

Southeastern Family Gathers for 3rd Annual Founders Day Celebration!

Spirit and hospitality have been Southeastern traditions since Oscar Raymond Manning Sr. founded the company in 1948. These traditions are evident in the unity, individuality, teamwork, and friendships which bond us into one Southeastern family. Therefore, it was appropriate that so many "family members" gathered on October 2, 1992 to honor Mr. Manning in the Third Annual Founders Day Celebration.

Anticipation began to build several days prior to the celebration. As employees prepared for the festivities, sales representatives convened at Howard Johnson's off I-95 for a three-day conference. The Fayetteville office was a buzz with growing excitement as picture taking, break room decorating, and refreshment sign-up began.

Founders Day commenced as Southeastern employees gathered around a collage of employee photos assembled from the past and present. The pictures were fittingly centered around a photograph of Mr. Manning. Everyone's interest focused on past pictures of co-workers as humorous remarks about appearances were passed in jest.

The break room, lobby and dining areas, decorated with blue and white crepe paper, balloons, and a Founders Day banner, began to fill with delicious homemade desserts. As cakes, brownies, and decorative cookies loaded the tables, popcorn was being individually bagged for employees at break time. Popcorn was a trademark of Mr. Manning and has become a Founders Day tradition at Southeastern.

As lunch time approached, burgers sizzled, beans bubbled, sodas chilled (all compliments of Southeastern), and a multitude of homemade dishes were neatly placed on service tables. A line of hungry vultures began to form shortly after noon, and conversations among distant friends quickly passed the time.

As the service line shortened and SEHS employees and guests settled at the tables, Pastor Jean Vandergrift blessed the meal. Then Ray Jr. presented "Employee of the Month" to **David Jacobs**, Systems Operator at the John Smith Road Distribution Center.

When attention focused back to table conversations, Ray Jr. invited a "special friend" to liven up the festivities. And liven them up he did! Plates flew, voices screeched, and embarrassed faces blushed as a ball of fur sprung from a wooden box startling all, especially **Joe Stephens**. The "Southeastern mongoose", known to be one of Mr. Manning's favorite practical jokes, had once again reeked havoc on innocent by-standers.

As the crowd disbursed and cleanup began, the Third Annual Founders Day Celebrations drew to a close. But the spirit and hospitality begun by Oscar Raymond Manning Sr. will always be Southeastern's tradition. As SEHS continues to expand and progress, the memory and traditions of its founder will always remain to guide us through the coming years.

Special thanks to everyone who assisted in making this Founder's Day at Southeastern such a BIG success:

- Founder's Day Coordinator-** Marcia Tarrant
- Stickers on Popcorn Bags-** Cindy Handley
- Burger Chefs-** Art Capps and Bill Maness
- Communications-** Pam Greenhill
- Decorators-** Rhonda Blankenship and Tracey Matthews
- Meal Arrangements-** Bud Faircloth, Jane Fort, Janice Nettles, and Wayne Bryson
- Hospitality Committee-** Joan Macaione, Patty Otts, Phyllis Page, Sharon Pontius, Sharon Ratley, Shirley Hester
- Photo Collage-** Rhonda Blankenship and Tracey Matthews
- Popcorn Baggers-** Joyce Smith, Patty Otts, and Shirley Hester
- Set-up and Cleanup Crews-** Arthur Johnson, Barry Dover, Bland Haywood, Don Swiney, James Sykes, John Shaw, Krys Furniss, Lori Horne, Tim Sullivan, Wayne Bryson

Thanks to the many special guests that were able to attend and to everyone who prepared homemade dishes.

-Article and Artwork by Kate Endriga





Happy Birthday to You!

