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TVARS Board Selects New Executive Secretary

By JUSTIN VINEYARD, Senior Retirement Consultant, TVARS



MARK MEIGS

In a special called meeting, the TVA Retirement System Board of Directors unanimously selected Mark Meigs as its new Executive Secretary.

Executive Secretary.

“The Executive Secretary position is of critical importance to the TVA Retirement System” says TVARS Board Chair Brian Child. “While we congratulate Pat on his upcoming retirement and recognize his years of dedicated service to TVARS, we are excited to have someone with Mark’s capabilities ready to assume this role.”

companies in the Northeast and Southeast districts. He has been with TVA 17 years, serving in various leadership roles across Financial Services and External Relations, including prior service with TVARS.

Before joining TVA, he worked in the financial-services industry and served in the U.S. Army in the Desert Storm campaign.

Meigs will succeed Pat Brackett upon Brackett’s retirement Sept. 30, 2019, after 37 years at TVA and nine years serving as TVARS

Meigs is currently General Manager in Customer Delivery, responsible for the relationship with 39 local power

The 10th Executive Secretary in the 80-year history of TVARS, Meigs

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Seasons Spring by Quickly as Retirement Years Add Up

By DeWITT BURLESON, TVARA Valleywide President

How often do you hear someone say they can’t believe how fast spring is going by? It seems that all seasons are too short these days.

Maybe that is a function of our age.

When I was younger, I was told time would speed up as I got older. But I did not pay much attention.

I was in the prime of my life and very busy. Remember working hard to accumulate stuff? Nothing stays the same, and few things actually work out as predicted.

Retirees receiving benefits from our retirement system range in age from 31 to 102.

That is a wide range of various stages in life. The most populous age is 71, and many retirees are around that age.

For those of us in that group, it may take a little longer than it used to for us to get started and also a little longer to get things done.

I find that just as things are at a fossil plant, the pumps, valves, pipes, and boilers of my body are wearing out.

Friends, family, and supporters are important.

We have elements of a common past with other TVA retirees. The same employer and associated culture

including numerous reorganizations, rumors of reductions in force, actual RIFs, STAR 7, and other highs and lows of the workplace.

TVA retirees use that common past and our common stage in life, along with our common interest in retirement, to maintain our retiree association.

We helped each other and were a resource for each other when working. We help each other now.

The TVA Retirees Association strives to look out for your interests in order to reduce some of the stress of aging. Join with others in your TVARA chapter for the common good.



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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:

Meet Jeff Lyash, new President/CEO

Jeff Lyash is now President/Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Appointed by the Board of Directors in February 2019, Lyash leads the nation's largest public utility in its mission of serving the people of the Valley to make life better.



JEFF LYASH

Before coming to TVA, Lyash served since 2015 as President/CEO of Ontario Power Generation Inc., one of the largest electrical generating companies in Canada, which has a diverse fleet of nuclear, hydroelectric, gas, biomass, and renewable generating stations.

Lyash was formerly President of CB&I Power, where he was responsible for a full range of engineering, procurement, and construction of multi-billion-dollar electric-generation projects in domestic and international markets. He also provided operating-plant services for nuclear, coal, gas, oil and renewable generation.

Before joining CB&I, Lyash served as Executive Vice President of Energy Supply for Duke Energy where he led engineering, maintenance, and operations of the company's 42,000-megawatt generation fleet, fuel procurement, power trading, major projects and construction, environmental programs, and health-and-safety programs.

Before the merger of Progress Energy and Duke Energy, Lyash was Executive Vice President of Energy Supply for Progress Energy. In that role, he oversaw the company's diverse 22,000-megawatt fleet of generating resources including nuclear, coal, oil, natural gas, and hydroelectric stations. He also was responsible for generating-fleet fuel-procurement and power-trading operations.

Lyash joined Progress Energy in 1993. Before leading the Energy Supply division there, he served as Executive VP of Corporate Development, President/CEO of Progress Energy Florida, Senior VP of Energy Delivery Florida, and VP of Transmission.

He also held a wide range of management and executive roles in Progress Energy's nuclear program, including Operations Manager, Engineering Manager, Plant Manager, and Director of Site Operations.

Lyash began his career in the utility industry in 1981 and worked for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in senior technical and management positions throughout the Northeast and in Washington, D.C. He received the NRC Meritorious Service Award in 1987.

Lyash earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Drexel University and was honored with the Drexel University Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2009. He has held a senior reactor operator license from the NRC, and is a graduate of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Executive Training Program and the Duke Fuqua School of Business Advanced Management Program.

Lyash is an avid golfer and fly fisher. He and his wife, Tracy, enjoy cooking, skiing, reading, charitable work — and spending time with their two married children and nine grandchildren. The Lyashes live in Knoxville.

\$230-million, 5,000-job Amazon deal earns team Excellence in Service Award

When members of TVA's Economic Development team first got wind of a request for information about Amazon's search for a new headquarters location — one that would create 5,000 new high-paying jobs — they knew landing the retail giant would be impossible without the partnership of many key collaborators.

Collaboration on this project wasn't limited to TVA employees working across business unit lines, but involved teamwork on a much grander scale. Employees from TVA's Economic Development and Environment & Energy Policy groups partnered with Nashville Electric Service and Amazon, plus the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Department of Economic &



Community Development, and the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to bring Amazon's Operations Center of Excellence to the Valley.

From the start, Amazon made clear its desire to find cooperative, innovative solutions that focused on corporate responsibility. TVA advised the company during the site-selection process, helping Amazon keep its values in focus.

"We began by researching Amazon's worldwide sustainability efforts to get a good sense of what is most important to the company," says Lee Matthews, TVA's Senior Manager of Sustainability & Climate Policy. "We used that data as a starting point for matching Amazon's

needs with TVA's abilities and created a proposal that focused on where those intersected."

The proposal helped the Economic Development team leverage NES's Music City Solar project to meet Amazon's sustainability goals. Also, the ED team performed site visualization, competitive analysis, and marketing efforts.

Ultimately, TVA's response to Amazon's RFI culminated in the announcement of Amazon's Operations Center of Excellence and resulted in wins for the Valley, TVA, NES, and Amazon.

