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TVARA Pushes Its Way Past Pandemic, Provides ‘Another Great Year’ of Service to Communities

By VICKIE ELLIS, TVARA Valleywide President

As this year concludes, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the chapter presidents and officers for another great year despite challenges of the pandemic.

With the help of TVA and Bicentennial Volunteers Inc., TVARA was able to contribute funding for organizations across the Tennessee Valley that provided food and other services to those in need. In lieu of hosting its

annual Valleywide picnic for retirees, TVA made contributions to 18 food pantries, educational programs, and other organizations across the Tennessee Valley. Also, with the help of BVI, several chapters impacted by the flooding in the Waverly, Tenn., area this summer contributed funding to those communities who suffered devastation. The article on page 3 highlights these great efforts.

I believe our contributions served to help and uplift those in our communities who were suffering and in need of assistance.

While most volunteer projects were curtailed, one very outstanding project worked its way to completion. The Solway Veterans Memorial project, under the direction of Reny McClain Lee, is a testament to the

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TVARS investments earn 20%-plus; new term for 7th Director Brown

By JUSTIN VINEYARD, Senior Retirement Consultant, TVA Retirement System

The TVA Retirement System reports that for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 2021, investments earned an estimated 20.3 percent.

System assets for the fiscal year ended at \$9.1 billion, after investment earnings of \$1,572 million and TVA contributions of \$300 million.

TVARS benefit payments for the fiscal year totaled about \$722 million.

The system’s annualized returns over the past three-, five-, and 10-year periods are 10.2, 9.5, and 9.2 percent, respectively. These are preliminary numbers and are subject to possible

revisions when financial statements are finalized.

Marilyn Brown Selected for New TVARS Board Term

The TVA Retirement System Board of Directors held its quarterly meeting in September and unanimously selected Marilyn Brown – who currently was serving as the board’s 7th director – to serve a new three-year term as its 7th director. Brown’s new term began Nov. 1 and runs through Oct. 31, 2024.

Brown retired in 2018 after a 27-year career with TVA, having last served

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‘Picnic’ contributions honor all TVA retirees

Eighteen local charitable agencies across the Tennessee Valley are benefiting from corporate contributions made by TVA in honor of all TVA retirees.

For the second year, with pandemic conditions preventing TVA from hosting the traditional Retiree Appreciation Picnic, TVA asked TVARA chapter presidents to recommend local agencies to receive TVA corporate contributions of \$1,000 to \$2,000 each, in honor of all retirees.

“While public-health concerns again prevented us from enjoying the annual in-person retiree picnic, we hope these contributions reflect the deep respect and appreciation TVA has for all its retirees,”

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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.

TVARA NEWS & NOTES

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

Energy efficiency: Doing right thing starts with us

TVA is passionate about energy. That starts at home by ensuring its own plants and offices are using energy as efficiently as possible.

In FY20, TVA invested \$3.31M on improvements resulting in more than \$320,000 in annual savings and 3,520 MWh in energy-consumption savings. Since 2008, TVA has reduced its energy usage by nearly 836 GWh — enough energy to power 57,000 average homes for a full year. TVA's CO2-emissions savings from these improvements was 591,500 metric tons of CO2e, which is equivalent to the emissions from 127,800 passenger vehicles driven for one year.

“As TVA works to educate others about energy efficiency, it's important that we're walking the talk,” says Daryl Williams, Manager, Commercial Energy Solutions. “The tips and strategies we regularly offer apply to all of us, both at work and at home.”

TVA EnergyRight's Internal Energy Management Program (IEMP), which identifies and implements energy- and water-conservation projects at TVA, is responsible for getting the enterprise where it needs to be regarding federal and internal energy-efficiency goals. Recent projects at Chickamauga Hydro, Southaven Combined Cycle plant, and the Kingston Powerhouse have resulted in nearly 1 GWh of annual energy savings.

“These projects reflect important partnerships between IEMP, Facilities Management, and TVA's generation sites,” says Senior Program Manager of IEMP Chris Azar. “We wouldn't see this kind of success without the support of many of our other business units as well.”

U.S. Mint coin will feature TVA

TVA's historic transformation of the Tennessee Valley will soon be engraved into U.S. currency — on new \$1 coins that recognize electrification of our region.

The U.S. Mint has announced the designs for the 2022 American Innovation \$1 Coin Program, which honors innovations and/or innovators from Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The Tennessee \$1 coin depicts a Tennessee farm with newly installed power

lines lining the road and includes “TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY” in its inscription.



TVA President/Chief Executive Officer Jeff Lyash says, “What an honor to be depicted on this new coin, which points not only to TVA's significant historical contribution and legacy, but also to the important innovation work that lies ahead of us.”

The Mint's multiyear series started in 2018, honoring innovation and innovators by issuing \$1 coins for each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories. The Mint works with the governor's office in each state, along with subject-matter experts, to determine design concepts emblematic of innovation significant and meaningful to their jurisdiction and/or its role in the nation.

For more information about the American Innovation \$1 Coin Program, including coin descriptions and images, on-sale dates and more, visit usmint.gov/learn/coin-and-medal-programs/american-innovation-dollar-coins.

TVA helping smokers put butts in right place

Did you know cigarette butts, the world's most common litter, can contain enough toxins to kill aquatic life within two gallons of surrounding water? And that they also happen to contain tightly compacted microfibers of plastic in their filters that contribute to the plastic problem in our waterways when they're inevitably washed in by rain?



No butts about it, receptacles cleaning up waterways.

That's why TVA has been working with Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful (KTNRB) on an innovative program to reduce cigarette litter in the Tennessee River and its tributaries.

As of October, 500 art-wrapped receptacles had been installed and were being maintained by partnering marinas, campgrounds, and tourism destinations across the seven-state Tennessee River watershed. The cigarette butts collected are then shipped to TerraCycle at no cost to the site managers, and the plastic is pulled from the filters to be recycled, while the rest is composted.

Some notable sites for these receptacles include every campground and marina owned by Tennessee State Parks, Land Between the Lakes, the Tennessee Aquarium, and Dollywood, which is now the first theme park in the world to recycle every cigarette butt it collects.

TerraCycle reported in August this program collected more than 71,000 cigarette butts to be recycled.

KTNRB has now received funding from Keep America Beautiful to provide another 200 receptacles to riverfront sites wanting

to participate in the program. These free cigarette receptacles can be ordered at KeepTNRiverBeautiful.org/cigarettelitter.

TVA and Keep Tennessee Beautiful were the founding partners who initiated the formation of KTNRB as a nonprofit that would champion support and protection for the 652-mile Tennessee River. Since forming in 2016, KTNRB has rallied more than 2,200 volunteers to remove more than 275,000 pounds of trash from the Tennessee River and its tributaries.

TVA employees, retirees respond to deadly flooding

By PENNY WALKER, TVARA Valleywide Volunteer Coordinator

What started out as a normal rain shower on a summer Friday night turned into one of Middle Tennessee's deadliest disasters.

On Saturday, Aug. 21, severe storms and extreme flash floods roared through Dickson, Hickman, Humphreys, and Houston counties, leaving behind devastating destruction of property and 20 individuals dead – 19 of them in Waverly, Tenn.

More than 17 inches of rain fell within a short period of time, shattering the state's record for daily rainfall and sending rivers and creeks overflowing their banks. The floodwaters wiped out hundreds of homes in several rural communities.

