

Darryl Bonner Valuable Contributor to the Board

“I feel like I’m just now beginning to make a contribution,” says Darryl Bonner about his service on ORSSAB.

What an understatement! Darryl has been contributing since the day he was appointed to the board in 2005.

He was vice-chair of the Stewardship Committee his first year and became the chair the next. As chair of the Stewardship Committee he served



ORSSAB member Darryl Bonner and family, son Darryl Craig, wife Jeanne, a former ORSSAB member, and daughter Ethel.

on the Executive Committee and has represented the board at national SSAB Chairs’ meetings.

He also chaired a subcommittee that studied historic preservation issues related to the K-25 Building at East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP). He currently chairs a subcommittee to develop a stewardship video, and he serves on the Stewardship Education Subcommittee. He has been involved in developing several recommendations to DOE-Oak Ridge.

And he plans to do more. “There’s always more to contribute. I hope to do more by being involved with making recommendations and studying issues of interest to the community. I feel like I’m part of something that has

an impact,” he says. “DOE looks to the board for guidance.”

Darryl applied to join the board with encouragement from his wife, Jeanne, a board member herself from 2001-03. “She thought it would be a good fit for me and it has been,” he said.

Darryl, a native of Houston, Texas, received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He earned a Master of Science degree in public health from the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

He came to Oak Ridge in 1990 to work in the industrial hygiene department at ETTP where his focus was

on hazardous waste operations and emergency planning. In 1995 he went to work in the environmental compliance department responsible for generating monthly discharge monitoring reports.

He had brief stints as a subcontractor in pollution prevention and in facility management and then in September 2002 began work in his current job at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in emergency planning, hazard surveys, and hazard assessments, and providing support in emergency management.

When not on the job or working on ORSSAB business he spends as much time as possible with his family, which includes daughter Ethel, a senior at Oak Ridge High School, and son Darryl Craig, 9. Jeanne is also an engineer for UT-Battelle at ORNL. She and Darryl met as students at Washington University. They married in 1986.

In addition to his work with the board Darryl is involved with his Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and he’s an active member of Faith Promise Church, where he has performed in several church programs.

But as an ORSSAB member spare time is sometimes hard to come by. “If you’re a member of the board you carve out time to do homework and read things. You can’t get it all at a board or committee meeting.”

Myrick Recognized for Work on High School Renovation

ORSSAB member Tim Myrick, right, with Cong. Zach Wamp at dedication ceremonies of the recently renovated Oak Ridge High School. Tim was acknowledged for the key role he played as a consultant in the design and construction of the project.

