have to get there. That's where the fun began. We flew to Dulles International Airport in D.C., and despite a shorter-than-recommended connection, we boarded our plane for an overnighter to Brussels, Belgium.

Really good. Smooth flight, and lots of airline "food." With a couple of hours in Brussels to stretch our legs, we were feeling good about the flight to Prague, despite the lack of sleep. We found our gate and settled down for a few minutes before boarding our plane to Prague — or so we thought.

Soon, the departure boards in the airport all glared with "cancelled" by every departing flight. After finding someone

who spoke English, we found out the air-traffic-control-center personnel had declared a strike and would not resume operation until 1 p.m. or so. No flight to Prague until late evening.

However, after we stood in the middle of a mob for a couple of hours, the nice attendant said she could get us to Paris on the first flight after service resumed, and from there we could get a flight to Prague.

Fat chance! The Paris flight was further delayed, but eventually we got to Paris just in time to see the doors to our flight to Prague close to further boarding.



In Prague, Larry and Linda Edwards near Old Town Square at astronomical clock that dates back to 1410 and features a "Walk of the Apostles," which occurs each hour in windows above the clock

The stunning Schonbuhel Castle sits above the Danube River along the Wachau Valley of Austria.





Jewish cemetery in Prague has stacked tombstones resulting from burials in layers up to 12-deep.



Buildings along a street in Prague's Jewish Quarter.



After two tiring hikes back and forth between terminals in de Gaulle Airport, we were put on a flight to Prague that would get us there about midnight.

Only one more problem — we did not know if those in charge of our hotel transfer, courtesy of Viking, had any idea where we were. Never fear. When we deplaned, there stood a driver with a sign that read “Edwards.” Never has a cab driver looked so good! (And I won't mention our luggage brouhaha.)

The buildings in the ghetto were quite nice, but the crowding was extreme, and the Jews could not go outside the ghetto after dark during the Nazi occupation.

Jews were buried inside the city walls, and one cemetery in particular contained grave sites 12-deep. When one level was filled, more soil was brought in, and additional burials were added atop the previous ones. Tombstones simply were stacked on top of each other as the burials grew higher.



Prague is a beautiful city, full of old-world charm and tourists. But the thing that had the most impact on us was a walking guided tour through the Jewish ghetto.

Early weapons displayed in the Lobkowitz Palace collection in Prague

One of the more remarkable venues in Prague was the Lobkowitz Palace and its collection of art and music. Autographed scores of the music of Beethoven and Mozart and art by a large number of the world's most favored painters fill each room in the palace.

During the Nazi and Soviet occupation, most of the Lobkowitz collections were stolen and taken to Berlin and other cities. The remarkable restoration of most of the collections after the Soviets left Prague is another story in

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View from Lobkowitz Palace, overlooking Prague



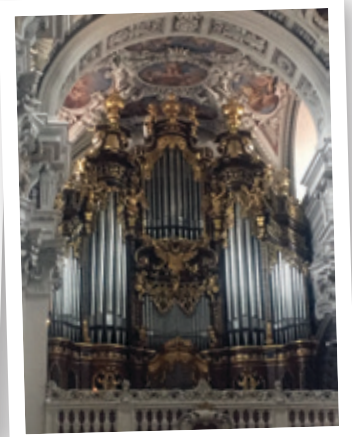
View from the Charles Bridge in Prague



View of flooding on the Danube river in Passau



Our Lady of Buda Cathedral in Budapest



St. Stephen's Cathedral in Passau has the world's largest cathedral organ, with a total of 17,774 pipes.

itself. Suffice it to say that the displays are magnificent.

Among our memorable experiences in Prague was going to an observation deck built high on a communication tower, from which we had a beautiful view of the metropolitan area near sundown. Apartment developments nearby were basically rectangular in plan, featuring large open courtyards with playgrounds and parks established to provide residents some semblance of nature.

After our time in Prague, we boarded a bus to Nuremburg, to board our longboat. Nuremburg was a center of Nazi activity before and during World War II. After the war, it was the site of the war-crime trials of several Nazi leaders.

Many buildings of the era are still standing, including some that were never finished to their original use and are used for storage by the government.