Waverly was cut off from other nearby areas, and most parts of the area couldn't be reached until the next day when the floodwaters began to recede. Roads were flooded or washed away, and the westbound section of Interstate 40 was impassable.

By Monday morning, Aug. 23, TVA employees and retirees already were assisting the victims – primarily in Hickman and Humphreys counties. Johnsonville Chapter members were on the ground helping with recovery/rescue attempts, organizing relief stations for emergency-management forces, and providing aid wherever needed.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter, in coordination with the Muscle Shoals Power Service Shops, was the first TVARA chapter



Waverly, Tenn., after devastating, deadly flooding hit Middle Tennessee this summer



Nashville TVARA Chapter President Jeffie Gammons presents a check to Waverly Church of Christ Secretary Debbie Harden to aid in the church's disaster-relief activities.

to reach out, seeking assistance from Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. for a monetary grant to be used in immediate/long-term needs for the citizens of the affected counties. The Johnsonville, Nashville, and Knoxville TVARA chapters also requested a BVI grant.

In total, BVI provided \$20,000 to the retiree chapters for use in helping the victims of this catastrophic event. The Johnsonville chapter donated

its grant to a couple of food banks operated by local churches in Hickman County. The Nashville and Knoxville chapters sent their grants to the Tennessee Emergency Response Fund for long-term needs of the victims. Nashville specified that its portion be spent in Humphreys County, and Knoxville's portion was to be used where needed the most. The Muscle Shoals chapter, working with the Power Service Shops, would be assisting two schools in Waverly.

"TVA and its retirees can all be proud of TVARA chapters and the tremendous work they do in times of need," says TVARA Valleywide President Vickie Ellis. "Of course, none of this would be possible without the monetary assistance the chapters receive from BVI. Without the aid of BVI, the chapters could have very little financial impact on any of the areas where they are located."

Since the beginning of 2021, BVI has provided more than \$150,000 to TVARA chapters for community projects.

New Therapy Benefit Available through Retiree Medical

By JEANNIE KING, Consultant, TVA Benefits & Wellbeing

Since Sept. 15, the Retiree Medical coverage includes a new wellbeing benefit, AbleTo, that provides personalized virtual-therapy programs. Whether experiencing stress related to the coronavirus or dealing with everyday issues, you'll learn skills you can use daily to enjoy more of life.

AbleTo pairs you with a licensed therapist or behavioral coach who focuses on understanding your unique needs and goals, and tailors a structured plan with tools to support you. These programs can help you manage depression, stress, and anxiety, as well as teach you skills to help you feel and live better.

Open Enrollment Ending for Medicare Retirees

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 that your current plans sent you, such as the Evidence of Coverage and Annual Notice of Change. Ensure that your plans will still meet your needs for 2022.

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.

– JEANNIE KING

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- Access to a highly trained and compassionate therapist;
- Confidential one-on-one support by video chat or phone;
- A personalized eight-week program;
- Convenient access to a national network of licensed behavioral/mental-health specialists;
- Coverage for you and your 18-plus-year-old dependents under your BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Retiree Medical plan (standard cost-share deductible/co-insurance will apply).

For more information or to access services, visit AbleTo at member.ableto.com/bcbst.

Watch Your HSA Balance

Eligible participants in the Consumer-Directed Health Plan can take advantage of a Health Savings Account. Please note that accounts with a zero balance and no activity for six months or more are closed by HSA Bank.

To be eligible for the 2022 TVA contribution to your HSA, you must have an active account on Jan. 1.

Call HSA Bank toll-free at 1-844-650-8934 if you are concerned that your account may have been closed.

If your account has been closed due to inactivity, call the People First Solution Center toll-free at 1-888-275-8094.

– JEANNIE KING

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hard work of TVARA volunteers, BVI, and others in the community who helped make this tribute to our veterans a success. Photos of the dedication are included on page 12 in this newsletter.

We look forward to other chapter volunteer projects resuming next year.

It's also that time of year when we ask that you renew your membership in TVARA. We appreciate your support of the Valleywide organization and local chapters. Your continued membership helps ensure our ability to serve you and the communities in the Valley.

Membership remains \$15 per year, and renewal information is included on page 16 in this newsletter. We also encourage you to get involved with your local chapter to find new friends, see former colleagues, and help with community projects. You will surely find rewarding opportunities.

We are now offering electronic copies of this newsletter. If you are interested in receiving an electronic copy instead of the paper copy, please email Richard Wilson at rtwilson@tva.gov and ask that your name be added to the list.

Lastly, my term as Valleywide President concludes in December.

It has been an honor to serve in this capacity, and I appreciate the many opportunities I have had to work with TVA local chapter presidents, TVA colleagues, and BVI staff.

Jo Anne Lavender, currently President of the Knoxville Chapter, will assume the role of Valleywide President in January. Debbie Rutherford will take on the position of Valleywide Secretary, replacing Steve Hudson.

Alan Campbell and Lisa Overly will continue in their roles as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively.

Have a great holiday season!

Pre-65 Medical Plans: What's New for 2022?

By JEANNIE KING, Consultant, TVA Benefits & Wellbeing

Retirees or their dependents who are not yet eligible for Medicare should be aware of some changes in the TVA-sponsored medical plans (the 80 Percent PPO and the Consumer-Directed Health Plan, or CDHP) for 2022. Specifically, the following changes will be in effect starting Jan. 1:

1. NEW: Enhancements to Prescription-Drug Benefits

- Coupled with diet and exercise, prescription weight-loss drugs can help you achieve a healthier weight. Effective Jan. 1, 2022, prescription weight-loss drugs will be covered under the pharmacy plan. Consult with your medical provider to see if this might be a good option for you.
- Prescriptions filled via mail-order now qualify for discounts via coupons. As of Sept. 1, all applicable coupons are automatically applied to the cost of prescriptions fulfilled via mail.
- Filling a three-month supply of your long-term maintenance medication can help you save time, money, and trips to the pharmacy. Express Script's Smart90 program is being expanded beyond Walgreens to Smart90 Anywhere. As of Jan. 1, 90-day prescription coverage can be obtained at any participating pharmacy. To find a participating Smart90 pharmacy in your area, log in to express-scripts.com/tva and click "Find a pharmacy" from the menu under "Prescriptions."

2. NEW: Changes to the 80 Percent PPO Plan

In-network deductibles for the 80 Percent PPO will be \$550 (Individual) and \$1,100 (Family). Out-of-network deductibles will be \$1,100 (Individual) and \$2,200 (Family). In-network out-of-pocket maximums will be \$3,250 (Individual) and \$6,500 (Family). Out-of-network out-of-pocket maximums will be \$6,500 (Individual) and \$13,000 (Family). There are no changes to the deductibles or out-of-pocket maximums for the Consumer-Directed Health Plan.

3. NEW: Health Savings Account Limits

The 2022 annual HSA-contribution limit for CDHP participants will be increased to \$3,650 for those with individual coverage and to \$7,300 for those with family coverage.

4. NEW: Family Building Benefit

TVA is pleased to announce the expansion of its employee-benefit offering to include its new Family Building Benefit. Through TVA's partnerships with BCBST and Express Scripts, TVA has expanded its medical and pharmaceutical coverage to include fertility medications and treatments for members enrolled in TVA's medical plan.

Need More Information?

For more information about the plans available to you, see the "Medical Plan 2022" booklet mailed to your home or visit tva.com/retireeportal.

