

FOLKS to address water issues

Staff Report

CLEMSON — Ben Turetzky, Friends of Lake Keowee Society (FOLKS) executive director, will make a presentation on FOLKS' work and describe the interaction between Duke Energy and the Corps of Engineers during the May 19 meeting of the League of Women Voters Clemson Area (LWVCA).

The public is invited to the meeting, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 226 Pendleton Road in Clemson. A social time begins at 7 p.m.

The two "source lakes" for the Savannah River Basin are lakes Jocassee and Keowee, operated

by Duke Energy under a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The three downstream lakes — Hartwell, Thurmond and Russell — are operated by the Corps of Engineers (COE). Turetzky will describe the various initiatives undertaken by FOLKS and the cooperation between Duke-Energy and the COE in managing the water flow into Lake Hartwell and also discuss the

complex responsibilities that the COE must meet in their operation of the three reservoirs.

Turetzky retired from Michelin after 38 years in the tire and rubber industry. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from MIT and a graduate degree in Chemical Engineering from Stevens. He served as president of FOLKS for four years before becoming executive director.