We boarded our longboat and prepared for our voyage south to Budapest. The waterway at that point was the canal connecting the Main River, which flows north, and the Danube river, which flows south.

In order to cross the highland between the two rivers, 16 locks were built, with a total lift from north to south of 574 feet and a total fall of 223 feet, the difference being explained by the fact that the Danube originates at a higher elevation than does the Main.

Despite my 33 years with TVA, I had never been through a lock. I made up for that absence by going through 11 locks on our journey south.

We sailed south through Regensburg and on to Passau, a city set in the valley at the confluence of three major rivers (Danube, Inn, and Ilz), and the site of frequent major flooding. In fact, on the day we were there, intense rainfall above the city caused major flooding, and the water level rose several feet, which triggered our next travel dilemma.

When the river rises significantly, the clearance under a major highway bridge is too low for a longboat to pass. However, an identical Viking boat was downstream of the bridge headed north, so each boat docked at a special docking facility, and the entire passenger complement of both packed luggage and were moved by staff to the other boat in a "boat-swap."



Edwards talks with friends as longboat passes through one of 16 locks on the Main-Danube canal.



Buda Castle in Budapest



St. Peter's Cathedral in Regensburg was completed in 1320 (one of Europe's best-preserved cathedrals).

And since the boats were identical, everyone went to the same stateroom number they previously had on the original boat and continued with their voyage.

Following the boat exchange, we traveled down the Danube and through the Wachau Valley, an absolutely stunning display of beauty, vineyards, and abbeys built during the 15th to 18th centuries. In particular, the Gottweig Abbey has been producing wine since 1083.

The next day found us in Vienna, Austria, the city of Mozart and countless musicians and composers and coffeehouses in abundance. Near the government complex, a spirited rally was underway to express feelings toward environmental issues.



Statue of Maria Theresa, the only female ruler of the Hapsburg Empire, in Vienna



Interior view of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna

One of the gorgeous attractions in Vienna is the Schonbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Hapsburg dynasty. Construction began in 1569, and continual additions were built through 1775. This facility was envisioned to rival the France's Chateau de Versailles.

Again, Vienna is a beautiful city with buildings and cathedrals of great magnificence.

And then we docked in Budapest, a city which straddles the Danube and consists of the previous cities of Buda on the high ground and Pest (pronounced "pesht"), which occupies the low ground.

Our longboat was docked on the Pest side of the river, with a magnificent view of the highlands across the river toward Buda.

Budapest, the capital of Hungary, suffered under Nazi occupation, as did virtually all of the area we visited on the cruise. One of the most poignant reminders of the Nazi era was near the area where we were docked.

Many Jews were slaughtered here, as well as in the previous cities we visited. There was a reminder of the ruthlessness of that era that was heartbreaking. Many were simply lined up along the Danube and shot by German soldiers, and

their bodies fell into the river. There is a display of shoes representing the people killed along that section of dock as a reminder of the brutality that occurred during the occupation.

Our journey ended with one more travel shock — a 3:30 a.m. wakeup call to take the bus to the airport for our return flights. There were no more missed flights, strikes, or other misfortunes to impede our return.

Our longboat had about 190 passengers and was a terrific way to visit many countries without having to deal with 2,500 to 3,000 fellow travelers as is the situation with the majority of ocean liners. Also, with a limited number of passengers, there are frequent opportunities to dine with many different passengers and share experiences with them.

Linda and I highly recommend river cruising as a relaxing way to enjoy beauty in all its forms.

(Larry Edwards, a graduate of the University of Tennessee in Civil Engineering, had a 33-year career at TVA, beginning in 1959 and ending with his retirement in 1992. He started in the Construction division and managed various estimating and budget offices at the operating and corporate levels. At retirement, he was the Executive Secretary of the TVA Retirement System.)



Northeast Alabamians, Others Like To Meet at Mud Creek

By LARRY HANCOCK, President, Northeast Alabama TVARA Chapter

It's all about Mud Creek! That's the restaurant in Hollywood, Ala., that is the mainstay of the Northeast Alabama Chapter of TVARA Retirees.