The Operations Center of Excellence will bring the single-largest jobs announcement

in TVA's history. The project will also bring five megawatts of power, \$230 million in capital investment, and roughly \$1 billion in incremental tax revenue to the Nashville area.

"The Amazon project will change the landscape of the community, and at the end of the day, that's what economic development is all about," says TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley. "We are here to better the quality of life for the communities that we serve. Economic development is a team sport, and we cannot fulfill our mission without the partnerships among this team and many others."

CEO Johnson Steps Down with \$12.8M Max Payout

(The following article is excerpted from a report that appeared in the April 5, 2019 issue of the Knoxville News Sentinel.)

"Tennessee Valley Authority President/Chief Executive Officer Bill Johnson has stepped down, and his successor, Jeffrey Lyash, has taken over.

Johnson has begun his new job as head of troubled California utility PG&E.

As he left TVA, Johnson was eligible for a maximum \$12.8-million retirement payout, according to the utility's latest Form 10-K filing with the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission. His retirement package was detailed in a Nov. 15, 2018 required SEC filing, according to TVA Public Information Officer Jim Hopson.

Johnson, 65, departed after six years at the helm of the federally created utility, which serves more than 10 million customers in seven states.

His retirement package includes, according to the 10-K:

- \$7.2 million from a supplemental executive retirement plan;
- \$2.5 million from a long-term bonus plan;
- \$2.4 million from an executive annual incentive plan; and
- \$722,117 from a deferred bonus plan.

"The 24,000 employees of PG&E are clearly dedicated to this state and are determined to provide safe, reliable, affordable, and clean energy to 16 million Californians," Johnson said in a PG&E news release.

"I am humbled to take on this new challenge and am dedicated to meeting the high expectations that our customers, regulators, and legislators have for PG&E. While the challenges facing PG&E and California are significant, by working together we will overcome them to serve the best interests of our customers, their families, and the communities we serve. This starts with a steadfast commitment to providing safe and reliable power."

PG&E Corp., headquartered in San Francisco, is the parent company of Pacific Gas & Electric Co., which serves central and northern California. The company announced April 3 it was hiring Johnson as President and CEO, along with naming 10 new members to its 13-seat board, before the utility's May 21 annual shareholders meeting. At that meeting Johnson also will be up for election as a 14th board member.

"I have no specific plans other than to continue to live in the South," Johnson



said in November when he announced his retirement from TVA. But in March reports emerged that he was a frontrunner for the California job, in conjunction with a PG&E board shakeup. The California investor-owned utility had been searching for a new leader since CEO Geisha Williams quit in January, two weeks before PG&E filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy was in anticipation of a possible \$30 billion in liability from the November 2018 Camp Fire. That blaze — which might have been started by a poorly maintained PG&E transmission line — killed at least 85 people, largely destroyed the town of Paradise, and burned 240 square miles.

For comparison, the November 2016 Gatlinburg wildfire killed 14 people, burned 27 square miles, and did about \$1 billion in damage.

"We have heard the calls for change and have taken action today to ensure that PG&E has the right leadership to bring about real and dynamic change that reinforces our commitment to safety, continuous improvement, and operational excellence," the PG&E

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Keeping Watch on Washington Action, Inaction



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

After getting off to a rocky start to the 116th Congress, the House and Senate agreed to a continuing resolution of the fiscal-year 2019 appropriations bill to fund the government from Feb. 15 through Sept. 30 after a short three-week funding measure that ended the historic 35-day shutdown.

Since then, the House and its new Democratic Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, have been getting committees organized and pursuing an ambitious political agenda that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell doesn't plan to take up in the Republican-held Senate.

On the other side of the Capitol, the Senate has put most legislation on the backburner as it works on a single-track agenda of getting through the growing backlog of President Trump's nominees for various positions.

On April 3, the Republican majority in the Senate finally reached its breaking point over the slow processing rate of nominations and voted to use the "nuclear option" to change the Senate Rules.

With all but two Republicans voting in support and no Democrats, the Senate lowered the required post-cloture debate time from 30 hours to two hours on lower-level nominees. This change does not apply to Cabinet-level nominees, federal appeals judges, or the Supreme Court.

One nominee who finally made it through the partisan gridlock after 388 days of waiting was TVA's newest Board Director, John Ryder of Memphis. Ryder was confirmed by the Senate on Feb. 28 to fill the Board seat expiring on May 18, 2021.

The nine-member TVA Board has one remaining vacancy, to which the President nominated William Kilbride of Chattanooga on March 5. Kilbride would fill the seat expiring on May 18, 2023. His nomination now goes through the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee before being considered by the full Senate for confirmation. Given the recent rule change in the Senate, it is hopeful that his path forward will be more expedient.

Two TVA Board seats held by Virginia Lodge and Ronald Walter expired on May 18, 2019. President Trump did not immediately make an announcement on whom he planned to nominate for those seats. Directors Lodge and Walter can serve through the end of this session of Congress, which concludes on Jan. 2, 2020, if no one is nominated and confirmed by the Senate before that date.

The annual President's Budget was released on March 11. As expected, the 2020 Budget contained the same language as last year about the intent to sell TVA's transmission assets. The President's Budget is a messaging item sent to Congress each year. However, the constitutional power to appropriate money lies with Congress, which has shown no interest in the TVA proposal in the past. There seems to be no reason for that to change this fiscal year.

On April 4, members of the U.S. House and Senate representing Tennessee sent a letter to the President strongly opposing the proposal to sell TVA's transmission assets, based on the devastating impact it would have to TVA ratepayers. The bipartisan letter was signed by all members of the Tennessee delegation with the exception of Rep. Tim Burchett (TN-2) and Rep. Mark Green (TN-7).

As TVA's new President/Chief Executive Officer, Jeff Lyash, has hit the ground running around the Tennessee Valley, the Government Relations team is working to introduce him to the 40 members of Congress who represent the TVA ratepayers.

On March 13, Lyash met with members of the Tennessee congressional delegation along with outgoing President/CEO Bill Johnson, to ensure a smooth transition of leadership and make sure that the issues important to the constituents of the Valley are kept front-of-mind moving forward with our new CEO.

As the clock ticks down on remaining legislative days before the extended August recess and the Sept. 30 expiration of government funding, it remains to be seen what if any bipartisan legislation can pass this divided Congress.

