Kingstree in the blood

NEXT MONTH’S issue will be all about Santee Electric’s 2020 Annual Meeting but this month we’ll feature another of our wonderful employees, Billing Manager Suzanne Holladay.

Suzanne was born and raised right here in Kingstree. She graduated from The King’s Christian Academy. Her family owns and operates Bobo’s On the River just on the edge of town. In fact, her father is “Bobo” himself. Her grandfather, Douglas Eaddy, retired as a foreman at Santee Electric. There’s little doubt that Suzanne has Kingstree in her blood.

Suzanne’s husband, Ryan, is a diesel mechanic by trade, but he helps out at Bobo’s all he can. Their oldest daughter, Kaylee Rose, is 15, a freshman at East Clarendon, and loves cheerleading. Their younger daughter, Olivia, is eight years old. She’s in the third grade at Walker Gamble Elementary.

Suzanne started at SEC in 2008 as a cashier in our Lake City office. After about five years, she moved over to perform member service representative duties at our headquarters here in Kingstree. Before long, she became a billing representative and—in no time—had risen to lead the new billing division here at Santee Electric.

You can see why she rose so fast by her answer to this question I posed: What do you like best about your job? Suzanne replied, “I love talking to the members, explaining the details of how a bill is generated, and breaking down every step of the process.”

I asked Suzanne what she likes about working here. “It really is like a family. It almost doesn’t feel like work. I’m very proud and thankful to be here,” she said.

And what about Suzanne’s real family—and her life outside SEC? “I love spending time with my family, particularly at the beach,” she said. “I love reading, especially biographies and autobiographies.

“I also love helping people. If there was one thing I wish everyone knew about SEC, it’s this: There are a great deal of positions and moving parts here at SEC, but we are all working for one goal—to help the member. Santee Electric really is a great group of nice people trying to do good for our communities.”

Well said, Suzanne! I couldn’t agree more.