In the September 2021 issue of TVARA News, Gov. Bill Lee made an appeal for stories from Tennesseans celebrating Tennessee's 225 years of statehood. Here is one story drawn from a submission by Velma Huffaker of Knoxville, who retired from TVA in 1991 after 22 years in Human Resources.

Life before TVA — a 'Tennessee Story'

By VELMA HUFFAKER

I have lived in Knoxville all of my life.

Born in 1932 into a family of six, and three more children born in the next eight years. Total family was nine, including my parents.

We lived in a four-room house with no water or electricity. My parents worked in a cotton mill and walked to work with newspapers in their shoes to cover holes and protect them from the cold and other weather extremes.

My parents wouldn't accept charity of any kind, so we planted a big garden and sold vegetables and flowers door-to-door. We were extremely poor but very much loved.

Then TVA came to Tennessee.

What a change it made not only in our lives but the lives of many in our state.

Electricity and plumbing!

I remember sitting and watching a lightbulb on the ceiling as power came to light it up. Can you imagine those little eyes and my parents' eyes waiting for the power surge?

Later we did the same thing as we waited for our first telephone call.

Life was getting better.

My Dad went to work for TVA in construction at Douglas and Norris dams. My parents remodeled the house to add three bedrooms and a bath.

Mother was also able to stay home and be a mother. With seven children, she was needed at home.

Daddy eventually started his own successful electric company.

My daughter worked for TVA, and I worked in TVA Human Resources for 22 happy years.

There will always be a special place in my heart for TVA.

(If you are interested in submitting a story about something special in your part of the state, you can do so to tennessee225.com/posters (and receive a limited-edition poster of your part of the state) or to acdavies@tva.gov.)

Planes, Trains, Buses, Cars, Plus Miles of Hiking— Fun on Slovenia's Juliana Trail

By RUBEN HERNANDEZ

My wife, Arlene, and I had not taken a big hiking trip since completing the Camino de Santiago from the Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela in Spain in the fall of 2019.

The Covid pandemic knocked out any such year-2020 adventures., but conditions and travel were improving in 2021, and we wanted to do a new trail that had been written up in the New York Times — the Juliana Trail in Slovenia.

If you don't know where Slovenia is, neither did we. We did a bit of research and found it is a small country the size of Vermont, wedged between Austria, Italy, and Croatia and formerly a part of Yugoslavia.

The eastern part of the country where we would hike is in the Julian Alps. Further research revealed that Covid was under control there, and we could combine this trip with a visit to our son and his wife in London.

The first thing we did was download a copy of the Juliana Trail Travel Guide and explore the trail in detail. It is a loop



Ruben and Arlene Hernandez at Guesthouse Avsenik, Begunje

divided into 16 stages, with lodging and food available at the end of each stage, so no camping required.

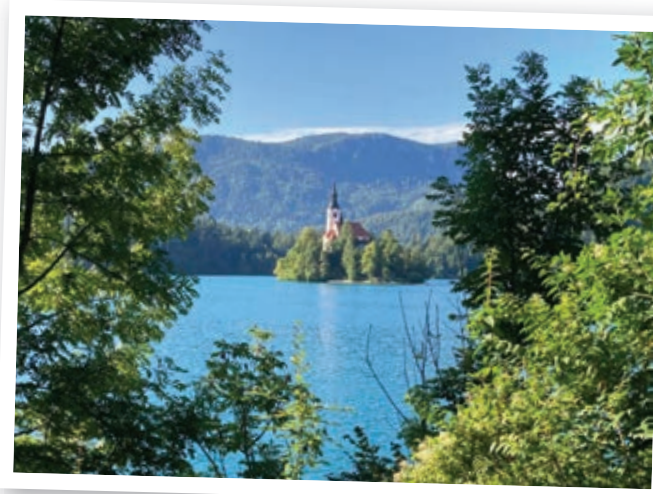
We consulted the Juliana Trail Booking Center, which told us how easy it would be to do the hike (any reasonably fit person can do it). We were in!

We were going to start the hike at Begunje, Stage 4, near Radovljica, on the map above, the closest stage to the airport in Ljubljana, Slovenia's capital into which we would fly.

The trail borders and goes into Triglav National Park, which surrounds Mount Triglav, Slovenia's National Treasure and at 9,400 feet the highest peak in the country. Our plan was to do 13 of the 16 stages, skipping the three that go into Italy. We did not want to deal with the border crossing and more Covid tests.



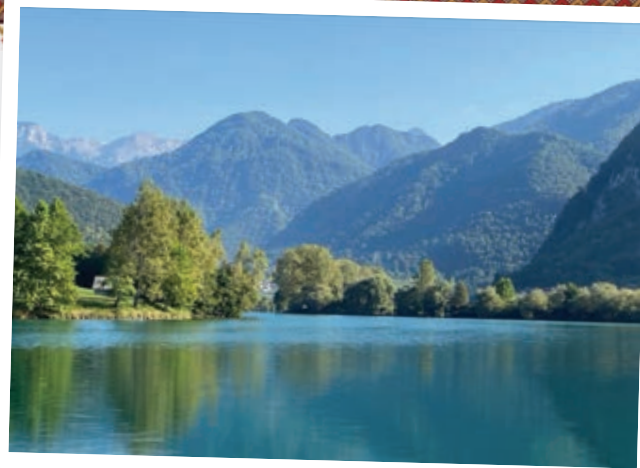
Mount Triglav, Slovenia's highest peak at 9,400 feet



The Church of Mary the Queen on Lake Bled is also known as the Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption of Mary or Our Lady of the Lake.



Vintgar Gorge



Another beautiful lake, this one on way into the Soca Valley

It was a very long day flying from Boston to Slovenia. We had to get negative Covid tests 72 hours before departure just to connect through London. We left Boston at 7 p.m. Eastern Time and arrived at around 5 p.m. local time the next day in Slovenia. We had another connection through Warsaw and because of Brexit and new airport processes for international visitors, we almost missed our flight to Slovenia. (We flew straight back to London on our return).

We hiked in a clockwise direction. Also, one of these stages we planned to skip was rated as long and difficult, which meant it was a good one to skip toward the end of the hike.



Tolmin Gorge

In order to lighten our load during the hike, we put only what we needed into our backpacks and left our luggage at our first hotel in Begunje. This would also be our last hotel, so we picked up our luggage there two weeks later at the end of the hike. This was a good plan.

Even with our careful packing, our backpacks weighed 20 pounds, which included two liters of water each day. We took minimal changes of hiking clothes, which we washed each day upon arrival at our lodging. Fortunately, our wash always dried overnight.

We stayed at Guesthouse Avsenik, Begunje, the evening of Aug. 31. Wonderful food and good local wine were served for very reasonable prices (\$1.50 for a glass of wine). Typical dishes included sausage, pasta, trout, and great salads. All of our hotels had outstanding breakfasts, from which we made lunches for that day's hike. Would you believe we gained weight during this 14-day hike? We sure did.

We eagerly started on our first day of the hike on a stage listed in the guidebook as a moderate 9½ miles taking

3½ hours. While we agreed with the moderate rating, we went 12 miles in five hours with just a little sightseeing and stopping to get a local SIM card for our phone. It was the rule that the hike estimates in the guide were a bit off for us, especially the times required each day. The writers of the guidebook must not eat or carry a backpack, and must be experienced "trail runners"! The weather was pretty warm, and we were in awe upon our first view of Lake Bled at the end of our first day's hike.