Speaker Pelosi has said she would like to come to a compromise with President Trump and Leader McConnell over issues that typically draw some cross-aisle support, such as spending bills, infrastructure proposals, new trade deals, drug-pricing plans, and more.

However, complicating the progress on these big-issue items is a growing discontent from members of the Democratic Party over the release of the report by Special Counsel Robert Mueller. Attorney General William Barr has sole jurisdiction to decide what is appropriate to share from the report and released a redacted version to Congress and the public on April 18.

Over the next few months, House Democrats will use their committee subpoena authority to press Barr and other administration officials as they continue to exercise their oversight role over the Trump Administration.

The TVA Government Relations team looks forward to continuing to represent the interests of the entire Tennessee Valley in Washington, D.C.

Count It! Lock It! Drop It!

By JERRY LANDON, Senior Program Manager, TVA Healthcare Plans

Prescription-drug misuse is a prevalent and often fatal problem among youth and adults.

For example, 64 percent of Tennesseans know someone who has become addicted to prescription-pain medication. Despite this alarming number, many individuals still think prescription-medication addiction and misuse is a bigger risk for “other people,” and not their households.

When individuals do not properly use or store prescription medications, it creates an opportunity for drug misuse.

Count It! Lock It! Drop It! is a community initiative supported by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Health Foundation. It empowers and educates individuals on how they can help prevent prescription-drug misuse by properly counting, locking up, or disposing of prescription medications.

Count It!

Make it a goal to count your pills at least once every two weeks. This will prevent theft and help ensure medications are taken properly.

Lock It!

Lock up your medications and store them in a secure place that others would not think to look. The main source of prescription-pain pills is friends and relatives. Don't be an accidental drug dealer. Protect your loved ones by purchasing lockboxes to store medications securely. If not used properly, prescription drugs can be as harmful and dangerous as illicit drugs.

Drop It!

Drop off your unused or expired medications for proper disposal at drop boxes located in participating law-enforcement offices or pharmacies.

There are also national take-back events, which happen twice a year, that provide a safe, convenient, and reliable way to clean out medicine cabinets. Disposing of unneeded prescriptions can help keep potentially harmful medication out of the wrong hands. The next National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is Saturday, April 27.

You can find information on drop boxes, take-back events, and other resources at countitlockitdropit.org.



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will be responsible for all aspects of administration. He also will have a dual reporting role to Vice President of Human Resources Operations Services Wilson Taylor, as Director of Retirement Services.

“Mark is an outstanding choice to be the next Executive Secretary,” Taylor says. “I congratulate Pat on his upcoming retirement, Mark on this new opportunity, and the TVARS Board for making such an

outstanding selection.”

Financial Update

The TVA Retirement System, reports that for the quarter ending March 31, 2019, investments earned 7.5 percent.

Continuing the positive investment performance of 2019, assets rose to \$7.8 billion.

The system's annualized returns over the past three-, five-, and 10-year

periods have been 8.2, 5.1, and 9.9 percent, respectively.

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Much Doing Ado for Muscle Shoals Chapter

By **TIM CORNELIUS**, President, TVARA Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter is one of the TVA Retirees Association's original chapters, established 52 years ago. Currently, it has about 1,140 members.

Chapter meetings are conducted the second Wednesday of March, September, and December at 10 a.m. at the Wilson Dam Road location of the TVA Community Credit Union in Muscle Shoals. The June meeting is the annual Picnic & Healthcare Fair held the third Tuesday at Florence/Lauderdale Coliseum, in Florence, Ala.

Chapter members volunteer their time and resources to support many community projects. Some of those projects include:

Gerald Williams Cooperative Garden Program

This program is administered in cooperation with the Northwest Alabama Community Action Agency. Its purpose is to provide enough seeds, plants, and fertilizer for low-income households in Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties to plant a garden 50 feet by 100 feet.

This year Muscle Shoals TVARA members volunteered many workhours by planning and scheduling all activities, taking applications over the phone, packing seeds, and distributing seeds and plants.



Muscle Shoals TVARA's Endowed Scholarship

Chapter members contribute and raise funds to support an endowed scholarship fund at the University of North Alabama. Each year, two qualified students receive scholarships of about \$1,000 each.

Preference for these scholarships is given to applicants who are close relatives of TVA retirees.

Boosting Engineering, Science & Technology Robotics of Northwest Alabama

This is a partnership with Northwest-Shoals Community College and the Shoals Area Chamber of Commerce.

Muscle Shoals TVARA members volunteer to support middle-school and high-school students participating in robotics competition.



These events are designed as a sporting competition in which students have hands-on experience in engineering and design, problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork, technical skills, leadership, decision-making, organizational management, and marketing principles.

Other Projects

The Muscle Shoals chapter supports other projects in our area, such as Meals On Wheels (see story on next page) and The Old Railroad Bridge Organization.

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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.



Keeping Those Meals Rolling

By GARY JARNIGAN

People with homebound disabilities have to cope with the threat of hunger, isolation, and loss of independence.

However, with the help of Meals On Wheels Of The Shoals, many of these people are furnished with one nutritious meal per day, seven days a week, all year long.

Warm meals are delivered to each recipient's door between 11 a.m. and noon on weekdays. Pre-prepared frozen meals are issued for weekends and holidays.

People not only are getting warm meals, they are getting to interact with the friendly Meals On Wheels volunteers from the community. And that has established friendships that are also a blessing to the volunteers.

MOW is a program through the Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama that delivers meals to about 165 homebound elderly and disabled people who live alone in Colbert, Franklin, and Lauderdale counties.

The meals are served at no cost to the homebound individuals. It costs \$199,000 a year to feed those currently enrolled — a little more than \$3 per meal. This is funded by donations from the local community, and from local city and county governments, businesses, and organizations like the United Way and the TVA Retirees Association.

Community Action Agency has a part-time employee who coordinates the program by visiting the homes, directing the volunteers, and speaking publicly about MOW. The coordinator also visits the homes of potential clients to see if they qualify.

A recipient must be 18 years of age or older, disabled, and homebound and living alone. The person also must be unable to prepare a nutritious meal and meet the low-income guidelines.