Our chapter meets for a luncheon at 11 a.m. on the second Tuesdays of March, June, September, and December. Our meetings are always held at Mud Creek Restaurant. This restaurant is a local favorite specializing in barbeque and catfish.

Each meeting is held to enjoy a good meal and socialize and reminisce with our former workmates. Everyone enjoys telling old stories and even making new friends with those they didn't work with or know before.

Former job titles don't matter. We all enjoy rubbing elbows with each other.

Before the meal, a very short business session is held to keep everyone informed as to what is happening with the TVA Retirement System and TVARA or other issues that someone wants to discuss.

Each luncheon is Dutch Treat, except for our December luncheon. We consider this meeting our Christmas meeting, and the chapter pays for the entire meal and tip for each member plus one guest.

Our attendance is usually 50-60, but sometimes it's all the room will hold. Also, at each meeting, all the names of those present go into a pot, and one winner is selected to receive a \$25 door prize.



Our chapter has more than 400 members. They come from a variety of workplaces.

Most either worked at Widows Creek Fossil Plant or Bellefonte Nuclear Plant. However, others worked at the Chattanooga Office Complex, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant or Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. Still others are from Nickajack, Tims Ford, or Guntersville dams, or Raccoon Mountain Pumped-Storage Plant.

Still others worked at switchyards or for line crews.

Our chapter's name is Northeast Alabama, but our members live in Jackson, DeKalb, Madison, and Marshall counties in Alabama, in Marion and Sequatchie counties in Tennessee, and in Dade County in Georgia. Obviously, our name is deceiving.

In addition to my serving as Chapter President, our officers this year are John Mashburn, Vice President; John Kirk, Treasurer; and Ilena Holder, Secretary.

I have an email list of more than 300 of our members. I contact them only when something of importance to our retirees comes up between our meetings.

If I don't have your email address, let me know. My email address is lah35772@gmail.com.

Visit our Facebook site, which is TVA Retirees Association N.E. Alabama Chapter.

Come join us at your next opportunity. you won't regret it!



Northeast Alabama meetings feature fun, fellowship, catfish, and barbecue.



Those attending a December meeting included — who else? — Santa Claus.



WASHINGTON UPDATE

Mr. Lyash Goes to Washington To Boost TVA's Status

By **JUSTIN MAIERHOFER**, TVA Vice President, Government Relations



JUSTIN MAIERHOFER

Nearly a year into the 116th Congress, Republicans and Democrats in the House and Senate continue to struggle to find common ground.

In what has become common practice, both sides were forced into a temporary agreement to prevent a shutdown and keep the government funded through Nov. 21. All eyes remained on leadership to see if a more permanent deal would be struck.

Both Democratic Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell expressed optimism that a funding deal could be reached. However, the upcoming 2020 elections and the presidential-impeachment proceedings sent Washington into a stalemate that could result in yet another longstanding continuing resolution, forcing the Senate to maintain its primary focus on presidential-appointment confirmations.

TVA has seen a great deal of movement on its own presidential appointees to the TVA Board throughout this past year. On Feb. 28, the Senate voted to confirm John Ryder of Memphis to fill the Board seat expiring May 18, 2021.

After Ryder was confirmed, the nine-member TVA Board had one remaining

vacancy. That vacancy was filled by William Kilbride of Chattanooga. Kilbride was appointed by President Trump on March 6 and confirmed by the Senate on Aug. 1. His term will expire May, 18, 2023.

Two seats held by Directors Virginia Lodge and Ronald Walter expired May 18, 2019, but both Board members can serve through the end of this session of Congress, which concludes on Jan. 2.

As of early November, President Trump had not made an announcement on the nominees to begin the Senate confirmation process; however, the current TVA Board holds a quorum and will continue to work alongside Jeff Lyash toward TVA's plans for the future.

Lyash, our new President and Chief Executive Officer, hit the ground running after starting at TVA in April. In his first six months he traveled extensively throughout the Tennessee Valley to speak with stakeholders, customers, and employees alike to ensure a better understanding of TVA operations.

TVA's Government Relations team has been working hard to introduce Lyash to every member of Congress who represents TVA ratepayers. Through October, Lyash had had the opportunity to introduce himself to more than half of the representatives

and senators who represent the seven states TVA serves.

