



SRSRA NEWSLETTER

For SRS Retiree Association Members

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About this newsletter

The SRSRA Newsletter is published four times a year – January, April, July, and October. The Newsletter is sent to all dues paying SRSRA members. If you are getting the printed version and would like to get the email version instead, please send us a note through the www.srsretirees.org web page with your current email address and we will update our records. Also, receiving it by email reduces our costs of printing and distributing this newsletter. If you are receiving the printed version, please consider contacting us and switching to an email subscription.

With this issue, the SRSRA Newsletter is transitioning to a new editor. The board wishes to acknowledge the work of Frank Campbell who has been the editor and has provided a quality publication with each issue. Thank you, Frank.

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Did you know?

Previous editions of this newsletter are posted on the Retiree Association website at srsretirees.org. Select the Newsletters tab. All newsletters are there except for the current issue, which is only available to current paid SRSRA members.

SRSRA Membership



Anyone who has been employed at or in direct association with the Savannah River Site for at least five years and who has since retired from that employment and their spouses are eligible. All spouses of retiree members, whether SRS retirees themselves or not, are eligible for membership in the SRSRA.

Annual dues for the Association are \$25. For surviving spouses of retirees, annual dues are \$5. Dues may be paid up to 3 years (current plus 2 future years). To join, go to fill out the membership form at <https://www.srsretirees.org/membership/>.

Annual Meeting Scheduled

The SRS Retiree Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2023 and will be held at the USCA-Etherredge Center, Aiken SC. The SRSRA Board regrets the delay caused by pandemic. Our foremost concern is for everyone's safety during the Annual Meeting.

If you have submitted a question for the Annual Meeting Q&A session, we will keep those on file. The website and Facebook will continue to be available to submit questions for the next Annual Meeting. In the meantime, you can contact the SRSRA or the Retiree Resource Center through our email address at the top of this page.

Gas Card Winner



The first gas card winner for this issue is William John Mottel, III.

This lucky SRSRA member has won a \$50 gas card courtesy of the SRSEA and SRSRA. Call Bob Hottel at 803-648-7721 within 30 days to claim your gas card! Please verify your home address when you contact Bob.

SRSRA United Way Campaign

SRS employees have a long history of participating in the United Way and members of our Retiree Association proudly carry on this tradition. The SRSRA United Way campaign will kick off in August, marking our 23rd year of support.



We again offer our members the opportunity to contribute directly to the United Way through our SRS Retiree Association. If you live in SC or GA, watch for pledge forms arriving in your mail soon!

Board Activities

On July 27th, SRSRA will meet with Dave Olson, President, Savannah River Mission Completion, to have an orientation session on the Retirees Association. Topics covered will include a brief history, accomplishments, and future objectives. An overview presentation on the Resource Center will be included. Efforts to achieve a pension adjustment and stipend increases will also be discussed.

SRS Retirees Facebook page:

There have been some good discussions lately on the SRSRetirees Facebook page. All SRS retirees who are on Facebook are welcome to join the page, ask questions, and participate in the discussions. Search for the group name SRS Retirees and join your fellow retirees in that group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1628555790551114>

SRS Cold War History Preservation Program and SRS Museum Update

SAVANNAH RIVER SITE MUSEUM

Since the end of the pandemic, the SRS Museum has reopened to the public. The museum is seeking volunteers, museum newsletter subscribers (free), and memberships. More information can be found on our website, srsheritagemuseum.org. The SRS curators also need assistance identifying employees in old photographs not printed in SRP/SRS News and volunteers to be on a reference call list for artifacts, equipment, or providing additional background information on documents, etc.



Nurse Norma Hedrick, 1974.



(Left to right) C. A. Creech, Lorenzo Lawson, W. Miller, W. A. Goodwin, O. Allen), Automotive Shop, Building 716-A, 1978



We are seeking volunteers!

SAVANNAH RIVER SITE MUSEUM

SRS Museum wants YOU to volunteer!

- Connect with the Aiken community
- Help visitors learn local history
- Explore the impact of SRS
- Attend and assist museum events
- Provide tours that focus on Cold War history and nuclear science

Apply online at srsheritagemuseum.org

Or call us at 803-648-1437

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SRSRA Retiree Resource Center Report, Lauren Riley Feinman, Manager

Have you filed?

Some of our retirees have never filed a HealthEquity/WageWorks claim or have only filed for a small amount of their balance or have given up after claim denials. Do you or a friend or family member have claims that have been denied and you have given up? Not sure of how to see what's in your account and how to best manage it? Want us to help a retiree friend you know? Contact us. We are here to help with this process.



SRSRA Retiree Resource Center Metrics Since Inception September 2014 – June 2022

4,880	Office Visits at SRSRA Retiree Resource Center
3,715	Clients served
11,351	Phone contacts
1,525	Email contacts
\$3.5+	Million <i>HealthEquity/WageWorks</i> claims transmitted by RRC
3,199	Number of Medicare Rx Plan Reviews conducted over seven years

Our Volunteers Keep on Working! **Special Appreciation to Ken Perrine, PhD**



Ken filed the largest single retiree SRS stipend claim on record! The claim was for \$57,088. This money really helped this family with private care nursing expenses for the retiree.