From left, Tim Cornelius, President of the TVARA Muscle Shoals Chapter; Joan Marsh, Chapter Treasurer; Tammy McDaniel, Executive Director of Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama; and Gary Jarnigan.

At this time MOW does not have enough funding to include all who are qualified. But as more donations come in, the money will go directly for meals to more qualified people.

There are more than 400 dedicated volunteers who deliver on a yearly basis, with several being TVARA members. TVARA also has given \$5,000 this year to support MOW. With the cost of \$1,204 a year per person, this gift helps cover the costs of preparing for more than four people a year.

(TVA retiree Gary Jarnigan is a member of the board of Community Action Agency of Northwest Alabama. He would like to recognize TVARA members who volunteer their time to Meals On Wheels Of The Shoals. He asks that they send an email with their name and number of volunteer hours to gary.jarnigan@yahoo.com.)

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Board said in a news release. "We believe our new CEO and the newly constituted board will help PG&E address California's evolving energy challenges and deliver what our customers expect from their energy company."

In the news release, PG&E touted TVA's safety record under Johnson, noting that decisions to close half of the agency's coal-fired plants came during his tenure, helping cut TVA's carbon emissions by 50 percent over a decade, while adding wind and solar generating capacity.

"Reflecting his absolute commitment to safety, more than half of Mr. Johnson's incentive compensation will be directly tied to safety performance and metrics, which PG&E believes significantly exceeds industry standards," the news release said.

Environmental and consumer groups in the Southeast, however, have long denounced Johnson as moving too slowly on cutting carbon emissions. They characterize TVA's rate-structure change last year as a disincentive for clean energy and conservation, a charge the agency has denied.

Johnson has long been the highest-paid federal employee, with his total compensation reaching \$8.1 million last year. That includes \$1.1 million in base pay, plus incentives and the increasing value of his pension and deferred compensation, an increase of 22 percent from fiscal 2017, according to a 10-K filing.

Lyash's hiring as Johnson's successor at TVA was announced in February. In choosing him, TVA used the same North Carolina search firm that brought in Johnson.

Around the Horn in 60 Days

From Carnival in Rio to Tierra del Fuego
by Sea, an Unforgettable Journey

By RONALD J. FIELD

It was Mother's Day 2017. Sandra, my lovely bride for 47 years and nine months, was sitting on the deck watching me finish grilling a juicy slab of ribs.

"So, what am I getting for my Mother's Day present?" she asked seemingly innocently.

Having been married to her well over half of my life, I knew immediately this was not an innocent question. There was a plan hatching there somewhere, and I was about to become involved.

"I hadn't thought much about it," I said. "How about some juicy grilled ribs and a sip of wine? Maybe a good movie later. What did you have in mind?"

I knew as soon as I said it, I was trapped!

"Well, I got this brochure in the mail yesterday from Princess Cruises," she said with a loving smile. "And I think it would be a wonderful way to spend the winter away from the snow and frigid temperatures here in Michigan.

"It's a 60-day cruise around Cape Horn from January until the end of March."

Right!



From left, Ron and Sandra Field with traveling companions Judy and Don Johnson

"Did we just hit the lotto — or perhaps collect an unexpected inheritance from a distant relative?" I said.

"No. But do you remember all those government Savings Bonds you used to buy every month when you were at TVA?" she said. "You know, the ones that are wrapped in a rubber band in an envelope on the top shelf in the upstairs closet?"

"Most of them stopped paying interest years ago, so we might as well use them for something. Besides, round-trip airfare to Miami is included in the price of the cruise, and you won't have to buy groceries, gasoline for the car, or heat for the house all winter. Let's just do it!"

Bested again!

"Okay, but this covers your 48th-anniversary present and your birthday, too," I said.

By the end of the day we were booked on the Island Princess, along with another couple from our church Sandra had convinced to join us with a "Can't beat the price" invitation.

The Island Princess departed Port Everglades in Fort



French, St. Maarten, and Netherlands flags posted at the border in St. Maarten, West Indies



Sacré Coeur Cathedral of Balata, Martinique, West Indies

Lauderdale, Fla., on Jan. 24, heading southeast for St. Maarten, the first of five Caribbean islands we would visit on our southbound voyage.

Many will recognize St. Maarten as unique in its governance under two nations, 60 percent as a territory of France, the other 40 percent as a territory of the Netherlands.

Others will recognize it for the famed Princess Juliana International Airport, where intrepid sunbathers line up to be blown into Simpson Bay by the slipstream of departing passenger jets.

Still others will recognize Orient Beach as the notorious clothing-optional sun-seekers attraction of the Lesser Antilles.

Continuing south on our journey along the Atlantic Coast, we reached Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana. The island itself, made famous by the Dustin Hoffman movie "Papillon," is closed to tourism, and there is no port access for cruise ships, so we observed the notorious former French penal colony from aboard ship.

Our arrival and three-day stay in Rio de Janeiro at the peak of Carnival was a highlight of the trip.

The statue of Cristo Redentor (Christ the Redeemer) standing guard over the city from atop Corcovado Mountain, and Pao de Azucar (Sugarloaf Mountain) are unforgettable. So, too, were the costumes of the thousands of revelers filling the city in celebration of the beginning of Lent.



The Fields and Johnsons on Corcovado Mountain

Buenos Aires is memorable for its architectural diversity.

Its cathedrals, palaces, governmental buildings, office towers, and mansions represent Romanesque, Gothic, Baroque, and modern styles. Statues and monuments commemorating the history of the second-largest city on the continent line the avenues, as do magnificent works of art.

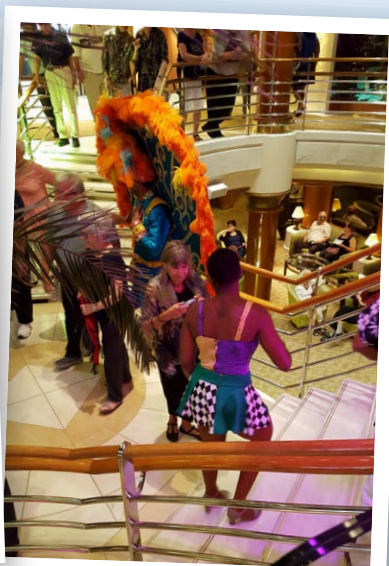
The Floralis Genérica is such a sculpture of steel and aluminum. The flower opens mechanically each morning, then closes at dusk, mimicking a living flower.