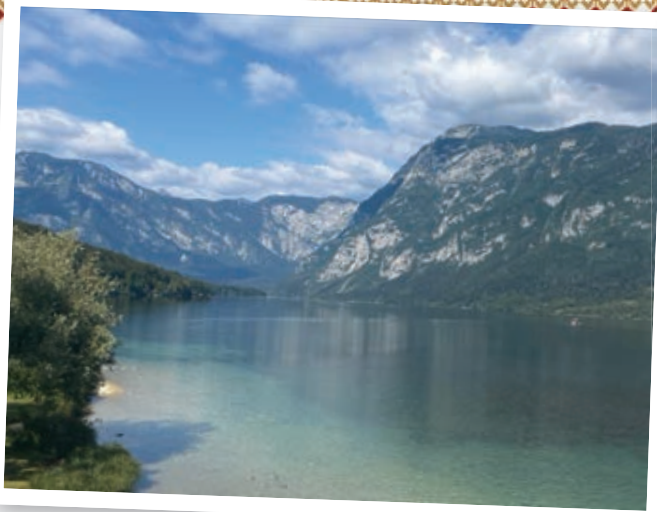
We enjoyed Bled so much we decided to return at the end of our hike to visit a church on the lake and a nearby castle. That evening we went to a local restaurant recommended by our hotel, and other than the small flies in Arlene's wine, the food and her replacement glass of wine were marvelous.

In planning for the next stage the night before, we were concerned about making the whole distance and in particular the last half of the hike that would have taken a climb of about 1,800 feet over six miles. Local folks suggested we visit Vintgar Gorge, which was a very popular location for Slovenians and tourists to visit. Its trail took off shortly after the initial part of the hike that was pretty level, so we changed our plan to do this. Of course, we had to

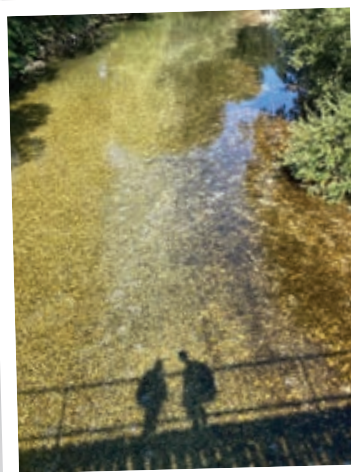
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A sample of the beautiful scenery along the trail



Lake Bohinj



A reflected "selfie"



Napoleon Bridge in Kobarid

get a ride with two young women from Austria to get to the gorge.

The terrain was spectacular, with beautiful, crystal-clear turquoise streams snaking through a narrow, deep gorge.

We had quite a surprise when we realized that the exit point of the gorge was on the other side of the mountain and would require a 1½-hour hike to rejoin our original trail, so we headed to a local bar to get some refreshments. The bar attendant offered to call a taxi. Not only did he get the taxi, he also arranged for us to be dropped off at the end of our stage in Goreljek. It was a short ride but well worth it. We would use this approach at other times whenever we ran into trouble or were too tired to keep going.



Radler Time on the trail

After checking into the Hotel Pokljuka, it was still early. We decided to hike backward on the trail we had skipped. Good thing we did, as we found a dairy farm that made great cheese and had Radler beer. Radler is a refreshing

combination of beer and either lemon or grapefruit juice that is very popular with cyclists and hikers. We enjoyed it daily. The farmer did not speak English but took a credit card. Nice visit, relaxing and gazing at the cows.

The next stage was basically the downhill portion of the climb we had done the day before, so it was very straightforward, and we ended up at Lake Bohinj, a beautiful, touristy area. When we arrived in the town of Stara Fuzina, we asked where the Hotel Jezero was and found out it was about two miles beyond the town at Lake Bohinj. So we had to walk a couple of miles farther and were pretty tired. However, the extra walk was worth it, as the hotel was top-notch, and our room overlooked the lake.

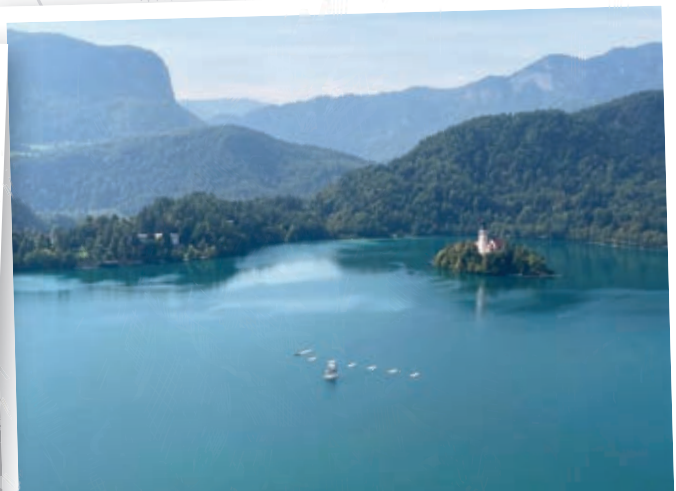
There were a lot of tourists around this location, and it was here that we met the only other couple also hiking the Juliana Trail. They were from Slovenia, so we hiked together



Goats blocking the trail (fortunately they moved easily away).



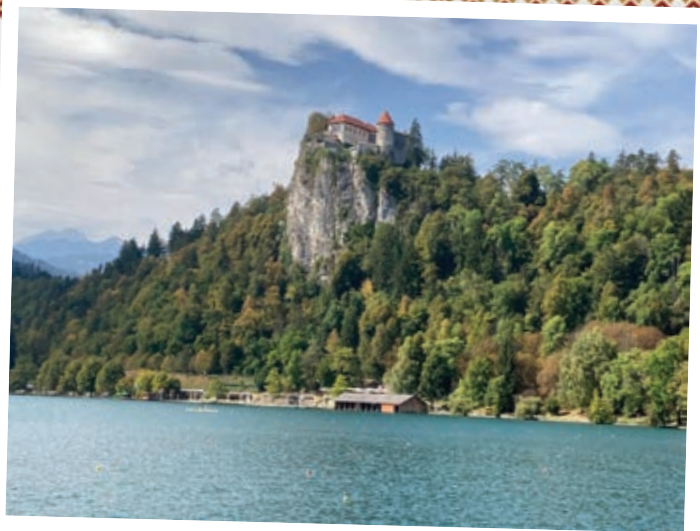
Another day, another trail, no goats



Picturesque Lake Bled, located in the Julian Alps, is a popular tourist destination.



View from the Hernandezes' room in Kranjska Gora, the "Gatlinburg" of Slovenia



Bled Castle

off and on for the next few days, and we learned more about their country.

We had another long, steep, difficult hike coming up, and we decided to follow a suggestion in the guidebook. There was a train that ran through a tunnel under the mountain, a 15-minute ride, as opposed to a six-hour grueling hike. That allowed us to see more of the tiny town of Podbrdo, which had only one inn and one restaurant (both excellent).

We liked this train option so much, we did it the following day to go from Podbrdo to Grahovo Baci, where there was only one hotel/restaurant, which also was fantastic.

The beauty and hard hiking continued as we hiked along the Soca River. This was the hardest section of the hike with many steep switchbacks and climbs over boulders. This section of the river is very popular for rafting and kayaking.