Several of us contacted this retiree and his family over three years urging them to file for their retired dad's benefit. Their father is now living outside the CSRA and has been receiving private nursing care for a number of years. It was Ken who was finally successful working with them and compiling the documentation, and Ken who filed the claim on their behalf. They were all very grateful.

Ken has been volunteering his time to the SRSRA Retiree Resource Center for the past eight years, handling over 258 office and home visits, assisting retirees ready for Medicare and the SRS HRA stipend process, helping with the annual Rx Review process, and counseling retirees about the best approaches to access and claim their SRS stipend allocations. He's been a great volunteer.

Ken is also a strong community volunteer working with Hitchcock Woods, his church, and other organizations. The new edition of his beautiful guide, *Trailside Flora of the Hitchcock Woods*, is available in hard copy or online, and he also recently developed an app that can be accessed on Android® cellphones so you can identify the flowers as you hike. Ken is an example of someone who

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loves sharing practical knowledge which people appreciate, and he has never stopped learning and teaching since he served in the US Navy and earned his PhD before joining SRS. Ken and his wife Nancy live in Aiken.

Communicating with the SRSRA Resource Center

Telephone 803-508-7065 *Message Line*

email SRSRA@LSCOG.ORG

You are welcome to email us and submit scanned documents for our review. Be sure to include your full name, address and phone so we can identify you.

Drop-off mailbox for material at 2748 Wagener Rd, LSCOG Building, Aiken SC

We have a large secure DROP OFF MAILBOX in front of our office building which is checked frequently. You can drop your paperwork into this box 24 hours a day. Please address your envelope to the SRSRA Retiree Resource Center and be sure your name is included.

For US Postal Service

SRSRA Retiree Resource Center, LSCOG Building, 2748 Wagener Road, Aiken SC 29801

Monthly Age-In Training for Retirees Newly Eligible for Medicare

Our volunteers conduct a very popular three-hour course reviewing critical Medicare and SRS Stipend information for retirees and spouses aging into Medicare at age 65 or upon retirement.

Please call or email the Retiree Resource Center to register or with any questions. Bringing a spouse or friend is helpful. Remember the spaces are limited during these times. We look forward to seeing you and helping you successfully navigate this important part of the retirement process.

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Other Benefit Contact Information

- ✚ **SRS Benefits Service Center at the Site:** HR, payroll and benefits questions. Currently no live answer; the SRS Message Line will take your information for a return call.
803-725-7772 (local area SC and GA) 800-368-7333 (toll free) service-center@srs.gov
- ✚ **SRSRA Retiree Resource Center:** 803-508-7065 Message Line srsra@Lscog.org
- ✚ **Transamerica Pension and 401K:** 866-288-3257 www.transamerica.com/portal/srsretire/
- ✚ **RightOpt** (MyMedicareAdvocate/GetInsured) 877-591-8904 www.righoptretiree.com/srs
- ✚ **HealthEquity** (WageWorks) 877-924-3967: www.participant.wageworks.com
- ✚ **Medicare Helpline** 800-633-422: www.medicare.gov
- ✚ **Prudential Life Insurance** 844-494-4778: (Company Control Number/Access Code = 51945)
www.prudential.com/mybenefits
- ✚ **Blue Cross/Blue Shield of SC:** 800-325-6596: <http://www.southcarolinablues.com>
Option 1 for Medical, Option 2 for Dental, Option 3 for Pre-Cert/Med Authorization
- ✚ **DuPont Retirees Life Insurance:** 800-775-5955
- ✚ **DuPont Retiree Medical with Via:** 866-322-2864: <https://my.viabenefits.com/>
- ✚ **Corteva Agriscience** for other DuPont Benefits: 800-775-5955
- ✚ **DuPont Retirees Contact Information** for other benefits:
<http://www.retiree.dupont.com/our-company/retirees/contact-us.html>
- ✚ **Social Security** 800-772-1213 <http://www.ssa.gov> Aiken: 866-275-8271

In Memoriam: April – June 2022

Note: SRSRA Board members obtain these names from local newspapers. The information cannot be obtained from site contractors. If you would like your deceased loved one included, please send us their name via our website, email at srsra@lscog.org or leaving a message at (803)508-7065.

William Hubert Baker	Aiken	Shirley Wilder Jackson	Barnwell
John "Ken" Blankenship	Aiken	James R Langford Jr	New Ellenton
Kimberly James Campbell	Augusta	Robert Eugene Mills	Aiken
Robert Stanley Collum	Wagener	Michael Christian Olsen	Aiken
Bertha Cummings	Aiken	Marion E Prince	Aiken
William Rowley Dill Jr	Aiken	Charles Reinart	Martinez
Murphee "Yates" Donnan	Aiken	James A Spence Jr	Beech Island
David Dover	N. Augusta	Hugh C Stother	Mt Pleasant
Gregory Clark Ford	Evans	Joey Ellis Timmerman	Graniteville
Mary Pauline Gassett Gardner	Aiken	Michael Shelby Widener	Warrenville
Donald Fhay Hallman	N. Augusta		

United Way of Aiken County



United Way of Aiken is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to serve as campaign professionals and assist in the campaign, August 22-28. For details contact Dave Fauth (803)507-8255 or Ellen Lutton. (803)648-8331 ext 212, (ellen@uwaiken.org).