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PREZ SEZ

Hi everybody. We are almost at the end of another year and it seems that it has just begun. I am aware that a few in our company family have had some obstacles to overcome this year, but in general I hope it has been a good year for you and your family. We as an organization, I think, had a successful year. I have hopes that 2003 will be another banner year for all of us personally and as an organization. We elected officers for the upcoming year at the November luncheon at Vestavia Country Club. I feel honored to have been elected president for this year, and I have been contacting some of our members to serve as leaders of our various committees. At this time we have chairpersons for almost all of our committees. These chairs will likely be looking for help in their respective areas and I hope that many of you will agree to assist them. The more members who are involved, the better we are going to be, and many of the best ideas and suggestions that are put forward are from those who are not in elected positions. I hope each of you will feel free to express your opinions and suggestions about the activities of our organization to one of your officers, board

members or committee members so that we may consider them in the board meetings.

Our next general membership meeting is on **Wednesday**, January 15. Please note that this is not a normal Monday meeting, but is on Wednesday. The day and time, as we mentioned in the last issue of Outside, were changed to accommodate our speaker, whose busy schedule would not permit him to speak to us on Monday. Let's keep this change in mind and remind others of this unusual meeting day. The location is still Inverness 42.

We are encouraged to have our ID badges updated. The new badges are being done just around the corner and down the hall from our meeting room so it is very convenient for us to get this done. Their hours are from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Come a little early and bring your old badges. And let's get it done!

Have a great holiday season, and I hope to see all of you on **Wednesday**, January 15.

Warren Glover

JANUARY MEETING SET FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

SNC President Hairston to Speak

To kick off 2003, W. George Hairston III, president and CEO of Southern Nuclear Operating Company, will be our speaker.

Hairston joined the Southern Company system in 1967 as a junior engineer at Alabama Power Company. In 1972 he was assigned to the Farley Nuclear Plant as an operations supervisor. He held positions of increasing responsibility before being named plant manager in 1978.

In 1988 Hairston returned to Alabama Power's headquarters as manager of nuclear engineering and technical support. A year later he was named general manager of nuclear support. He was later named vice president of nuclear generation.

When The Southern Company announced plans to form Southern Nuclear, he was elected senior vice president of nuclear operations for both Alabama Power and Georgia Power. When Southern Nuclear was incorporated, he was named senior vice president of that company. In 1992 Hairston was named executive vice president of Southern Nuclear and a

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year later was elected president and chief operating officer. Later the title of chief executive officer was added. This is the position he holds at present.

Hairston is a member of the board of directors of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO). He has also served in executive positions with many other nuclear energy boards and institutions.

Hairston is a member of the Auburn Alumni Engineering Council and was inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 2001. He serves on the board of directors of Junior Achievement of Greater Birmingham and the Better Business Bureau, and is chairman of the INROADS/Birmingham Advisory Board. He previously served on the board of directors of United Way of Central Alabama in Birmingham.

A native of Birmingham, Hairston received his BS in industrial engineering from Auburn and an MS in nuclear engineering from Georgia Tech. In 1991 he completed the MIT program for senior executives.

Hairston is a veteran of the Army Corps of Engineers, having served in the United States and Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He held a Nuclear Regulatory Commission senior reactor operator's license for eight years.

Hairston and his wife, Paula, have three children, Michael Ward, Kenneth Craig and William George IV.

Plan to attend the **Wednesday** program at 1 p.m. on January 15 in Building 42. Start the year off right by hearing this outstanding speaker.

Clyde Wood

REMAINING MEETINGS

The meeting schedule for the rest of this year is as follows:

Monday, March 10

Monday May 12 (location TBA)

Monday July 14

Monday September 8

Monday November 10 (Annual meeting luncheon; location TBA)

— Dora Brandt

SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP FOR 2003

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Program	Jay Dorrance 663-2828
Sunshine	Nell King 822-7562

OBITUARIES

Condolences

SCS Retirees wish to express their sincere sympathy to the family of SCS Retiree **Richard McRee** in the death of his mother-in-law, Katherine L. McWilliams of Birmingham, who died on Tuesday, November 26, 2002 at the age of 92. Mrs. McWilliams was also the widow of SCS Retiree **Kent W. McWilliams** who died in 1989. Survivors include a daughter, Mary Sue McRee and her husband Richard, 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral Services were held Friday, November 29, at Southern Heritage with burial in Birmingham's Elmwood Cemetery.

Our sympathy goes out to Retiree **Jo Benson** and her family in the loss of Jo's mother, Loma Hallman Cook of Ashland, Alabama who died Wednesday, November 20, 2002. She was 89. Among her survivors were 5 daughters, Edna Mae Wilson, Jo Benson, Martha Bookout, Linda Walker and Betty Hicks and 3 sons, Billy Ralph, Hubert and Larry Hallman. Funeral Services were held at the Clay County Funeral Home on Friday, November 22 with burial in the Lystra Baptist Church Cemetery.