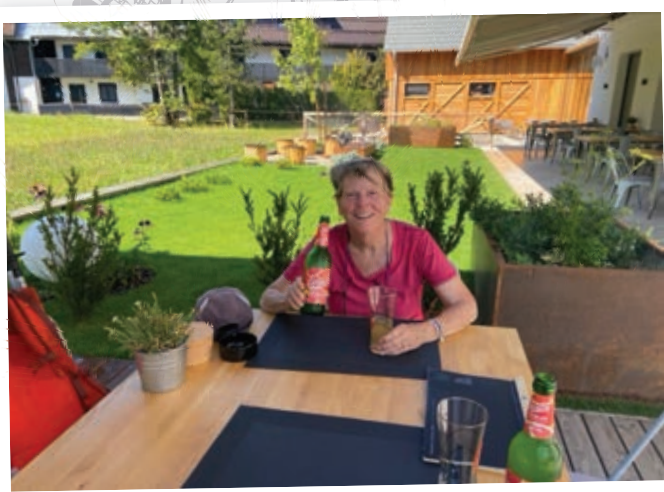
A bridge over the Soca River, popular for rafting and kayaking

We were very happy to arrive in Bovec at Hotel Boka, which we were surprised to find four miles sooner than expected. That was good news.

Hotel Boka was a fine place where the manager was kind enough to give us a short ride into town to the bus stop, saving us a four-mile walk on the road. We were skipping the next three stages by taking a bus to Kranjska Gora. It was a beautiful bus ride through the mountains on a Sunday, and it was amazing how many people in cars and on motorcycles, along with hikers, were at the Vrsic Pass having a good time. This pass is where Italy, Austria, and Slovenia come together.

In Mojstrana we stayed at an apartment owned by the mother of a famous skier who won Slovenia's First Olympic Medal in 1994. We then found out we had also reserved a

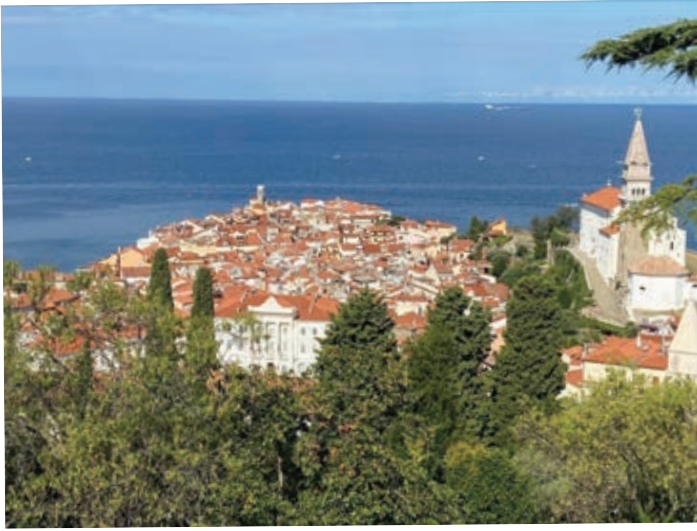
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Another pause to refresh



Arlene in the Bled Castle Courtyard



Piran, a resort city on Slovenia's Adriatic coast



In Ljubljana, the capital and largest city of Slovenia

hotel room at Jesenice, the next town, at the inn owned by that daughter, Alenka Dovzan.

After hiking through Mojstrana and Jesenice, we arrived back at Begunje, our starting point. The next day we picked up our luggage and headed to visit Bled again by bus.

We weren't finished hiking. We hiked to Bled Castle, a grueling trek.

We visited the church on the island in Lake Bled and had an oarsman take us there, because motorboats are not allowed on the lake.

After our visit to Bled, we headed to Ljubljana and decided we still had a few days until our flight back to London on Sept. 22. But we had to get a Covid test at least 72 hours before the flight, so we had until the 20th to return to Ljubljana and do some sightseeing at the capital.

Slovenia has a very short coast of only 30 miles between Italy and Croatia on the Adriatic Sea at a town called Piran. We decided to spend the weekend there and rode the bus

for two hours to get there and had a very nice hotel near the town plaza and enjoyed the sites and wonderful restaurants. We were across the bay from Venice and near Trieste, Italy, as well. We spent a couple of very nice sunny days, exploring and walking to nearby seaside towns.

Ljubljana is a beautiful capital city with many churches and other attractions in its town center. Our hotel was close to the historic area, so we walked around there for a couple of days until our flight to London.

Appropriately, we also walked to get our Covid tests, which fortunately turned out to be negative. Otherwise, we might have had to quarantine somewhere on Slovenia's trails.

We loved our trip!

(Ruben Hernandez retired in 2000 as Vice President of Resource Stewardship in the Resource Group. During his 28 years with TVA, he also served the Resource Group as Vice President of Engineering Services and of Land Management, and in the Engineering Design, Hydro, Fossil, and Nuclear organizations.)

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as Senior Instrument Foreman at Johnsonville Fossil Plant.

The TVARS Board consists of seven members – three appointed by TVA, three elected by employees who are TVARS members, and one who is selected by the other six members and must be a TVA retiree.

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says Sue Collins, TVA Executive Vice President and Chief People & Communications Officer.

The charitable agencies include food pantries, educational services, and other programs that work to meet the needs of individuals and families in communities that are home to TVA retirees across the region.

“The work of TVA retirees is the foundation of the TVA system, and I hope to see many of you in person at the 2022 TVA Retiree Appreciation Picnic,” Collins says.



Exchanging visits lets TVA, D.C. leaders share, listen, learn

By JESSICA HOGLE, TVA Vice President, Federal Affairs



JESSICA HOGLE

To further our leadership and engagement in Washington, TVA President/Chief Executive Officer Jeff Lyash and David Fountain, TVA Executive Vice President/General Counsel, traveled to the Capitol in separate visits this fall to meet with a number of key Administration officials, members of Congress, federal agencies, and industry groups.

Important touchpoints included the White House Climate Office, the Department of Energy, the Edison Electric Institute, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), among many others.

In these discussions, Lyash and Fountain emphasized TVA's decarbonization efforts and TVA's goal to partner with Congress and the Administration to continue to reduce emissions, while also providing low-cost, reliable, and clean energy to the Tennessee Valley and bringing good jobs and economic development to the region.

Valley Visits

The TVA Federal Affairs team also has been able to host several members of the congressional delegation and their staff at facilities across the Valley to show them first-hand how TVA and its partners are fulfilling its mission.

In August, U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett (R-Tenn./2nd) and his staff toured three TVA generation facilities. Their day started at Fort Loudoun Dam, where the congressman met with local power companies in the 2nd District and then visited the site with members of the plant staff. The second leg of the visit was at Watts Bar, which was Burchett's first visit to a nuclear facility. He voiced his strong support for nuclear and his interest in advanced nuclear as a part of the energy solution of the future. The visit concluded with a tour of Kingston Fossil Plant, where the congressman was able to learn more about fossil generation. Burchett said he enjoyed learning more about TVA, but he especially enjoyed meeting all the women and men who carry out the TVA mission each and every day.

Staff members of U.S. Rep. Jamie Comer (R-Ky./1st) and Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) also had the opportunity to visit TVA in the Valley this summer. Comer's staff visited the Paradise site in August, touring both the Unit 3 demolition site and the Combined Cycle plant. They were briefed on the steps involved and timeline for the demolition process for

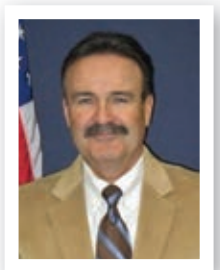
Unit 3 and the CC plant, as well as plans for the additional Combustion Turbines at the site.