No cruise around Cape Horn would be complete without going to the colonies of penguins on the Falkland Islands.

We visited the town of Stanley and the Sparrow Cove penguin reserve,



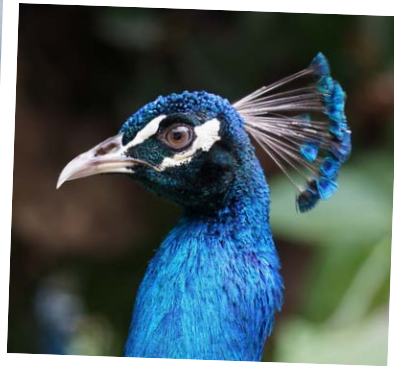
Greeters at Rio de Janeiro during Carnival



Shipboard celebration of Carnival



Gentoo and Magellanic penguins, Falkland Islands — Gentoo has nurse's-cap marking, Magellanic has circle around face.



Free-ranging peacock, Cartagena, Colombia



South American sea lions

where we encountered hundreds of Gentoo and Magellanic penguins.

There were elephant seals there, as well, but they were inaccessible to tourists because of the danger of residual land mines and unexploded ordinance from the 1982 war between Britain and Argentina.

Tierra del Fuego, the southernmost archipelago of South America, includes Horn Island, where the Atlantic and Pacific oceans meet. In winter, storms make it perhaps the most dangerous passage in the world. In summer, including January through March when we traveled, we encountered no more than four-meter seas.

The Beagle Channel, named after the H.M.S. Beagle in which Charles Darwin sailed, lies slightly north of Horn Island itself.

The southernmost city in the world, Ushuaia, Argentina, lies on the north shore of the Beagle Channel and provides postcard-quality views of Argentinian Patagonia and the southern Andes.

It also provides tremendous opportunities for wildlife

photography of South American sea lions, colonies of Imperial Cormorants, and aggressive petrels.

Sailing north along the Pacific coast of Chile, we encountered numerous whales, including dozens of southern right whales, a pod of orcas, and what we believed to be an enormous blue whale.

Farther up the coast we viewed the 600-mile-long Atacama Desert, said to be the driest non-polar desert on the planet. It comprises much of the northern Chilean coast and



Inca Ceremonial Garment at the Museo del Auro (Gold Museum), Lima, Peru



Ronald, Sandra at Cape Horn



Panama Canal's Pedro Miguel Locks with Centennial Bridge in background



Lobster dinner in Miraflores, Peru



Graveyard of ships,
Montevideo, Uruguay



Amalia Glacier, Patagonia, Chile

part of southern coastal Peru.

Lima, Peru, one of the last cities we visited, held a wealth of cultural attractions.

Not to be missed was the Museo del Auro or Gold Museum, where some 20,000 items of Incan gold are on display.

Finally, we entered the southern, or Pacific, entrance to the Panama Canal.

The nearly eight-hour south-to-north trip beneath first the Bridge of the Americas, and later the 2004 Centennial Bridge hosting the Pan-American Highway, highlighted the trip of a lifetime.

Mere photographs cannot do it justice, but the ones on these pages are at least a humble attempt to do so.

(After retiring from TVA in 1988 as Manager of the Wildlife Resources Development Program, Ronald Field was selected as Dean of the College of Life Sciences & Professor of Natural Resources at the University of the District of Columbia. He subsequently served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wayne County Community College in Detroit and went on to become President at Highland Community College in Freeport, Ill.)

(He earned his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management at Michigan State University, followed by both an M.S. and Ph.D. in Zoology. He also has served in the U.S Fish & Wildlife Service as a biologist at the Seney National Wildlife Refuge, and as a Wildlife Research Biologist at the Denver Federal Center. Currently, Field and his wife live outside of East Lansing, Mich.)



Cannons guarding the harbor in
Grenada, West Indies

FOOTBAR Raises Bar for Walker Experience By JIM ANDREWS

Five years ago, TVA retiree Gary Morris and his wife, Nancy, of Paris, Tenn., had friends in Danville, Ky., who had a problem. So the Morrises put their heads together and came up with a solution involving the foot that helped not only those friends but a number of other folks, as well.

The Morrises were concerned about George and Peggy White, because George's health issues were taking a heavy toll on Peggy's health, as well.

George was then 88 years old. A World War II Navy veteran, he was suffering from Lewy Body Dementia and essential tremors, while also recovering from a third hip replacement. Peggy, then 86, was his sole caregiver.

"She wanted him to be with her in their home as long as possible," Nancy says. "But she was really struggling to help him up from a seated position to a standing position to use his walker, because his tremors were so bad.

"Doing it the normal way was an almost impossible task for them both."

That's what led Gary, a retired Instrument Mechanic at Johnsonville Fossil Plant and Combustion Turbine Technician at Gleason Combustion Turbine Plant, and Nancy to create the FOOTBAR Walker. It is a walker with a top pull bar and a bar across the bottom for a caregiver's foot.

"Nancy was the 'thinker' on this," Gary says. "She said, 'Why couldn't you put some kind of bar down there, so you could brace the walker with your foot while the patient was pulling up?'"



Nancy and Gary Morris, with their invention

"I tell people it was a matter of a woman putting her foot down and a man listening to her."

Nancy says, "Gary can fix and make anything. So he said he could create something to help our friends, and that's just what he did."

The FOOTBAR works by letting caregivers hold a spring-loaded bar with their foot, while placing one hand on the top bar. Once caregivers are in that position, they direct the patients to put both hands on the top bar and pull themselves up.

"With that counterweight, the walker

can be stabilized without putting extra stress on either the patient or the caregiver," Gary says.

He says it's the simplicity of the product that makes it work.

"We could hardly believe no one had ever thought of it before, to be honest," Nancy says.

So Gary put together the very first FOOTBAR Walker, and he and Nancy gave it to the Whites. Their friends, in turn, were able to be together at home for more than four more years, even going on a cruise one year.

George died recently — on April 26 at the age of 92. But that wasn't the end of the story.