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of SCS Retiree **Diane M. Sult** who went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on November 8, 2002. She retired in January 1997 and would have been 56 years old on November 30. She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Sult of Birmingham, a daughter Jessica Ann Sult also of Birmingham; and two sisters, Janet Smith of Birmingham and Beth Salter of Talladega. Funeral Services were held in Homewood, Alabama on Monday, November 11 at Ridout's Valley Chapel with burial in Magee Cemetery, Magee, Mississippi.

Mildred Eloise Boyer of Birmingham, Alabama died December 5, 2002 at the age of 74 after several years of poor and declining health. She retired as a drafter from the Electrical Design Department in 1986. She was a member of the SCS RETIREES at the time of her death. Survivors: 2 sisters, Buela Joanna and Maudly Hedin, both of Minnesota, 1 brother, Cloise F. Mill of Grand Prairie, Texas, an aunt and a cousin from Maypearl, Texas. Graveside Services were held Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial Gardens East.

2002 - Memorial Remembrances

Remembering these SCS RETIREES:

Mary Clapp - 73, died Sunday, September 15, 2002
Diane Sult - 55, died Friday, November 8, 2002
Mildred Boyer - 74, died Thursday, December 5, 2002

Remembering These Retired SCS Employees:

Fred Myers - 83, died Tuesday, January 22, 2002
Bob Sisk - 83, died Monday, April 15, 2002

Remembering Our Loved Ones:

Elizabeth Crist - 91, died Sat., February 2, widow of James Crist. Margaret Luquire - 72, died Sat., February 9, widow of Hugh Luquire. Robert Echols - 73, died Thur., April 11, brother of Bill Echols. Ann W. Barber - 56, died Fri., March 8, daughter of Fay & Clyde Wood. K.K. Brewster - 41, died Wed., July 10, son-in-law of Sara Micklewright. Jack Pride - 93, died Thur., August 15, Husband of Eleanor M. Pride. Mary Sailors - 56, died Fri., September 13, widow of Gus Sailors. Loma Cook - 89, died Wed., November 12, mother of Jo Benson. Katherine McWilliams - 92, died Tue., November 26, mother of Mary Sue McRee.

Jay Dorrance

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I've always regarded nature as the clothing of God.

Al an Hovaness

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Elizabeth Boyles fell at home around the middle of November and broke her right arm near the shoulder. She is recovering at home.

Brick Brickell is at home after having surgery and a short stay in the hospital. The surgery went well and he is recovering nicely.

Helen Brothers continues to improve. Her therapy is being administered at home now which makes it easier for her, as well as for Glenn. She frequently responds to questions Glenn asks and can move her right leg. We are very encouraged by the progress she has made.

Martha Cook fell and chipped two bones in her ankle. Even though she has had minimal pain, she has been in a cast and unable to drive. She expects to have the cast off within a week.

We are so glad that **Abe Lincoln** is improving and gaining some of the weight back that he previously lost. He is now able to go out with a driver and visit with friends.

Nell King

BIRTHDAYS

For January 2003: 13 - Ralph Tribble, 14 - Jan Ellenburg, 18 - Charlie Michlewright, 22 - Charles Hancock, 28 - Jackie Imbusch, Norma Jean Johnston and Mildred Boyer who died December 5, 2002 would have been 75 on this date,

For February: 4 - Bob Ellenburg, 12 - Glenn Baker, 21 - Carl Self and Veva Narramore, 23 - Tom Shepherd, 25 - Gale Dougherty, 27 - Lera Pate and 28 - John Hargett.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the Annual Meeting November 13, 2002, at the Vestavia Country Club was a total of 110 members and guests.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT STEERING COMMITTEE

A special supplement in the August 1986 *INSIDE* highlighted 147 employees who retired from SCS/Birmingham on September 1, 1986 under the new separation plan. These employees represented 3,801 years of service. A representative group of retirees met on August 4, 1986 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 854 of the 800 Building to discuss forming a retiree organization. A steering committee was formed to evaluate goals and objectives, to offer suggestions for meeting dates, times and places, and to determine a name for the organization. The following persons were chosen: M. C. Brickell, Frank Doar, Henry Garrett, Jim Hire, Abe Lincoln, Pat Moore, Tony Niemzak, Grady Smith and Jerry Vandegrift. Henry Garrett was selected as the temporary chair of the steering committee. After the general meeting, the steering committee met and selected three others to serve: Margaret Carter, Bill Gaskell and Jim Rimel.

Monumental tasks lay ahead of this group. For example, ensure that the organization met legal requirements for incorporation, prepare bylaws, define membership, establish appropriate committees, select a name, create a newsletter, and seek financial support from SCS. In response to a contest, 31 names were suggested for the organization. Lee Williams submitted the winning name, *SCS RETIREES, INCORPORATED*, and received a one-year free membership as the prize. The newsletter name, *SCS OUTSIDE*, was suggested by Frances Saia and adopted in February 1987. The first newsletter was published in April 1987 and included a message from A. W. Dahlberg, SCS President.