NOVEMBER 1992 # OF YEARS

Les Herod	13
Homer Ray Burris	12
Virginia Kauffelt	10
Mike Henry	9
Krys Furniss	7
Marcia Tarrant	6
Linda Barnett	6
Ronnie Crosby	6
Lori Horne	3
Regina Gordon	3
Tracey Matthews	2
Angela Hicks	2
Donna Foster	2
Scott Sholar	1
Terry Reno	1
John Gebhardt	1
Rich Carr	1
Connie Bird	1

November Birthdays

Stacey Johnson	11/03
Lisa Stephens	11/03
Robert Lorenzo	11/05
Lynne Holzer	11/06
David Green	11/06
Bruce Brown	11/07
Paul Whitaker	11/08
Lawrence Batton	11/13
Billy Day	11/14
Betty Rouse	11/15
Janice Simpson	11/15
Sarah Bryan	11/16
Welford Hart	11/18
Joyce Smith	11/18
Phyllis Page	11/18
Barry Lane	11/19
Joan Gray	11/19

Kathy Gonzales	11/23
Scott McInville	11/26
Andrew Crocker	11/26
Linda Penrose	11/27
Dickie Augustine	11/29



- Pat Davis- Physician Customer Service
- Roselyn Butler- Purchasing Clerk
- Delilah Gibson- Richmond Data Entry
- Mohamed Jama- Richmond Receiving
- Patsy Markham- Marketing Administrative Asst.

Who'll be in the White House?

Will the Clintons be trading the Arkansas Governor's Mansion for a larger White House? Will the Perots be leaving their Texas address for 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue? Will the Bush family need a moving van? By the early morning hours of November 4th, the country will know who has been chosen to serve as President for the next four years.

In an attempt to get our employees in the SPIRIT of the election, the Vital Signs staff sponsored a Presidential Poll on October 20-21st. All three locations participated, thanks to **Brinda Williams** at Forsythe Street, **Glenn Barnett** and **Jennifer Cain** at John Smith Distribution and **Debbie Locklear** in Richmond. Our ballots were designed by **Pam Greenhill** and decorations for the voting area were provided by **Marcia Tarrant**.

Southeastern's results were as follows:

George Bush	41%
Bill Clinton	26%
Ross Perot	23%
Other	9%

Write-in candidates included Mickey Mouse, Kermit the Frog, Billy Ray Cyrus, Paul Harvey and **Garland Rouse**. Thanks to all who participated and please remember to vote on Tuesday! - *Luanne Hilburn*

Southeastern Veterans

Carolyn McClellan- 12-year veteran (A/P Supervisor, Payroll Manager)

Carolyn will be with SEHS 13 years in February of '93. She is married, has 2 children, and loves being Grandma to her five-year-old granddaughter, Ashley. Carolyn and her husband Steve enjoy playing golf and vacationing in the North Carolina and Tennessee mountains. Carolyn also likes to attend sporting events and visit amusement parks. She is active in her church, and enjoys listening to gospel, country, and bluegrass music.

Accounts Payable says that Carolyn is a pleasure to work with, and they are all proud she's a member of their team!

The Big Move

The Big Move has finally happened for the new Credit Department. Everybody got excited when the announcement was made that the new Credit Department was moving into the newly renovated suture room.

We watched anxiously as they hammered and cut wood to see what the outcome would be. Then the paneling and paint went on and WOW! What a difference!

The carpet was put in and everything came together. Moving day was August 26th. None of this would have been possible

Pat Clingenpeel- 10-year veteran (Hospital Sales Representative)

Pat has been a Richmond, Virginia native for 24 years. She and her husband of 27 years, Wayne, enjoy spending time outdoors. Wayne, however, spends his workdays outdoors also. He is employed as a U.S. Geological Surveyor. They have two children, Carol, 23, a UVA graduate and David, 20, who is employed by Heilig-Meyers.

Pat is an avid reader, traveler, and competitive bridge player. She also enjoys the theatre. She loves to attend as many UVA football games as her busy schedule allows. She recently added an extra nine members to her family...her registered Yellow Labrador Retriever puppies!

sible if **Jill Spell** and **Bud Faircloth** had not worked out the details with the carpenters and the carpet people.

We, in the Credit Department, would like to take this opportunity to thank **Jill Spell** and **Bud Faircloth** for their time and energy put forth into this project!

- *Written by Bill Bateman*

"O.R. Manning, Sr. Memorial Fund" donations should be sent to:

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in memory of O. R. Manning, Sr.
c/o Alan G. Herostian
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