A number of Sen. Blackburn's D.C. staff also spent time at several TVA locations, including Memphis's Allen site, as well as the Chattanooga area's Raccoon Mountain Pumped-Storage Plant.

These are unique opportunities, and TVA looks forward to the opportunity to host more policymakers and stakeholders in the future.

White House Nominates Wagner for TVA IG

In October, the White House nominated Ben Wagner to be TVA's Inspector General. Wagner's professional career with TVA spanned 38 years of dedicated service. The majority of his career included 31 years in the Office of the Inspector General at TVA. Before his retirement in 2017, he served in several senior executive positions in OIG, including the role of Senior Advisor, Stakeholder Relations, and Deputy Inspector General, where he led the audits, evaluations, investigations, and administrative functions. In addition to these roles, Wagner held several leadership positions in audits, evaluations, and administrative functions with OIG and was integral to the startup of the office after it was established at TVA in 1985.



Ben Wagner

During his career, Wagner supported the independent Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's initiatives and programs. In the previous seven years before joining OIG, Wagner also held various management and staff positions in TVA, primarily in Nuclear Power.

Wagner received his bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Tennessee. Born in New Mexico, he has resided in the Tennessee Valley region for the majority of his life.

The Federal Affairs team will assist Wagner through his confirmation process.

Board of Directors Update

The TVA Federal Affairs team also is working to support the confirmation process for four individuals nominated by President Biden to the TVA Board of Directors: Beth Geer, Robert Klein, Kimberly Lewis and Michelle Moore. The

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Veterans Memorial salutes those who gave — often the ultimate gift — for their country

By JIM ANDREWS

On Sept. 30, the Solway Veterans Memorial was dedicated in a ceremony at Solway Baptist Church near Knoxville — a site offering the opportunity for everyone to honor, respect, and remember all those in the military who have served our country.

Tennessee Lt. Gov. Randy McNally was among those in attendance, along with Knox County commissioners and representatives of other federal and state officials. But the most honored guests were eight residents of the Ben Atchley Veterans Home in Knoxville and Cecil Haun of Clinton, Tenn.

Haun is a 103-year-old veteran who served as General George S. Patton's first scout for 2½ years in World War II.

The Knoxville TVARA Chapter was one of the sponsors of the volunteer project that created the memorial. Other co-sponsors were Bicentennial Volunteers Inc. and Solway Baptist Church (which provided the land and future maintenance).

A total of 29 area businesses provided in-kind sponsorship to make the project possible. In-kind sponsorship contributions of labor and/or materials made up about 45 percent of the total cost of the project. Many others

volunteered their time providing legal guidance, working on landscaping, and assisting with the dedication ceremony.

Although the project was completed in January 2021, the dedication ceremony was not held until September, due to Covid-based concerns about group gatherings.

Knoxville retiree Reny McClain Lee conceived the idea for the memorial and coordinated the efforts for its development.

Other TVARA retirees in key roles included Debbie and Mike Rutherford, with Debbie serving as McClain Lee's backup, Mike keeping up with budget estimates and tracking actual expenditures, and both assisting in decision-making and offering key recommendations; Jim Mungenast, who served as liaison between the military branches and the project and who planned and coordinated the dedication ceremony; Jay Ambrister, the liaison between the church and TVARA; Barbara Martocci, the project's media contact; and Jo Anne Lavender, President of the Knoxville Chapter of TVARA and liaison between the Retirees Association and the team.



Wreath-laying ceremony included representatives from each branch of the military, two Gold Star Mothers (Sherrie Battle McGhee and Lynn Forehand), and Karns High School Junior ROTC cadets.



Seated front row, from left, are guest speakers Tennessee Lt. Gov. Randy McNally; State Rep. Justin Lafferty; Sgt. Maj. (retired) Tom Humphries (Knox County Veterans Services Officer, representing Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs); Knoxville TVARA Chapter President Jo Anne Lavender; and Solway Baptist pastor Logan Parton, who gave the invocation.



TVA retiree Bob Roundtree (at right) escorts 103-year-old veteran Cecil Haun to his seat.



The wreath-laying ceremony was complete with "Taps" played by a bugler and "Amazing Grace" played by bagpiper Kelly Ann Shipe.

Here Yesterday, Gone Today

Implosions began Sept. 29 in the demolition of structures at decommissioned Paradise Fossil Plant. These photos show the No. 1 and No. 2 coal silos before and after they were leveled. The project involving the deactivation, decommissioning, decontamination, and demolition of Paradise is scheduled for completion in 2028.



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Board nominees traveled to Washington in September to meet with members of Congress, including U.S. Sens. Blackburn, Tom Carper (D-Del.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), and Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.).

A confirmation hearing before the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee still had not been scheduled at presstime of this newsletter.

Vaccination Executive Order Update

As you know, TVA continually works to put its people at the center of every decision it makes, so it can continue to fulfill its mission of service. TVA has demonstrated this commitment throughout the pandemic by keeping its focus on protecting the health and wellbeing of its employees. Per federal guidelines, vaccinations have become a requirement for federal employees, and the President's executive order does apply to TVA and TVA employees.

TVA has worked to develop agency-specific policies around vaccination and has alerted employees about accommodations that can be made. Our staff is continuing to work with the Administration and members of Congress to share information on implementation of TVA's policies, and the importance of ensuring TVA's skilled workforce remains a priority.

FERC Decision

On Oct. 21, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission considered a petition from three local power companies in the TVA service territory – Volunteer Energy Cooperative, Athens Utilities Board, and Gibson Electric Membership Corp. — seeking to direct TVA to offer unbundled transmission service under Federal Power Act section 211A. Four LPCs filed the initial petition, but one, Joe Wheeler Electric Membership Corp., withdrew. Since the filing in January, TVA and interested stakeholders

have advocated for FERC to deny the petition, because the relief requested would unfairly shift costs onto other customers. And that is inconsistent with the Public Power model in the Tennessee Valley, which was created by Congress to best serve the public interest. Ultimately, FERC voted to deny the petition during the meeting.

FERC's action is consistent with TVA's view that the Public Power model best serves the public interest. Earlier this year, an independent analysis conducted by Lazard concluded that the Public Power model is working well and remains the best option to fulfill TVA's mission of service to the area.

Again, TVA's mission is clearly established by Congress in the TVA Act and, among other priorities, ensures that it support the Public Power model within a defined service area. The Public Power model works, and arbitrary changes to the model, which has successfully operated for more than 88 years, could unfairly shift costs from some customers to others and negatively impact TVA's mission established by Congress.

Doug Peters, President/Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, released the following statement on FERC's decision and the importance of the Public Power model: *"The relationship between TVA and its distributor customers is unlike any other in the nation, and it has served to build the economy and fuel life in the Tennessee Valley. TVPPA believes in the Public Power model defined by the Tennessee Valley Authority Act and supports maintaining the model that has served the region's interests for more than 80 years. At the same time, we support our members' local decisions, as each is governed by leaders from the communities in which they serve. We encourage TVA and the petitioners to begin anew in their effort to reach a point of consensus that would enable those local leaders to commit to a long-term contract with TVA."*

In Memoriam

Aug. 1, 2021 - Oct. 31, 2021

TVA Retirement Management received notifications of the deaths of the following retirees for the period Aug. 1, 2021, through Oct. 31, 2021, 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, call the TVA Retirement System toll-free at 1-800-824-3870.

