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Employees share CEO's passion for service area

I RECENTLY WROTE a column about how much “I love this place.” I also reached out to our employees and was



overwhelmed by the passion the talented individuals who help keep the lights on at SEC also have for this place. It was very difficult to choose, but here are a few excerpts I received:

Dalvin Williams serves as one of our dispatchers. I knew he was good at his job, but I had no idea that he could use words to paint a picture of fishing in salt water as well as Pat Conroy!

“My favorite salt fishing area is the Shell Banks. I like to go by the Ice House in Georgetown and get a few pounds of fresh shrimp and some coffee before proceeding to the South Island Ferry Boat Ramp. Once in the bay, the wind can get strong, so I hold on and enjoy the ride and the scene of the marsh lands for a few miles out. I may see everything from dolphins jumping to sharks and gators cruising the water along the way. There’s a special location where my uncle and I normally anchor down around 6:45 a.m. We each put out two or three rods and usually catch a mixture of spot tail, flounder, whiting, and even shark. Whether catching fish or not, high tide or low, it’s always a great experience,” Dalvin said.

Kevin Myers serves in our Engineering Department maintaining the accuracy of our mapping in the field. Reading his description of his favorite restaurant makes me wish the

lunch hour would hurry up and get here!

“Scranton Café (or The Café, as it’s referred to by locals) is a staple of the community. As a young boy, I really enjoyed

the service and hospitality shown by Mrs. Hazel. Today, 23 years later, she and the rest of the staff still make me feel at home. The Café is also very special to me because it serves as the venue for my ‘daddy-daughter dates’ with Olive. As the old adage says, food is love. The past four generations of my family have shared joyous moments around their tables. One of my favorites is the breakfast ham, egg, and cheese sandwich with mayonnaise. The way the cheese melts to blend with the mayo is astounding! I also like to use their famous corn bread fritters to ‘sop-up’ the beef stew gravy. The Café is a must-try for any connoisseur of southern soul food,” Kevin said.

Marion Evans has spent many years taking on the arduous task of maintaining SEC’s 5,500 miles



Marion Evans



Kevin Myers

of right-of-way. He’s passionate about clearing trees from the power lines and just as passionate about his favorite fishing:

“The time is May. The place is Black River above Kingstree. The reason is Red Breast! ‘Shoot’ the cricket close to the bank, let it drop down to the bottom and the best ounce for ounce fight is close at hand.

You will feel a bump then when the stopper goes out of sight. BAM, it's on now! Oh man the first Red Breast of the year, and it must be close to a pound. When he gets close to the top and rolls over to show you his color, you know that is a Granddaddy! Now, if you really want to draw out the Great Granddaddys, find a Catawba tree full of worms. A wooden match stick, the right twist and you have just 'turned' a Catawba worm creating filet mignon for the best of the best in Black River Red Breast fishing. Fish this close to a log pile near the bottom, and you will be cleaning fish a while," Marion said.

These are only small portions of pieces Dalvin, Kevin, and Marion sent in. To see the full submissions, please go to Santee.org and look under "Employees share CEO's passion for service area."

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year in the service area we all love so much! May God bless you and your families.

Robert G. Ardis III
President and Chief Executive Officer

October was Cooperative Appreciation Month

OCTOBER WAS Cooperative Appreciation Month, and we had a wonderful time serving hotdogs, snacks, and cold drinks to Santee Electric Cooperative members at all our offices! Members had a chance to win energy vouchers,

an i-Pad and other prizes! Being able to meet our members was wonderful, and we would like to thank everyone who attended. We look forward to seeing you all again next year at these fun events!



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We'll be back in January!

South Carolina Living publishes a combined November-December edition. We'll stay in touch via santee.org, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

Our offices will close Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24, for Thanksgiving, as well as Friday, Dec. 22, for Christmas and the following Monday, Dec. 25. We'll also close the following Monday, Jan. 1, 2018, for New Year's. Emergency crews are always on standby.

We'll be back with a new issue of South Carolina Living in January. Until then, happy holidays from Santee Electric Cooperative!