

FALL 2016

SpotLights

Lights Volunteers: Connecting to a World of Service



Indoor Picnic

On August 18, Lights Volunteers gathered to enjoy a picnic meal of burgers, potato salad, chips, watermelon, and brownies, while President David Smith shared why Tennessee is the Volunteer State. Though skies looked threatening, causing the picnic to be moved indoors, good times still abounded.

Save the Date

Next Gathering
11/17 11:30 am

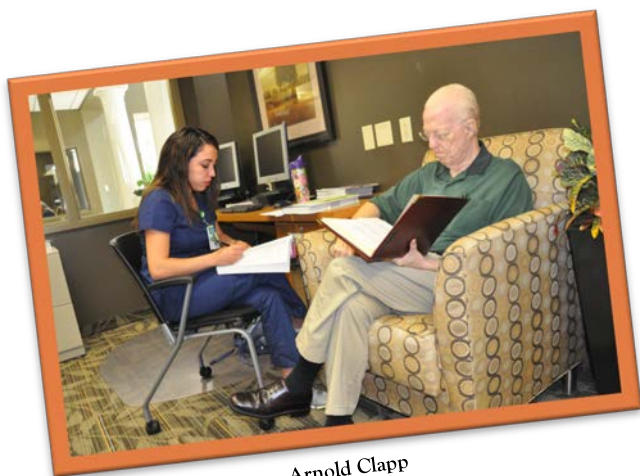
Join us in the Presidential Banquet Room for food and fun followed by decorating the exterior of Lynn Wood Hall for Christmas

Collegedale Centennial Celebration
10/30 2pm-5pm

In celebration of Southern's move to Collegedale 100 years ago, there will be a Fall Festival at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 2pm-5pm Plan to come and enjoy some old-fashioned fun! Rain venue will be the Collegedale Community Church parking lot.

GET INVOLVED

1. November 17—Decorating Lynn Wood Hall for Christmas
2. November 29—Donut Hole Bag Stuffing for Christmas at Taylor Circle/Christmas on The Promenade
3. December 10—Greeter/Program Distribution at Church Christmas Concert
4. Sewing Crayon Holders for Missions (Christian Service Learning)
5. Drivers (Transportation)
6. Fire Extinguisher and Emergency Lighting Program (Campus Safety)



Arnold Clapp

Volunteering to Save Lives

by Arnold Clapp

“Fifty years ago last May, I graduated from what was then Southern Missionary College. The next year I moved to the Nashville Tennessee, area where I lived and worked as a tax auditor, attorney, general counsel, and a tax administrator in the Tennessee State Government for many years until my retirement. Upon moving back to the Collegedale area last summer and joining Lights Volunteers, I was given the opportunity to become a volunteer patient for nursing students in Southern Adventist University’s School of Nursing. I am available during lab sessions for nursing students to practice taking health histories, which can be my own health history or a created profile, and performing examinations of the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, throat, thorax, heart, lungs, etc.

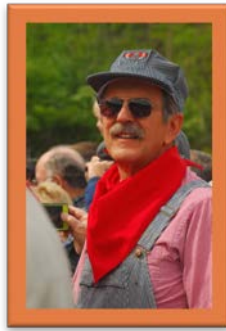
This has been a very rewarding experience for me. The students and staff members always go out of their way to make me feel comfortable and appreciated and I have gained new insights into a field of study about which I know very little.

The world has turned many times since I arrived on campus on that beautiful Autumn day a lifetime ago to begin my freshman year and many changes have taken place since that time. My volunteer work with the School of Nursing has given me the privilege of interacting with a new generation in a new and changed environment and that has contributed much more to my life experience and well-being than I am sure my time each week as a volunteer patient contributes to the School of Nursing and its students. And for this I am ever grateful.”

“Volunteers don’t get paid,
not because they’re worthless,
but because they’re priceless.”



Left to right: Bill Wilson, James Durichek, John Durichek, Marian Magoon, Corinne Fetingis, Gerald Kovalski



Elvin Krueger



Left to right: Joylynn Scott, Corinne Fetingis, Evonne Crook

All Aboard!

by Marian Magoon

On Wednesday, April 13, Southern Lights Volunteers, enjoyed a train ride at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in the appreciation for the work they do in various departments across campus. The trip was really quite pleasant and the company was great. It was a very nice way to enjoy the day and the historical trains of yesteryear.

Half way through the ride, we saw a demonstration of how the engine is switched from one end to the other to pull us back to the museum. Also, we were able to see how they are restoring old engines and passenger cars.

On the return trip, several well-deserved awards were presented for milestones reached:



2016 Volunteer of the Year
Corinne Fetingis

4000+ Volunteer Hours
Bill Wilson

2000+ Volunteer Hours
Corinne Fetingis
Michelle Westermeyer

1000+ Volunteer Hours

James Durichek
John Durichek
Gerald Kovalski
Marian Magoon
Leona Odell
Erik Vetne



Tyshar Truevillian



Tanya Jansen

New Volunteers

Here's a special welcome to all our new volunteers.
Thanks for sharing your time!

