

TEXAS SCS/NRCS REUNION

P.O. BOX 4534, TEMPLE, TEXAS 76505-4534

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IT IS TIME TO MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND OUR 18TH REUNION!

The planning committee met in January and arrangements are made for our annual SCS/NRCS Reunion. The dates are April 19 and 20 and the place is Schlitterbahn Resort. The Schlitterbahn Resort is a wonderful setting along the Comal River in New Braunfels.

IMPORTANT: Due to ongoing renovations, we will be meeting in a different part of the resort. We will be staying and meeting in "The Bahn". The meeting will be in the "Bavarian Halle".

Tuesday, April 19

All Day Arrival and Registration

There is plenty of time for visiting prior to dinner on your own.

1:00 PM Golf Tournament

Bandit GC (see registration form for details)

Wednesday, April 20

7:00-8:30 AM Breakfast Buffet (Bavarian Halle)

12:30 PM Lunch Buffet

A Memorial Service remembering those who have passed during the past year will be held prior to lunch. Following lunch is our annual raffle which is the source of our very successful scholarship program. Providing scholarships is our primary purpose. There will be a variety of raffle items this year and everyone that participates has a chance to take home something nice and know they contributed to the education expense of a deserving student. Aside from our primary purpose of providing scholarships, a great benefit we all receive is the fellowship with other retirees. If you worked anywhere in Texas, whether at any of the centers in Fort Worth, the State office or at the field level, you will see friends and folks you knew over the years. You will also meet new friends. This is not an agency oriented meeting. All previous positions and GS levels are gone; we are all equals with equal voice. Whether you have never attended a reunion or you attend every year, please plan to attend and help make this reunion a memorable and enjoyable time. You will find sharing stories from the past and catching up with the present will be worth your trip. Bring family members or guests, as they are always welcome. On behalf of the entire planning committee, we are all looking forward to seeing everyone at this year's reunion.

Reservations for Schlitterbahn Resort

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Schlitterbahn for our group. They will accept reservations for any days during the week if you desire to remain longer. The rates are \$70.00 per day plus tax. **You will need to make your reservations directly with the Schlitterbahn Resort.** The telephone number is 830-608-8520. Ask for reservations. Make your reservation early and avoid a wait for an operator. There are numerous other motels in New Braunfels if you choose to stay elsewhere. Also, there are RV parks available.

Directions to Schlitterbahn

From I-35 exit #189 (SH 46/Loop 337) go west on Hwy. 46/Loop 337 to Common Street. Turn left on Common, go to Union Street and turn right on Union to take a left on Austin St. and the entrance to the Bahn is straight ahead.

Registration Form

The registration form accompanies this letter. Please complete and return to us no later than April 13, 2011. It is very important financially to have an accurate count prior to the meeting. Why not complete the information now and mail it early. We will make refunds (less \$5.00) for cancellations by April 13. No shows cannot be refunded since we have already obligated the money (unless we meet our guaranteed meal count).

Scholarship Winners

We are awarding five scholarships this year as follows:

Dianna Fisher (\$1500.00) and four scholarships of \$750.00 to the following: Justin Anderson, Patrick Haley, Bryan Tarbox and Heather Watson. Since 1999, we have awarded 32 scholarships for a total of \$38, 500.

The success of our scholarship program, memorials and contributions is credited to those that make contributions of items and to those that bring their cash to try and win some very neat things in the raffle.

Recent Retirees

Congratulations and we welcome you to the SCS/NRCS Reunion! Registration is free for first time attendees.

Terrell A. Boaz, William T. Bolzle, Richard H. Brotherton Sam M. Buchanan, Kenneth W. Buford, Larry D.Coffman, Gerald W.Crenwelge, John W. Davidson, G.S. Dowell, Stanley L. Ellison, David L. Embry, Ruby G. Esquivel, Donald L. Ford, Donald W. Gohmert, Billy C. Griffin, Jr., Geneva L. Guess, Timothy W. Holland, James D. Hudson, Dalhart A. Ilse , Edwin H. Livengood, Jr., Lewis R. McCuistian, Terry D. McFall, Manual Marroquin, Jr., Thomas R. Mayes, Charlie G. Meier, Leroy J. Mikeska, Marion A. Neisler, Jr., Martin L. Popelka, Julius E. Purnell, Elias, C. Rodriquez, Felix Saenz, Jr., Bobby L. Tabor, Norma J. Tucker, Steven D. Uselton, Ronnie J. Vanicek and Mark L. Walker.