These meetings are meant to build strong relationships with these congressional members and provide a platform to discuss issues important to specific regions within the Valley.

Lyash also uses each meeting to outline some of TVA's more long-term plans for the future, such as the Integrated Resource Plan and long-range financial plan.

In addition, during his last visit to D.C. in September, he spent time with congressional members discussing TVA's new proposal that gives our Local Power Company customers the option to extend contracts to 20-year commitments in exchange for overall savings.

At present, TVA has signed more than 130 of these 20-year partnerships with our LPCs, and our elected officials have continued to signal their support over the strength of the public-power model in the Valley. Continued support for both would ensure more security for future planning and business development.

While Lyash continues to meet with many elected officials, our Government Relations team remains focused on giving all of our delegation members the opportunity to share their thoughts on issues important to the constituents of the Valley.

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system from Knoxville to Guntersville, Ala., takes it to a whole new level. We are really seeing signs that populations are growing across both the Cumberland and Tennessee watersheds."

Sturgeon are huge, primitive fish that can reach lengths of 15 feet and are believed to have been swimming on the planet for

200 million years. It is not uncommon for them to live 150 years. Hanging from their chins are whisker-like barbels that help them search for fish, mussels, and aquatic insects from the river bottom.

Decades ago, TVA dams impacted the ability of these fish to thrive. But with careful study, changes in TVA river-

management practices and introduction of TVA oxygenation systems, Matthews is seeing progress. "It's come full circle, and now we are on the leading edge helping restore the population," he says.

Matthews is cautious, but hopeful the river-wide reintroduction will be a long-term success.

In Memoriam

Aug. 1, 2019 – Oct. 31, 2019

TVA Retirement Management received notifications of the deaths of the following retirees for the period Aug. 1, 2019, through Oct. 31, 2019, as well as other previously unreported deaths. They are listed with the date of death (and date of retirement). To report the death of a retiree, please call the TVA Retirement System toll-free at 1-800-824-3870.