Abernathy, Sandra D. , 9/28/2021(10/1/1988)	Cook, Norma L. , 10/20/2021(1/30/1988)	Goode, Roy E. , 9/22/2021(3/16/2006)	Huskey, Richard R. , 8/31/2021(10/17/1994)	McDonald, Judy F. , 8/23/2021(2/15/1997)	Seeber, Willie C. , 8/24/2021(8/2/1988)
Aday, Kenneth W. , 9/16/2021(5/19/2001)	Cooper, Early L. , 9/24/2021(1/2/1999)	Goodman, Charles W. , 9/11/2021(10/17/1994)	Hutson, Mark T. , 9/21/2021(1/7/2006)	McMurray, Pauline J. , 9/5/2021(1/8/1983)	Sewell, Sandra F. , 10/9/2021(1/20/1996)
Allen, Johnnie G. , 7/31/2021(1/9/1988)	Cox, James W. , 7/25/2021(6/22/1991)	Gordy, Alvin D. , 8/18/2021(10/20/2007)	Ingle, Walter B., Jr. , 9/24/2021(7/29/1981)	Mills, Fred E. , 10/19/2021(1/5/2008)	Shindlbower, Marco E. , 10/14/2021(9/22/2006)
Appleberry, Delphine S. , 7/29/2021(12/3/2008)	Crafton, William M. , 10/5/2021(1/21/1998)	Greer, Jerry S. , 10/2/2021(5/1/2017)	Jackson, Roger D. , 8/27/2021(10/1/1996)	Mitchell, Robbie N. , 9/6/2021(10/17/1994)	Siler, Joel M. , 9/21/2021(3/29/1980)
Bailey, Patricia E. , 8/19/2021(3/22/1997)	Crick, Bernie L. , 9/16/2021(12/2/1999)	Grooms, Sammie , 8/14/2021(10/17/1994)	Jay, Charles W. , 9/7/2021(6/3/2017)	Mobley, Gilbert N. , 9/29/2021(6/7/2003)	Smith, Hugh L. , 10/1/2021(1/5/2008)
Ball, Betty J. , 7/25/2021(10/17/1994)	Daniel, James R. , 8/19/2021(12/31/1994)	Guess, Ralph V. , 9/1/2021(6/2/2004)	Johnson, William A. , 9/24/2021(6/2/2004)	Moore, John A. , 8/8/2021(1/7/2006)	Smith, John A. , 7/26/2021(12/2/2007)
Barrow, J. Henry, II , 9/23/2021(9/30/1989)	Davis, Joe J. , 8/11/2021(8/2/1988)	Hammock, Gerald W. , 10/14/2021(1/6/2007)	Johnson, William R. , 9/19/2021(1/23/1988)	Moore, Paul E. , 9/14/2021(1/9/1996)	Smith, Robert E. , 9/10/2021(3/3/1992)
Baskins, John M. , 8/26/2021(4/3/2004)	Dennis, Gary R. , 8/4/2021(12/8/2009)	Harold, William M., Jr. , 8/20/2021(7/8/1986)	Joiner, Thomas C. , 8/27/2021(12/12/1994)	Moore, Vernon L. , 9/24/2021(4/10/2010)	Smith, Ted R. , 9/14/2021(1/2/2012)
Benson, Billy W. , 9/5/2021(1/1/1993)	Dockery, Jerry D. , 8/18/2021(4/6/1991)	Harris, Donna L. , 8/31/2021(10/17/1994)	Jolley, Kenneth E. , 8/28/2021(4/23/1988)	Mottern, Robert C. , 10/5/2021(8/12/1986)	Stevens, Raver G. , 7/15/2021(2/3/1998)
Berry, Gary Bell , 9/20/2021(4/16/2016)	Drake, Jewell W. , 10/17/2021(2/5/2005)	Hastings, Ronald D. , 8/27/2021(7/4/2000)	Jones, Gary D. , 8/29/2021(5/1/2017)	Neal, Larry W. , 9/20/2021(6/3/1999)	Stewart, John G. , 9/29/21(1/1/95)
Blair, George S. , 9/18/2021(9/13/1988)	Ebel, Nancy D. , 8/15/2021(5/29/2004)	Hatmaker, Kenneth W. , 9/26/2021(6/2/1998)	Kelley, John I. , 9/17/2021(4/30/1996)	Oliver, R. Eugene , 7/22/2021(10/17/1994)	Stott, Harold T. , 7/27/2021(7/1/1984)
Blair, Jimmy L. , 10/10/2021(1/23/1999)	Elder, Brian Keith , 9/13/2021(12/8/2020)	Hendricks, Dottie D. , 9/25/2021(6/3/2000)	Kelley, Joseph E., Sr. , 8/20/2021(8/2/1988)	Pace, Richard E., III , 8/24/2021(10/1/1988)	Tallent, Richard L. , 7/25/2021(3/1/2003)
Border, Paul B. , 9/29/2021(8/1/1988)	Elieff, John B. , 9/1/2021(1/11/1997)	Hensley, Billy R. , 8/3/2021(9/27/1997)	Khaili, Abdolhossien , 8/4/2021(12/31/1994)	Patterson, Leuty D. , 9/21/2021(6/1/1990)	Taylor, Frank H. , 1/19/2021(10/17/1994)
Brown, Nema P. , 9/22/2021(10/17/1994)	Eller, James S. , 9/24/2021(5/21/2005)	Herron, Gregory L. , 7/29/2021(5/2/2008)	Kindred, James F. , 9/16/2021(10/1/1988)	Phung, Denny C. , 8/21/2021(9/29/1990)	Taylor, George F. , 10/9/2021(10/1/1988)
Brown, William P. , 9/10/2021(3/11/2000)	Elligan, James S. , 9/24/2021(10/1/1988)	Highers, Stephen H. , 9/4/2021(10/1/1996)	Knight, Gregory K. , 8/5/2021(1/10/2007)	Pierce, George W. , 8/3/2021(10/17/1994)	Tester, Elton J. , 10/14/2021(1/11/1993)
Byms, John R. , 10/20/2021(7/6/2005)	Endsley, Brian N. , 8/18/2021(8/9/2014)	Hill, Marie D. , 7/8/2021(6/11/1986)	Lamb, James E. , 8/26/2021(12/9/2005)	Proctor, Larry D. , 8/20/2021(8/13/1988)	Treadway, Rebecca W. , 9/2/2021(10/1/1988)
Cameron, Mary P. , 10/15/2021(1/1/1993)	Epps, Ernest C. , 8/14/2021(8/22/1987)	Hill, Richard L. , 8/19/2021(8/25/1987)	Lee, Jerome Kiat-jian , 8/16/2021(9/30/1989)	Purnell, Angela H. , 9/25/2021(4/25/2012)	Tucker, Billy J. , 8/26/2021(1/10/1987)
Cantrell, James M. , 10/5/2021(3/18/2009)	Etheridge, Bud, Jr. , 9/9/2021(6/14/1986)	Hires, Peggy L. , 8/7/2021(3/22/1992)	Lindsey, Paul S. , 8/24/2021(12/27/2003)	Raper, Charlie , 8/23/2021(11/1/1955)	Tyler, Clifton W. , 8/21/2021(10/8/2013)
Carden, Gaye D. , 10/7/2021(6/3/2000)	Eustice, Horace W. , 10/6/2021(11/16/1991)	Holbert, William T. , 8/17/2021(12/12/1994)	Lindsey, Sammy L. , 9/3/2021(9/1/1995)	Richie, Marcia M. , 10/3/2021(11/29/1997)	Vann, Claudie R. , 9/9/2021(5/29/2004)
Carlisle, George E., Jr. , 9/2/2021(9/27/1997)	Fairfax, Preston E. , 8/28/2021(2/26/1980)	Holcomb, Christopher D. , 8/27/2021(10/1/2014)	Lucas, Bobby P., Jr. , 8/17/2021(8/27/1988)	Roberts, James M., Jr. , 9/23/2021(10/17/1994)	Vannucci, Fred Wayne , 9/14/2021(5/2/2017)
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Charron, John G. , 10/11/2021(1/8/1996)	Foster, Hazel G. , 10/8/2021(10/5/1985)	Huddleston, David F. , 8/18/2021(2/24/2001)	McCafferty, Donnie I. , 9/21/2021(6/10/2006)	Saddler, Carl , 10/16/2021(2/14/1998)	Witt, Frank T. , 9/1/2021(4/5/1992)
Chowning, John C., Jr. , 10/23/2021(6/25/2012)	Funk, William C. , 8/30/2021(3/7/2000)	Humphrey, Sheila D. , 9/8/2021(7/1/2004)	McCoy, Raymond , 10/8/2021(12/29/1994)	Scott, Bobby B. , 8/19/2021(4/18/1971)	Wright, Grady H. , 10/12/2021(6/13/1981)
Conley, Timothy , 8/19/2021(8/15/2005)	Gambill, Edward O. , 9/11/2021(12/4/1999)	Hunley, Lonnie R. , 9/12/2021(8/25/2012)	McCuston, Ford P., Jr. , 7/13/2021(9/21/2004)	Seals, L. Kathleen , 9/2/2021(4/25/1986)	Young, Sidney T., Jr. , 9/23/2021(11/16/1982)