In 2015, the Whites and others encouraged the Morrises to apply for a patent. It took 2½ years, but on Sept. 19, 2017, they got it.

They also got help from the University of Tennessee at Martin-affiliated Regional Entrepreneurship & Economic Development Center, which helps small businesses get started. The center gave the Morrises its Future Star award for 2018.

And UT-Martin's engineering and nursing departments provided positive support.

"The nursing-department doctors called the FOOTBAR a 'bridge' between regular walkers and the special chairs that lift patients to their feet," Gary says.

"A lot of the time, caregivers have to



A Big Hand for FOOTBAR

Gary and Nancy Morris of Paris, Tenn., inventors of the FOOTBAR Walker, were honored March 22, 2019, as winners of the Rising Star Award from the Tennessee Small Business Development Center at UT-Martin.

The presentation was made at the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce as part of National Small Business Development Day.

The Rising Star Award recognizes entrepreneurs who are on the rise, have demonstrated growth potential, promoted job creation, and exhibited a strong entrepreneurial mindset.

pull people up from under the arms, or by their belts, which can hurt the patients and the caregivers, as well. So a lot of patients just don't want to stand or refuse to try because of the difficulty."

Gary says George stood up so easily with his new walker that he was able to stand before his tremors could kick in.

"With our invention, we wanted to help patients realize there is another option to help them stand again," Gary says. "People who have used and supported our product have said the FOOTBAR has changed their lives.

"It helped the Whites stay at home, and they estimated it saved them \$192,000 and saved Peggy's health, too."

The Morrisses have started their own assembly plant in Paris and so far have shipped their product to South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

"It's not the retirement we expected when I retired in 2013," Gary says. "But it's truly a blessing to help people cope with health-and-aging issues."

More Car Talk — Turning Something Old into Something New

By MAX McWHORTER

In September 1964, I paid \$2,908 to purchase my dream car, a red 1965 (some call it a 1964½) Mustang hardtop from Mitchell Ford in Cullman, Ala.

For 53 years and three months, I enjoyed my 289 V8, four-speed, four-barrel-carburetor Mustang.

For the first 20 years, I appreciated it by being its daily driver, and in the next 30 years I delighted in driving it on weekends as a fun car by belonging to the Arab (Ala.) Customs & Classics Car Club.

The weekend drives involved many car shows and many awards, including taking first place at the Mustang Club of America National in 2005 at Huntsville, Ala.

In November of 2016 Eckenrod (previously Mitchell) Ford in Cullman asked to display my Mustang in its

showroom over Christmas.

They provided me with a new 2017 Mustang convertible to drive while my Mustang was being displayed. When I returned to get my old Mustang, the dealership suggested a trade — even up.

This 76-year-old man and his wife, Glenda, decided to take the dealership up on its offer.

We had enjoyed driving that new convertible so much over Christmas that it was easy for us to decide to move on and up to a new Mustang.

When asked what it was like to give up a car that I had owned for 53 years, I



replied, "It wasn't such an emotional event, when I saw what I was getting!"

(Max McWhorter worked at TVA as an Energy Services Technician, retiring in 1994, and lives in Arab, Ala.)

More car talk?

If you have an old car, truck, motorcycle, jeep, or whatever type of vintage vehicle and would like to share stories about it in *TVARA News*, contact Theresa Habiger at thabiger@charter.net.



From left, Glenda and Max McWhorter and Eckenrod Ford salesperson Karen Dawson, with McWhorter new and old Mustangs

In Memoriam

Feb. 1, 2019 – April 30, 2019

TVA Retirement Management received notifications of the deaths of the following retirees for the period Feb. 1, 2019 through April 30, 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, call the TVA Retirement System toll-free at 1-800-824-3870.

Allison, Jerry J.,
2/25/2019 (1/8/2007)
Alvarez, Raymond, Jr.,
3/12/2019 (8/2/1988)
Appleton, Harry G.,
3/30/2019 (1/1/1995)
Ashcraft, Billy C.,
2/24/2019 (12/28/2012)
Ault, Rufus D.,
1/15/2019 (7/30/1988)
Baker, John D.,
1/24/2019 (1/2/2011)
Baker, Betty J.,
3/21/2019 (2/16/2002)
Ballard, Bobby L.,
4/4/2019 (6/25/1994)
Barham, Charles R.,
2/10/2019 (1/1/1995)
Batts, Thomas N.,
4/5/2019 (8/20/1988)
Baumann, George R.,
9/18/2018 (7/30/1988)
Beck, James G.,
4/10/2019 (1/4/2009)
Bivins, Jimmy L.,
3/13/2019 (1/1/1995)
Blackburn, Robert K.,
2/4/2019 (4/5/2003)
Bolding, Bobby W.,
2/5/2019 (6/24/1993)
Bonneau, George R.,
2/13/2019 (7/1/1995)
Bowman, David H.,
3/22/2019 (10/17/1994)
Branch, William G.,
12/29/2018 (11/14/1988)
Bratcher, Kenneth L.,
2/6/2019 (7/17/1999)
Burcham, David H.,
4/21/2019 (11/3/2007)
Burke, Bobby E.,
3/7/2019 (6/26/2004)
Carroll, Ronald E.,
3/24/2019 (6/3/2003)
Childres, William H.,
4/9/2019 (10/1/1988)
Clark, Robert E.,
2/3/2019 (10/31/1981)
Coleman, Jesse H.,
4/19/2019 (10/25/1997)
Covington, Darrel R.,
2/24/2019 (5/2/2000)
Curde, Tommie Joel,
2/1/2019 (4/24/2010)
Dailey, George R.,
3/20/2019 (1/2/1988)
Dandy, Melvin B.,
3/1/2019 (12/18/2010)