Alsop, H. Loyne, 9/17/2019 (1/6/2007)	Dougherty, Joe M., 10/7/2019 (1/5/1999)	Kincaid, Dorothy L., 8/14/2019 (6/2/1990)	Record, Barton H., 8/5/2019 (2/22/1984)
Anderson, Bobby H., 8/23/2019 (10/17/1994)	Eaves, David L., 10/4/2019 (9/1/1988)	Landreth, Harold A., 10/14/2019 (1/5/2008)	Robinson, Harmon D., 9/7/2019 (10/1/1988)
Bair, Gary G., 8/27/2019 (8/3/2004)	Edwards, Roy C., 9/1/2019 (4/2/1983)	Layton, Frank B., 8/1/2019 (2/13/1988)	Sanner, Raymond E., 7/25/2019 (1/4/2003)
Bergman, Mark T., 10/13/2019 (7/1/2016)	Fields, Travis G., 8/10/2019 (10/17/1994)	Lundy, Donald Ray, II, 9/15/2019 (1/13/2015)	Satterfield, Edward E., 9/19/2019 (1/7/2003)
Berry, James D., 10/27/2019 (6/15/1991)	Fugate, Reed H., 10/25/2019 (10/17/1994)	McDonald, Rodger E., 10/16/2019 (8/29/2003)	Schiffbauer, Betty E., 6/6/2019 (3/23/1991)
Bevis, Madeline W., 10/4/2019 (8/16/1988)	Fuller, Loyce M., 8/25/2019 (4/5/1986)	McGowan, C. Larry, 8/15/2019 (10/5/1985)	Schiffbauer, Earl J., Jr., 8/19/2019 (10/10/1990)
Blankenship, Lois H., 9/1/2019 (8/27/1988)	Gamble, Mike D., 9/2/2019 (5/11/2004)	Miller, James E., 10/1/2019 (9/3/2005)	Shane, Richard M., 8/19/2019 (6/3/2000)
Boyd, Levon, 10/4/2019 (10/23/2007)	Harden, Wanda Faye 8/14/2019 (9/27/1997)	Miller, Samuel H., 8/31/2019 (10/20/1990)	Smith, Richard D., 8/10/2019 (1/5/2008)
Bryant, William H., 10/26/2019 (10/17/1994)	Hatley, Milburn N., 7/25/2019 (8/18/1984)	Moore, Clement D., 10/14/2019 (8/16/2014)	Snoddy, Charles E., 9/20/2019 (4/5/1994)
Burgess, Gary R., 8/24/2019 (7/10/2004)	Hatmaker, Carl W., 9/9/2019 (10/1/1988)	Moran, Thomas A., 7/29/2019 (12/31/2004)	Standifer, Doyle, 9/27/2019 (3/13/1999)
Burnett, Carl C., 9/6/2019 (11/25/1989)	Hayden, Marion H., 7/26/2019 (8/12/1989)	Mosier, John W., Jr., 10/17/2019 (9/9/2000)	Thatcher, Martha O., 8/21/2019 (1/3/1987)
Carter, Charles L., 8/31/2019 (1/9/2006)	Heidel, Clarence D., Jr., 9/22/2019 (3/6/2004)	Norris, Herbert W., 9/17/2019 (4/11/1998)	Thomas, Jerry, 10/11/2019 (2/4/1995)
Cash, Edward L., 10/3/2019 (8/28/1986)	Henderson, Nancy L., 9/4/2019 (10/1/1996)	O'Connor, Robert H., Jr., 10/14/2019 (1/6/2007)	Thomas, Orval H., 9/13/2019 (1/1/1995)
Caylor, John H., Jr., 10/12/2019 (6/25/1994)	Holowach, James P., 7/21/2019 (10/17/1994)	Peveler, William Trent, 8/15/2019 (3/2/2019)	Waller, Sammy T., Jr., 9/21/2019 (10/17/1994)
Crowson, Herman M., 7/26/2019 (10/1/1988)	Inman, Roy H., Jr., 8/11/2019 (6/4/1993)	Phibbs, William W., 8/7/2019 (10/1/1988)	Whitaker, Ray B., 8/3/2019 (5/6/2000)
Davis, William L., 9/23/2019 (7/12/2006)	Jarrell, Mona S., 10/4/2019 (8/13/1975)	Pippin, Peggy A., 10/11/2019 (1/1/1997)	Whitehead, Charles W., 10/13/2019 (10/7/2013)
Ditzer, Charlene H., 10/7/2019 (10/5/2011)	Jeffries, Franklin D., 10/15/2019 (1/10/2004)	Pittman, Harold B., 8/12/2019 (3/29/1992)	Williams, Wanda S., 10/26/2019 (10/1/1988)
Dodd, Jackie L., 8/28/2019 (5/3/2003)	Jones, Martin Glenn, 8/25/2019 (6/26/1982)	Pittman, John R., 10/1/2019 (11/2/1991)	Wood, Robert L., Jr., 0/31/2019 (10/2/2001)
Dossey, James D., 10/17/2019 (10/1/1988)	Keith, George A., 9/10/2019 (1/1/1993)	Poe, Michael L., 10/9/2019 (4/3/1990)	Wright, Woodven C., 9/16/2019 (2/24/1979)

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association. Many retirees of other employers do not have such an organization

Throughout my years at TVA, there were RIFs and downsizings of varying scale. These were not pleasant times for anyone. Some employees took early-out incentives and left contented, while other talented staff members, unfortunately, left unwillingly.

Please do not hesitate to participate in our retiree events due to unpleasant feelings about the way your employment ended.

People who worked together still have warm feelings and enjoy seeing each other regardless.

For \$15 a year, the benefits of TVARA membership are greater than the cost. If you are not currently a member, please see the newsletter article on page 16 on Dues Notices for 2020 and renew your membership.

For more than 52 years, our chapters have flourished because retirees join and infuse ideas and energy into the organization.

Your ideas and energy are welcome. I have been privileged to serve as TVARA Valleywide President for the past three years. It has been a pleasure to get to know and work with the officers of our 20 chapters throughout the Tennessee Valley.

Beginning in January, Vickie Ellis will become President, and your retiree association will continue to work for your interest in the future.

It is reassuring to know that an organization comprised of the talents of former TVA employees is there for me and you.

