

Climate, Scenery, People Brought Juarez to Area

While traveling on vacations, ORSSAB member Ed Juarez and wife Carol really liked East Tennessee – the climate, the scenery, the people. So when Ed retired they moved from Michigan to Tellico Village, bought a 15-acre farm, and began buying horses for recreational riding. “Carol loves horses. We started with one. Now we have five,” he said. “We ride around the farm or take them to places like Big South Fork.”



During his four years on the board, Ed has represented ORSSAB at a number of conferences and meetings, such as the fall 2010 SSAB chairs meeting in Santa Fe.

Ed is a native of the Detroit area of Michigan. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Madonna University in Livonia, Mich., and a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit. He

was a police officer in Detroit for eight years and was director of the Criminal Justice Institute for four years.

Ed then went to work for Detroit Edison as director of corporate security. He stayed with Edison for 22 years, 15 of them at the Fermi 2 reactor as a trainer, outage management expeditor, and senior maintenance planner.

When Ed retired in 2002, he and Carol moved to Tennessee. It wasn't long before an acquaintance knew of his interest in doing volunteer work and told him about ORSSAB. “I went to the board's website, learned what it was all about, and made an application.”

Ed was appointed to the board in 2008. He has chaired the Board Finance & Process Committee, was board secretary for two years, and is the current vice chair. “I've gotten a full appreciation of what Oak Ridge does and how important it is,” he says. “With all the challenges regarding cleanup I think DOE has done a tremendous job.”

Unfortunately Ed has decided not to pursue a third term on the board. “There are other challenges I want to pursue. There is another board that is asking me to help, and it's something close to my heart,” he says of Horse Haven, a Knoxville-based organization that cares for abused and neglected horses.

Ed's leadership abilities and experience with horses will be great asset to Horse Haven, but he will be greatly missed as an ORSSAB member when his term ends in June. 

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who live here probably don't know about. I've learned a lot of new terms and procedures that I had no idea existed before my membership, and my knowledge about environmental science in general has greatly expanded.”

Anyone interested in becoming a board member may access an application on the board's website at <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/> or by calling 865-241-4583 or 241-4584. Seats are usually filled in June, but vacancies can be filled as needed. 

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were considered the greatest source of groundwater contamination in Bethel Valley at ORNL. Commissioned in 1951, the tank collected and stored liquid wastes from radiochemical separations and high-radiation analytical facilities. It was removed from service and emptied in 1986 when high levels of soil and groundwater contamination were traced to the area around the tank. Since late 1994, DOE has been implementing various actions to minimize the release of contaminants from Tank W-1A and the surrounding soil.

The project is expected to be completed this summer.

ORSSAB Joins Two Social Media Sites

In the past few months the board greatly broadened the opportunities for the public to learn about the board and the EM program by launching sites on Facebook and YouTube.

The board first entered the world of social media by launching a site on Facebook thanks to Amira Sakalla, the board's student representative from Hardin Valley Academy. The Facebook site provides basic information about the board and updates on activities.

The board also launched a YouTube site in January where videos of recent board meetings are posted. To find the site, just search for 'ORSSAB.' 