Attorney Daniel T. Hull, Jr. was engaged to assist in developing incorporation documents as a tax exempt organization. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws were adopted in April 1987, and, as a result, an active and viable retiree organization was born.

Jerry Vandegrift was elected as the first president, and during the first year two traditions were established; an annual picnic and an annual dinner. Through the years, this association of volunteers has promoted social contacts among the members and communicated important information to the members.

In 2002, the fifteenth year since incorporation, we salute the steering committee for its vision of a group that would foster the continuing fellowship among the members and for its dedication to ensure the vision was achieved.

Charles E. Hickman

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

In the mail today was a nice Christmas card to me from Lori Powell. You will remember that she is the daughter of Mary Clapp who was in a nursing home in Signal Mountain, TN, and who died recently. The card really thanked us for our support and concern about her mother.

Henry Garrett

NO TIME TO LISTEN

**Too often, the rush of daily obligations prevents us
from appreciating
the beauty of life.**

*Adapted from an article in Scottish Rite Journal, June
2002*

When the hair about your temple turns from silver to pure white you have reached a point in life when people tend to disregard your opinions and ignore your thoughts. So it was on an early June morning last summer as I stood on my front stoop. It was the beginning of a beautiful day with blue sky, warm sun, and singing birds. Spring was bursting out all over. I was so inspired by the gorgeous morning that I could not resist the temptation, while on my usual walk, to greet everyone I met with a cheery “Good morning, it’s a beautiful day”!

My first encounter was a high school girl who came dashing out her door as though she were in a relay race, a piece of toast in one hand and a couple of papers in the other, as she headed for the school bus already at the corner. I’ll wager her mother had urged her over and over to hurry out of the bathroom so she could have breakfast before leaving. Rushing past me, the young girl totally ignored my greeting.

Then there was a lady watering her flower garden. I waver to her, and she sort of half waved back and kept on watering her roses.

Next, a man who appeared to be a junior executive hurried down the the steps of his home to his car pool already at the curb with its passengers impatiently waiting. Not one of them had time to hear me say “Good morning, it’s a beautiful day”!

A young man looking to me like a high school senior, also rushed out of the same house. He was wearing a jersey with the number 76 on his back. He could be one of the 76 trombone players with 110 cornets right behind in the school band, or the digits could represent the number of times he fumbled the ball last season. He, too, flew right past me without notice of my spirited greeting.

Then came the letter carrier, shuffling a handful of letters. He glanced warily at each house as if he expected Dagwood to come dashing out. He didn’t notice me or my friendly hello.

My next encounter was a lady who appeared to be a school teacher heading for the bus. From the sheaf of papers in her hand and the tired expression on her face, I suspected she had been up late grading those papers. She registered no response to my “Good morning, it’s a beautiful day”!

I next met a woman walking her dog. She smiled, but the dog took an immediate dislike to me and expressed it with a low growl. I tried the Will Rogers method of diplomacy for unfriendly dogs: hold out your hand as if to pet them and say “nice doggie, nice doggie” while looking for a rock with the other hand.

After the dog walker, a well groomed man came briskly down the walk, attaché case in hand, to a car with the state emblem on the door and a uniformed officer at the wheel. I am not sure whether the free ride was a political perk or the officer was for his

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protection. Anyway, he did not have time to hear my “Good morning.”

As I came around the corner, a man mowing his lawn paused to wipe perspiration from his brow, quickly putting the kerchief back in his pocket in order to continue mowing. My final prospect, who gave the appearance of being a truck driver, did say “Hi, Buddy” to my greeting, but then hastened back to his task.

Somewhat disappointed, I turned up the walk to my house and sat down on the stoop. I thought to myself, “Is there no one in this block willing to pause a moment to hear a white-haired old man say “It’s a beautiful day”?”

Oh yes, I remember, there was one. As I began my walk, I turned my eyes to the heavens and said, “Thank you, God, for this beautiful day.” And He had time to listen.

— Lloyd E. Meyer
Apple Valley, MN

AM I GETTING OLDER?

I’m the life of the party—even when it lasts ‘til 8 p.m.

I’m very good at opening child-proof caps—with a hammer.

I’m the first one to find the bathroom wherever I go.

I’m awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.

I’m smiling all the time because I can’t hear a word you’re saying.

I’m very good at telling stories—over and over and over and over again.

I’m aware that other people’s grandchildren are not as bright as mine.

I’m so cared for—long-term care, eye care, private care, dental care.

I’m not grouchy, I just don’t like traffic, waiting, politicians....

I’m sure everything I can’t find is in a secure place.

I’m wrinkled, saggy and lumpy, and that’s just my left leg.

I’m having trouble remembering simple words like...uh...

Do I have Alzheimer’s? I don’t remember. But I’m happy, I think.

Senior Living, May 2000

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