Upcoming December 2019 Chapter Meetings

BROWNS FERRY

December 10, 2019, Noon

*Catfish Cabin Restaurant,
Athens, Ala.*

- Discuss November TVARA Board Meeting
- Terry Chinn, President
256-230-3660/terryandjanachinn@yahoo.com

CHATTANOOGA

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

*Brainerd United Methodist Church
4315 Brainerd Road*

- 10 a.m. – Meet 'n' Greet
- 10:30 a.m. – Program
- Wrap Christmas gifts for Chambliss Center Children's Home

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

CLEVELAND

December 13, 2019, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Golden Corral Restaurant,
350 Stuart Road NE*

- Program: Annual Christmas Luncheon
- Guest Speaker: TBD
- Chapter dues will be collected by the Chapter Treasurer

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

FLORIDA

Charles L. "Chuck" Bach, President
865-414-0313/1wxman1@gmail.com

GALLATIN

December 11, 2019, Noon

*Gallatin Public Library,
East Main Street*

- Holiday Luncheon: Chapter members please bring a dish
 - Entertainment: Holiday Music Sing-Along
- Ronnie "Blue" Monday, President
615-325-9473/ronniemonday@att.net

HUNTSVILLE

December 12, 2019, 10 a.m.

*First Baptist Church, Governor's Drive,
East Entrance Door Code 53158,
Parlor Meeting Room*

- Brief Business Session
 - Election of Chapter Officers for 2020
 - Christmas Luncheon
- Betty Fischer, President
256-830-0528/zharv@bellsouth.net

JACKSON

December 11, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

*Southwest Electric Membership Corp.
1590 Highway 70E*

- Christmas Program & Luncheon
 - Bring a gift for needy children
- Alan Campbell, President
731-988-8814/abcjax@eplus.net

JOHNSONVILLE

December 19, 2019, 10 a.m.

County and Western Steakhouse, Camden, Tenn.

- Speaker: Eddie Mullinax, discussing demolition of Johnsonville Fossil Plant
 - Program: TBA
- Leroy Uptain Jr., President
931-535-2696/lrfarms@tds.net

KINGSTON

December 9, 2019, 10:45 a.m.

*Kingston Community Center,
201 Patton Ferry Road*

- Program: Officer Elections
 - Review of November Board Meeting Minutes
- Marcus C. Melton Jr., President
865-388-3919/mcmelton@nxs.net

KNOXVILLE

December 12, 2019, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

*The Foundry on the Fairsite,
747 World's Fair Park Drive*

- Holiday Luncheon, \$12 per person
 - Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.
 - Call 1-877-335-1222 to RSVP by **Dec. 2**
 - Guest Speaker: Wilson Taylor, Vice President, TVA People First Solution Center
- Vickie L. Ellis, President
865-805-1512/vlellis@aol.com

MEMPHIS

December 16, 2019, 11 a.m.

*Steak by Melissa,
4975 Pepper Chase Drive, Southaven, Miss*

- Program: Minutes from the TVARA Board Meeting
- David L. Teuton, President
901-212-3822/davidteuton@yahoo.com

MISSISSIPPI

December 10, 2019, 10 a.m.

*Tupelo TVA Customer Service Center,
3197 Brooks Road, Belden, Miss.*

- 2020 membership dues can be paid at meeting.
 - Christmas lunch \$5 per person; RSVP to 662-231-5561 by **Dec. 3**
 - Program: Christmas music – Elvis-style
- Tim Meeks, President
256-366-2530/meekstim100@yahoo.com

MUSCLE SHOALS

December 11, 2019, 10 a.m.

Location: (THIS IS A CHANGE)
*Listerhill Credit Union Auditorium,
4790 East Second St., (across the street from
Constellium – the old Reynolds Plant)*

- Program: TVARS and Benefits Updates
- Timothy "Tim" Cornelius, President
256-757-5220/timwccornelius1@gmail.com

NASHVILLE

December 11, 2019, 10 a.m.

Picadilly Restaurant, 874 Murfreesboro Road

- Christmas Meal
- Jeff E. Gammons, President
931-729-9974/y2kunderthehill@gmail.com

NORTHEAST ALABAMA

December 10, 2019, 11 a.m.