Upcoming December 2021 Chapter Meetings

BROWNS FERRY

December 14, 2021, 12 noon

Catfish Cabin, Athens Ala.

- Program: Nov. 4, 2021 TVARA Board Meeting

David Matherly, President

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CHATTANOOGA

December 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

*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

HUNTSVILLE

December 9, 2021, 10 a.m.

*First Baptist Church, 500 Governors Drive,
Entrance 3, (front-left of mosaic), Door Code
53158, straight back, Room 250 (formally
Parlor)*

- Program: TBD

Daniel A. Simmons, President

(256) 509-9781/dasimmon@bellsouth.net

JACKSON

December 8, 2021, 9:30 am

*Southwest Electric Membership Corp.,
1590 Highway 70E*

- Program: TBD

Alan Campbell, President

731-988-8814/abclax@eplus.net

JOHNSONVILLE/CUMBERLAND

December 8, 2021

**Socializing starting at 10 a.m.,
with meeting at 11 a.m.**

*Country and Western Steakhouse, pending
restaurant's opening in its new location,
Highway 641 North, Camden, Tenn.*

- Guest Speaker: Marilyn Brown, 7th
Director, TVA Retirement System Board

Mickey Blackburn, President

931-209-1352/mwblackb56@gmail.com

MEMPHIS

December 15, 2021, 11 a.m.

*Dale's Restaurant, 126 Main St.,
Southaven, Miss.*

- Program: TBD

David L. Teuton, President

901-212-3822/davidteuton@yahoo.com

MISSISSIPPI

December 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

*St. Luke United Methodist Church,
1400 Clayton Ave., Tupelo, Miss.*

- Program: Christmas Music Entertainment

Sherry Garrett, President

662-963-3519/garrett7481@bellsouth.net

MUSCLE SHOALS

December 1, 2021, 10 a.m.

*TVA Community Credit Union,
1405 Wilson Dam Road*

- Program: TBD.

Timothy "Tim" Cornelius, President

256-757-5220/timwcornelius1@gmail.com

NASHVILLE

December 9, 2021, 10 a.m.

*Victory Baptist Church,
1777 Tate Ave.,
Mt. Juliet, Tenn.*

- Program: TBD

Jeffie E. Gammons Jr., President

931-729-9974/y2kunderthehill@gmail.com

NORTHEAST ALABAMA

December 14, 2021, 11 a.m.

*Mud Creek Restaurant,
Hollywood, Ala.*

- Program: TBD

Larry A. Hancock, President

256-599-1383/lah35772@gmail.com

PARADISE

December 14, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

*Duvall's Chapel Church,
Christian Life Center,
275 State Route 2533, Greenville, Ky.*

- Guest Speaker: Representative, Court
Appointed Advocates for Children
- Guest Speaker: Betty Woodlee, People First
- Election of officers

Patricia E. "Pat" Cobb, President

270-338-6667/pecobb1942@att.net

WESTERN AREA

December 1, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park

- Election of 2022 chapter officers
- Entertainment: Johnny Jones and
Jimmy Henson

*(Meeting open to any TVA retiree in the area
and his or her significant other, not just to
chapter members)*

K. Renee Turnbow, President

270-205-5277/kturnbow@gmail.com

At presstime, the following chapters had **CANCELED** their December 2021 meetings due to the COVID-19 virus:

CLEVELAND

John Austin, President

423-472-2720/austintnuffan@charter.net

GALLATIN

Ronnie "Blue" Monday, President

615-325-9473/oemorgan@comcast.net

KINGSTON

Marcus C. Melton Jr., President

865-388-3919/mcmelton@gmail.com

KNOXVILLE

Jo Anne Lavender, President

865-300-8272/jlavender@tds.net

PADUCAH AREA

Ken Dickerson, President

270-442-9539/kenneth.dickerson@comcast.net

UPPER EAST TENNESSEE

Leslie P. "Les" Bays, President

423-782-8458/lpbays1@yahoo.com

WATTS BAR

Kathleen Garrison, President

423-365-9048/eddiekathleen@bellsouth.net

Please visit the TVARA website at mytvra.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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Retirees Association
400 West Summit Hill Drive WT 8C-K
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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.

TVARA will be sending emails to all members from time to time, concerning invitations to chapter meetings, volunteer opportunities, the TVA-sponsored Valleywide Retiree Appreciation Picnic/Luncheon, 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 2022

By RICHARD WILSON, TVARA Valleywide Membership Program Manager

You will receive a Dues Notice for 2022 in the mail during the first week of January 2022, if you have not paid for 2022. You will not receive a Dues Notice if you have already paid for 2022 or beyond.

In addition to the mailed copy of the Dues Notice, you also will receive a Dues Notice by email. Sending the Dues Notice by email is a relatively new process and may replace our mailing a paper copy of the Dues Notice in the future.

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

The Dues Notice envelope has an outside top flap that contains your Membership ID and your name and address. The inside top flap includes

the reminder to pay your dues for 2022 by submitting a check for \$15, payable to TVARA.

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 in a while or wish to become a member now, write a \$15 check payable to TVARA and mail it to the following address:

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

Civil Service Retirees also can become members of TVARA. They can do so by writing a check for \$15 payable to TVARA and mail it to the above address. If you are a Civil Service Retiree and have recently changed your address, please inform Retirement Services (call toll-free at 1-800-824-3870) of your change of address. If you are not sure that Retirement Services has your correct address, contact that office immediately.

Thank you for your continued support of TVARA.

Paying Dues Online

Did you know you can pay your TVARA membership dues through your local bank or credit union? Please go to mytvara.org/membership/ and scroll down to **Paying TVARA Dues Online Through Your Local Bank.**