In Memoriam

The following names have been reported as deceased since the last newsletter:

Glyndon Adams, Carol O. Amonett, Rex R. Baugh, Pat Bone, Melvin Chapman, Thomas J. Colwell, James Cunningham. Dorothy DeFord, Ruth Henson, Billie G. Jackson, Dorman Eugene Jones, Glenn H. Lawson, George Albert Logan, Jr., Dorries Lawler, Oyce Owens, Alfred Pace, George Payne, Kenchen C. Pritchett, Jr., Robert N. Ramsey, Albert C. Scott, J.D. Sheer, Henry C. Skala, Jr., John (Jack) Steele, Lucille Thompson, Billy Wagner, Dwain Ward and Clarence Wiedenfeld. Spouses: Elizabeth Grice (Gene), Bobbie McGuire (Mike) and JoAnn Smith (Hugh).

Memorials and Contributions

Contributions: Wayne Richardson; **Recent Memorials:** Carl Englerth in memory of Troy Berry, Bernadine Tripp in memory of Dorothy DeFord, Whitey Spears in memory of Bob Daniel and Melvin Chapman, Robert and Ima Brown in memory of Billy Wagner, Martin Vavra in memory of Curtis Cox.

ARSCSE

The Association of Retired SCS Employees hosts a web site. The address is www.arscse.org and this web site has excellent information and is worth a frequent visit.

Address Changes

If you have an address change, please notify us by note, e-mail or telephone call. This will help us save postage and assure that you will receive a newsletter. Contact 817-578-8177 or willeenek@hotmail.com with changes. We are saving postage by emailing newsletters to over 180 members. Have you signed up yet? Send your email address to Willeene King at willeenek@hotmail.com.

FYI: If, for any reason, you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know by contacting us by mail, telephone or email. We will place your name on an inactive list.

Current Planning Committee

Mike Bogard 254-865-6685; Lynnda Gentry 254-879-3718; Rhett Johnson 817-579-1649; Glen Black 254-780-1611; Jim Lewis 254-982-4386; Joe McEntire 817-842-5915; Don Newman 817-294-2832; Barbara Perritte 903-693-1450; Marion Porter 971-563-5908; Frank Sprague 254-386-8482; Charlie Thompson 254-778-1584; Marie Wallace 254-939-2462; Mike Woodson 254-772-4493; Larry Butler 817-504-1604; Beade Northcut 254-662-5192 (2012 Chairperson); Rick Rodriguez 254-913-7162 and Arnold King 817-578-8177. Willeene King has agreed to be the keeper of our membership data base. Send her any changes or information concerning members to willeenek@hotmail.com. You may contact any one of these or write us at P.O. Box 4534, Temple, TX 76505.

You might want to remember that we have **NO** elected officers and this committee serves on a volunteer basis and would be happy to add anyone who is willing to help. We need new volunteers if we are to sustain this activity. It is fun and rewarding so if you have a desire to help, let us know.

Raffle Items

Our raffle has been successful due to your generosity in contributing items and for buying raffle tickets. Marion is anxious for many good raffle items and this helps our scholarship program tremendously. Kudos to Marion Porter, our raffle chairman, for the past 18 years. What a great guy to promote and keep the raffle alive. To help in planning for the upcoming raffle, please contact Marion at mport1800@att.net or 972-563-5908 and let him know what item(s) you plan to contribute.

Important Tax Information

We are now exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Individual members can deduct donations, contributions and memorial gifts made to the SCS/NRCS Reunion. If you desire, a receipt for such giving, please contact us through our mailing address or request one from our registration table during our annual meeting.

Special Recognition

Our Special thanks to **AGRICULTURAL WORKERS MUTUAL AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY**, Mr. Marcus Hill, Directors and staff for underwriting the printing and mailing of this newsletter. We are grateful for this help.