Daniel, H. Leslie,
4/2/2019 (10/17/1994)
Daugherty, E. David, Jr.,
3/31/2019 (6/5/1993)
Davidson, Percy J.,
3/20/2019 (1/3/1999)
Davidson, Jack K.,
3/22/2019 (12/31/1997)
Davis, Thomas C.,
3/3/2019 (9/3/1988)
Devine, Robert H.,
1/27/2019 (2/4/2006)
Dickson, Ronald N.,
3/26/2019 (10/17/1994)
Doughty, Bobbie J.,
2/20/2019 (1/20/2001)
Downs, W. Gene,
2/25/2019 (11/10/1990)
Duncan, Austin S.,
3/24/2019 (8/1/1988)
Dunn, Daryl E.,
1/24/2019 (10/2/2017)
Elder, Thomas W.,
4/12/2019 (6/26/1982)
Essex, Patricia H.,
4/14/2019 (9/27/1997)
Evans, Ricky L.,
2/19/2019 (8/2/2015)
Falls, Kenneth D.,
2/24/2019 (1/1/1993)
Farned, William M.,
3/16/2019 (6/22/1985)
Ferguson, Roger D.,
3/30/2019 (11/16/1991)
Folsom, J. Felton,
4/24/2019 (5/22/2004)
Frazier, Phillip E.,
3/18/2019 (10/13/1990)
Frazier, Larry E.,
1/29/2019 (10/1/2014)
French, Robert W.,
4/8/2019 (7/5/1997)
Gerald, Mildred L.,
2/28/2019 (9/15/1984)
Gibson, Jo S.,
4/6/2019 (10/17/1987)
Gould, Robert D.,
3/31/2019 (8/21/2004)
Griffith, Stephen E.,
3/18/2019 (1/6/2007)
Hale, Thomas W., Jr.,
4/17/2019 (2/18/1998)
Halliburton, Edward H.,
3/23/2019 (1/8/2007)
Hartline, Walter E.,
1/29/2019 (1/1/1994)
Haynes, Willis R.,
3/5/2019 (10/1/1988)

Hill, Patricia M.,
3/20/2019 (10/25/1986)
Hurt, Larry J.,
4/24/2019 (6/17/2006)
Ingram, Dewain T.,
4/16/2019 (3/13/1986)
Jagoe, William L.,
3/12/2019 (6/27/2001)
Johnson, Roger D.,
3/15/2019 (9/7/2013)
Jones, Sandra H.,
4/9/2019 (10/13/2007)
Jones, Carolyn J.,
3/26/2019 (9/27/1997)
Joyner, William F.,
1/13/2019 (8/2/1988)
Kirk, Jimmy D.,
2/20/2019 (3/2/1995)
Kirkland, Willard B.,
2/16/2019 (10/10/1981)
Lafferty, William H.,
4/16/2019 (1/3/1991)
Lee, Robert G.,
2/13/2019 (6/2/1993)
Lively, Gene K.,
2/25/2019 (10/11/1988)
Martin, Bruce E.,
1/26/2019 (7/23/1988)
Mays, John R.,
4/6/2019 (8/1/1988)
McCoy, Billy L.,
3/9/2019 (12/6/2003)
Morrison, Charles E.,
3/18/2019 (8/26/1997)
Morton, James M.,
4/23/2019 (4/3/2004)
Moye, Richard W.,
3/12/2019 (1/5/2008)
Murdock, Eugene A.,
2/2/2019 (10/1/1988)
Myers, John K.,
3/14/2019 (1/3/1987)
Nelson, Kathleen K.,
2/1/2019 (Unknown)
Newberry, Jerry Lynn,
3/20/2019 (1/5/2008)
Nicholas, James M.,
2/11/2019 (11/13/2004)
Oxendine, Elbert E.,
4/28/2019 (10/1/1996)
Page, Richard E.,
3/16/2019 (1/1/1993)
Pavlechko, Frank L.,
3/29/2019 (6/13/2004)
Pool, Andrew L.,
2/8/2019 (7/4/1987)
Ray, James D.,
2/21/2019 (3/31/1973)

Reed, James L.,
3/28/2019 (5/18/2002)
Riddle, Donald R.,
1/29/2019 (1/9/2006)
Robertson, Robert J.,
2/22/2019 (6/1/1993)
Robinson, Edward F.,
3/16/2019 (10/17/1994)
Rogers, George L., Jr.,
2/17/2019 (10/2/1982)
Rogers, Perry P.,
2/18/2019 (10/1/1988)
Rule, Hilda J.,
4/10/2019 (8/2/1988)
Rust, George L.,
2/28/2019 (10/17/1994)
Schomer, Don C.,
2/26/2019 (8/10/1988)
Scott, David A.,
4/1/2019 (7/2/1982)
Sedman, James D.,
4/27/2019 (1/5/2007)
Singleton, B. Mark,
2/17/2019 (10/4/1994)
Sprinkle, William E., Sr.,
3/7/2019 (3/4/1999)
Swafford, Alice F.,
2/17/2019 (10/3/1987)
Tatum, William R., Sr.,
3/22/2019 (1/5/1987)
Terry, Danny J.,
3/12/2019 (1/2/2011)
Thigpen, Andrew C.,
3/23/2019 (3/11/1989)
Thomas, Wanda J.,
3/26/2019 (7/24/1982)
Tutko, Andrew J.,
3/8/2019 (1/8/2002)
Varner, James E., Jr.,
2/14/2019 (7/7/2002)
Walker, Robert R.,
2/26/2019 (11/10/1988)
Wallis, Robert D.,
2/28/2019 (7/17/1999)
Washburn, Delane H.,
4/21/2019 (8/5/1999)
Weathers, Ronald G.,
3/30/2019 (9/27/1997)
Weaver, James G.,
4/7/2019 (11/14/1989)
Williamson, Steve Kelly,
2/5/2019 (3/7/2016)
Wilson, James M.,
3/13/2019 (10/2/2006)
Wisdom, Rayburn A., Sr.,
3/27/2019 (4/1/1996)

Upcoming June 2019 Chapter Meetings

BROWNS FERRY

June 11, 2019, Noon

Catfish Cabin, Athens, Ala.:

- Guest Speaker: Barry Tidwell, Assistant to Browns Ferry Site Vice President
- Terry Chinn, President
256-230-3660/terryandjanachinn@yahoo.com

CHATTANOOGA

June 11, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

*Catoosa County Civic Center,
(The Colonnade) 264 Catoosa Circle,
Ringgold, Ga. 37036*

- Annual Picnic – Gathering for fellowship & registration 10:30 a.m., serving lunch 11:30 a.m.
- Featured Speaker: Pat Brackett, retiring Director, TVA Retirement Management, speaking on “The TVA Retirement System – Past, Present, and Future of TVARS ... as I walk out the door, here’s what I think”

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

CLEVELAND

June 14, 2019, 10 a.m.