Mud Creek Restaurant, Hollywood, Ala.

- Lunch and discuss issues
- Larry A. Hancock, President
256-437-8220/lah35772@gmail.com

PADUCAH AREA

December 17, 2019, 10 a.m.

Pizza Inn

- Program: TVARS Update
- Ken Dickerson, President
270-442-9539/kenneth.dickerson@comcast.net

PARADISE

December 10, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

*Catfish Dock,
Powderly, Ky.*

- Regular Agenda
 - Election of new officers
- Patricia E. "Pat" Cobb, President
270-338-6667/pecobb1942@att.net

UPPER EAST TENNESSEE

December 11, 2019 11:30 a.m. (Wednesday)

*Russell Chapel AME Zion Church,
307 N. Hasson St., Rogersville, Tenn.*

- Annual Christmas Luncheon; \$15 per person
 - We need accurate attendance numbers, so please **RSVP by Nov. 30** by calling Denver Bennett 423-587-6505 or Steve Caldwell 423-967-0006
 - Program: Updates and Officer Elections
- Les Bays, President
423-782-8458/lpbays1@yahoo.com

WATTS BAR

December 9, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Spring City United Methodist Church Life Center

- Christmas Music by "One Accord" Singers
 - Christmas Buffet is free for paid retirees and one guest each
 - RSVP to 423-365-9048 or by email to eddiekathleen@bellsouth.net by **Dec. 6**
- 423-365-9048/eddiekathleen@bellsouth.net

WESTERN AREA

December 4, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park

- Program: Musical entertainment by Gary Morris
 - Election of 2020 Officers, free-lunch drawing
- K. Renee Turnbow, President
270-205-5277/kturnbow@gmail.com

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



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TVARA Website, Email Addresses

Have you visited the TVARA website lately? The web address is mytvara.org. You will find information about chapter meetings, volunteer opportunities, membership, and healthcare information, as well as other news of value.

We will be sending emails to all members from time to time concerning invitations to chapter meetings, volunteer opportunities, the TVA Retiree Appreciation Picnic, Membership Dues Notices, and other important information.

Please update your address book with the following email addresses for the TVARA Staff:

Reba Whitson — rjwhitson@mytvara.org
Jean Bryson — sjbryson@mytvara.org
Richard Wilson — rtwilson@mytvara.org

Dues Notices for 2020 in Mail Next Month

By RICHARD WILSON, TVARA Valleywide Membership Program Manager

Dues Notices for 2020 will be mailed to your home during the first week of January. They will be mailed to those who have not paid dues for 2020, but have paid in the past three years.

You will not receive a Dues Notice if you have already paid dues for 2020 or beyond.

In addition to the mailed copy of the Dues Notice, you will receive a Dues Notice by email if you have not paid membership dues for 2020. This is a new process, and it is hoped someday we can replace mailing a paper copy of the Dues Notice and send an email only.

The Expiration Date for your TVARA membership (and accompanying subscription to this newsletter) is shown on the mailing label on this page, immediately above your name on the newsletter.

The Dues Notice envelope has an outside top flap that contains your Membership ID and your name and address. The inside top flap contains the reminder to pay your dues for 2020 by submitting a check for \$15, made payable to the TVA Retirees association.

You can request a **membership card** by enclosing **a self-addressed, stamped envelope**.

Detach the outside/inside flap along the perforated lines and insert inside the enclosed envelope, along with your check (**do not send cash**), and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a new membership card. If you want your spouse to become a member, please include his or her name and payment with your dues.

If you have not paid dues **in the past three years** and would like to become

a member, write a \$15 check, made payable to TVARA, and mail it to the following address:

TVA Retirees Association
WT8 C-K
400 W Summit Hill Dr
Knoxville TN 37902-9901

Civil Service Retirees also can become members of TVARA. You can do so by writing a check for \$15, made payable to TVARA, and mailing it to the above address.

Thank you for your continued support.

Online Option for Paying Dues

Did you know you can pay your membership dues through your local bank and/or credit union? Go to mytvara.org/membership/ for step-by-step instructions.