Arnold Clapp
Tanya Jansen
Manuel Mendizabal
Sharon Robberson

Tyshar Truevillian
Ozzie Walker
Penny Wilham
Steve Wilham



Sharon Robberson



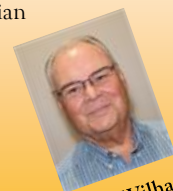
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Ozzie Walker



Arnold Clapp



Steve Wilham



Penny Wilham

Volunteer Luncheon

On September 22, Darin Bissell spoke about the various resources available to Lights Volunteers at the Hulsey Wellness Center, and Dr. Ben McArthur shared about plans for the Fall Festival and Centennial Celebration to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Sunday, October 30 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. in celebration of Southern Adventist University being located in Collegedale for 100 years and one month!



WE-HAUL: Put the on the Move on Us



Left to right: Michelle Westermeyer and Lila Tidwell

When students at Southern Adventist University begin arriving on campus, you can always count on seeing people in white, orange, and green t-shirts springing to action. We-Haul volunteers (Lights Volunteers, faculty, staff and community members) have traditionally assisted students moving into the dorms for many, many years. During SmartStart and Fall move-in, volunteers demonstrate Southern hospitality to those students taking advantage of the service on designated dates. Kudos to all Lights Volunteers who helped this year by holding doors open, greeting, hauling and keeping things organized under each We-Haul tent.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

October 2 - Ron Green
October 4 - Elvin Krueger
October 8 - Betty Gocher
October 10 - Arlene Howard
October 10 - Linda Marlowe
October 10 - Tom Rogers
October 13 - Mary Green
October 13 - Reika Wygal
October 14 - Natalia Irwin
October 17 - Bob Greve
October 18 - Helen Durichek
October 22 - Martin Knopper
October 22 - Beverly Wilson
October 23 - Jua Robinson
October 24 - James Durichek
October 26 - Kim Adkins
October 29 - Cullen Pearson
October 29 - Erik Vetne



November

November 5 - Jeanne Unterseher
November 8 - Paull Slater
November 10 - Clint Anderson
November 12 - Tyshar Truevillian
November 13 - Gerald Kovalski
November 14 - Dolly Hocking
November 14 - Isidro Monteso
November 16 - Ev Castleber
November 17 - Marta Iznaga
November 17 - Carole Kilcher
November 29 - Jeanne Norskov

December

December 3 - Don Glass
December 3 - Mike Rogers
December 7 - Rozella Moore
December 15 - Michelle Westermeyer
December 21 - Archie Moore
December 22 - Ruthie Gulley
December 23 - Laura Becker



Open Door Ministry

by Charity Sutherland

In the beautiful month of September 2008, **Art and Nan Schumacher** moved from their home and church in New England to a quiet lifestyle in Ooltewah, Tennessee. As things turned out, one student attending Southern Adventist University was also from New England whom the Schumachers had known from their home church. One lovely Fall afternoon, this young man was invited over for Sabbath dinner. How little the Schumachers knew how this would be the small beginning of a tradition that would grow and still be continuing eight years later. It wasn't long before the young student's roommate was invited over to meet the Schumachers, and as the weeks progressed and the Sabbath dinners continued, more and more students appeared around their dining room table as friends who found out through friends soon joined the happy group.

After some time, the couple agreed to participate in the Adopt-a-Student program through the Collegedale SDA Church. From here the whole cycle once again began as the young girl had friends and a roommate who also had friends.... The group that gathered in the Schumacher home continued to grow each time these Sabbath dinners were held.

Now, the third Sabbath of every week, the Schumachers open their home to the students. Some they've known and others they are looking forward to getting to know. They never know exactly how many are going to show up so "Mama Schu", as the students fondly call her, always makes sure to have plenty of food ready. She says, "All I then have to do is add a plate or two, which I've been doing for as long as I can remember." Sometimes the students will jump in and help with the food prep and getting it all on the table before sitting down and enjoying the meal. Fellowship and laughter always ensue, and the time is never long enough before the students leave and go on about their day. "Papa Schu" states that the "conversation varies from classes, to life, to careers, to basically everything." But if it's one thing even the newest attending student knows is that even before the first one leaves the house, everyone pauses to have a word of prayer. This is an important part in what the Schumachers believe is their ministry to these students. When asked if it's a lot of work to feed all the students, Mama Schu says, "Yes, but we work together as a team." Each time, the couple has them sign a book with their cell numbers, so they can keep track of who came and can contact them to let them know if something changes.

But all this is not limited to just students. Parents and families of the students are also welcomed warmly to their home as the Schumachers love not only to students, but they also love getting to know the parents of the students that have spent so much time at their dining room table. If students' families need a place to stay while visiting from out of state, Art and Nan are the first to open their door to them. They express how much they love being able to know students from all over the world and tell of countless stories and experiences; however, even when a student leaves for out-of-country mission work, Mama Schu always sends messages and care packages to the young person. Every student who sets foot in their house immediately feel as if they're home. The Schumachers always tell students that this is their home even after they graduate and leave.

They want everyone to know, however, they aren't doing this to get anything in return. Mama Schu says, "We want to be used by God in whatever way He sees fit. We love kids. We've always worked with them even when we had some of our own. We look at it as a ministry." She continued on to say how anyone can do this, and they don't need to have a ton of kids over to make a difference. All that is needed is to serve and love only one student at a time. In conclusion, they both agreed that God has always provided and they are thankful.