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

- Program: TBD
- Guest Speaker: TBD
- Other Meeting Details: Annual Summer Chapter Picnic

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

FLORIDA

October 2019, 10:30 a.m.

The Villages

- Annual Luncheon Meeting
- Charles L. “Chuck” Bach, President
865-414-0313/twxman1@gmail.com

GALLATIN

June 12, 2019, Noon

Gallatin Public Library, East Main Street

- Guest Speaker: TBD
- Ronnie “Blue” Monday, President
615-325-9473/ronniemonday@att.net

HUNTSVILLE

June 13, 2019, 10 a.m.

*First Baptist Church, East Entrance,
Door Code 53158, Parlor Meeting Room*

- Program: Presentation on Muscle Shoals Chapter
- Seed Distribution Program by John Blackwell
- Lunch will be provided

Betty Fischer, President
256-830-0528/zharv@bellsouth.net

JACKSON

June 12, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

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

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

JOHNSONVILLE

June 13, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

*The Grainery,
256 W. Main St., Camden, Tenn.*

- Visting begins at 10 a.m., program at 10:30 a.m.
 - Program: TBD
- Leroy Uptain Jr., President
931-535-2696/lrfarms@tds.net

KINGSTON

June 24, 2019, 10:45 a.m.

*Kingston Community Center,
201 Patton Ferry Road*

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

KNOXVILLE

June 6, 2019, 10 a.m.

Douglas Dam Picnic Pavilion

- Annual Picnic – Registration begins at 10 a.m., meal and program at 11 a.m.
- Guest Speakers: Erik Bodiscomassink, TVA Plant Manager, Cherokee, Douglas, Norris; Pat Brackett, Executive Secretary, TVA Retirement System

Vickie L. Ellis, President
865-805-1512/vllellis@aol.com

MEMPHIS

June 17, 2019, 11 a.m.

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

- Discuss minutes from May 2, 2019 TVARA Board Meeting

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

MISSISSIPPI

June 11, 2019, 10 a.m.

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

- Program: Mississippi Parks & Reservoirs – Getting Outdoors

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

MUSCLE SHOALS

June 18, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

*Florence Lauderdale Coliseum,
Florence, Ala.*

- Annual Picnic & Healthcare Fair, \$12 per person (invitations will be mailed)

Timothy “Tim” Cornelius, President
256-757-5220/timwccornelius1@gmail.com

NASHVILLE

June 12, 2019, 10 a.m.

*Piccadilly Cafeteria,
865 Murfreesboro Pike*

- Guest Speaker: William Colby Carter, Senior Counsel, TVA Retirement Benefits & Compensation

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

NORTHEAST ALABAMA

June 11, 2019, 11 a.m.

Mud Creek Restaurant, Hollywood, Ala.

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

PADUCAH AREA

June 18, 2019, 10 a.m.

Pizza Inn, Joe Clifton Drive

- Guest Speaker: Pat Brackett, Executive Secretary, TVA Retirement System
- Ken Dickerson, President
270-442-9539/kenneth.dickerson@comcast.net

PARADISE

June 11, 2019, 10:30 a.m.

Catfish Dock, Powderly, Ky.

- Discuss minutes from May 2, 2019 TVARA Board Meeting
 - Guest Speaker: TBD
 - \$25 door prize
 - Recognize new retirees
 - Chapter selects September Picnic date, location, menu, and speaker
 - Send “get well/thinking of you” cards
- Patricia E. “Pat” Cobb, President
270-338-6667/pecobb1942@att.net

UPPER EAST TENNESSEE

June 12, 2019, 11 a.m.

Shelter at Rogersville City Park

- Retirement System update
- Annual Picnic – BBQ and drinks furnished
- Please bring a dish to share
- RSVP to 423-782-8458 by **June 1**

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

WATTS BAR

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

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

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

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

WESTERN AREA

June 19, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park

- Guest Speakers: Emily Jones and Danny Isaacs, TVA Regional Economic Development Consultants

K. Renee Turnbow, President
270-205-5277/kturnbow@gmail.com

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TVARA Website, Email Addresses

Have you visited the TVARA website lately? The web address is mytvvara.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@mytvvara.org
 Jean Bryson — sjbryson@mytvvara.org
 Richard Wilson — rtwilson@mytvvara.org

Retiree ‘Picnic’ Moves Indoors Sept. 13 at Chattanooga Convention Center

Friday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m. Eastern time — save the date and time on your calendar for the TVA Retiree Appreciation Luncheon.

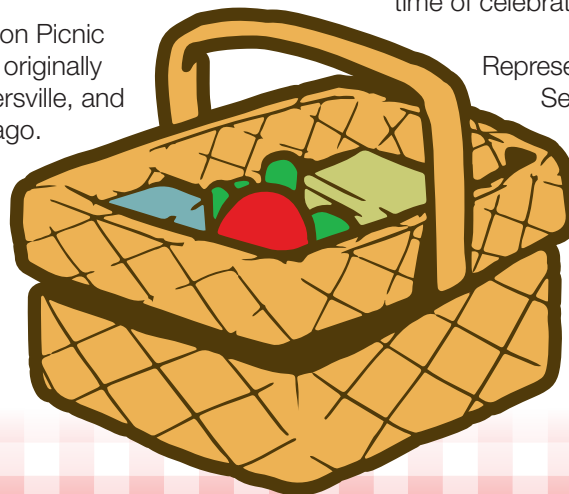
In the past, the TVA Retiree Appreciation Picnic has been held in an outdoor venue — originally in Chattanooga, then moving to Gunterville, and then back to Chattanooga two years ago.

The attendance at the picnic has continued to grow as the number of retirees has increased.

This year the picnic will be transformed into an indoor luncheon with air conditioning and a sit-down

meal in ballrooms at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

See former friends, connect with other retirees, and enjoy a time of celebration for your service at TVA.



Representatives from TVA Retirement Services, TVA Benefits, Via Benefits, Delta Dental, Fidelity Investments, and Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on hand.

A bus from Knoxville and a bus from Muscle Shoals will be available.

Stay tuned for information about the buses from your local chapter.