

Monsanto/Solutia retirees meet for annual gathering

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Retirees of Monsanto/Solutia, along with their spouses/friends, met for their annual gathering Nov. 20 at Gladeview Baptist Church in Saks, followed by dinner at Top O' the River restaurant in Anniston.

A group of 8 were present at the first "Gathering" 18 years ago at Lake Guntersville. The group has steadily grown each year with nearly 50 attending the the latest get-together.



Retirees who attended the event include: Row 1, Melvin Womack, Billy Clement, Ed Gibson, Sam Ledbetter, Alan McCarty and Wayne Lambert; Row 2, Jerry Brown, Dicky Walker, Norman Madison, Jack Stevens, Anthony Pettis and Bill Harness; Row 3, Johnny Yother, Bruce Voiles, Charles McCartney, Wayne Carden, Dan Truitt and Mike Regner; Row 4 (standing), Curtis Winckler, Aaron Taylor, Tom Collins, Jessie Abernathy, Howard Pilkington, Joe Hays, Derrell Newman, Gene Hill, Frances Sanford and Ed Mason.



Spouses or friend of retirees in attendance included: Row 1, Beverly Stevens, Lynda Newman, Carla Pettis, Linda Harness, Violet Clemment and Joyce Hays; Row 2, Barbara McCarty, Gail Carden, Shirley Newman, Jacque Regner, Jane Ledbetter and Wilma Brown; Row 3 (standing) Bobbie Womack, June Madison, Ann Taylor, Barbara Hill, Annette Winckler, Iris Pinkston and Brenda Mason.

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Beverly and I started the get-together shortly after I retired from the Anniston, Al plant. The first "Gathering" included 8 retirees, mainly from the electrical shop where I worked, and our spouses. Over the past 18 years this annual get-together has expanded to 50 this year. Of the original eight retirees at the first get-together 18 years ago, five have passed away. I am getting worried; I'll have my 82nd birthday next week.

Hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving Day and wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

John (Jack) Stevens
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