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PREZ SEZ

Happy New Year and welcome to 2006. I trust that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Many of us have made our New Year's resolutions and will be working hard to make them a reality.

The year 2005 is now history. While it was a great year in many aspects, it was devastation for many with the loss of loved ones and destruction of their homes by the hurricanes and floods. Many of them are still displaced and some will be forever. Often it is hard for us to realize how blessed we are until we see the needs of others. Hopefully 2006 will be a better year for all of us.

Speaking of 2006, I am reminded that it was only five short years ago that I retired. My, how time flies. I don't know how I ever had time to work. I'm sure that many of you feel the same way. My goal this year is to increase attendance at the retiree meetings. For the first three and one half years I didn't attend, and I realized that I was missing a great opportunity to visit with those I had worked with in the past. If you have not been attending, please do and if you have been attending, please invite someone to come with you.

We have a great group of officers this year but we need your help. We still need someone to fill the position of Program Chair. If you would be willing to do this please let me know. Also, if you have any thoughts on speakers or programs that you would like please let me know. Our first speaker for this year will be Dale Lloyd. Dale will update us on what is happening in the area of new generation facilities.

I would like to thank Jack Goertz and all the other officers who made 2005 a great year. I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of the previous officers and members for making this organization what it is today. I look forward to serving as your President in 2006.

— Kerry Adams

A WORD FROM THE EX-PREZ

The year 2005 has come to a close. All in all, I felt that the SCS Retirees had a pretty good year. Attendance was great at the 5 meetings we had (Hurricane Dennis had other ideas for us last July, and meeting wasn't one of them), and I believe we had some very interesting speakers. We even had a field trip (to Barber's Museum) in March!

We tried some different things this year—and moved our November meeting out to the new Ross Bridge Hotel & Resort. If you haven't been out to Ross Bridge yet, take a drive out there one day. It's an awesome facility! They treated us well, the food was good, and we had a great turn-out. Our speaker for the meeting was Dr Marvin Copes, from Maylene, AL. Dr Copes kept us very entertained, as he asked us all "What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up?" Dr Copes is a regular columnist for the Shelby County Reporter, and his past columns can be found by going to the Shelby Co Reporter's website (Lifestyle section) and searching the archives for either "Copes" or "Gray Power".

I'd like to close out my last column by thanking you all, especially your board of directors and committee chairmen. They carried me through a great year, and made my job as your president so easy, it was actually fun. And I'd like to thank all of our members, especially those who make the effort to

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come to our bi-monthly meetings. If you hadn't come, I wouldn't have had anything to do, and the year would have been a lot different. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

I encourage you to attend our meetings in 2006. Your new president, Kerry Adams, is ready to take us forward into the new year. Come, socialize, and let Kerry and your board know what you'd like to do in 2006.

— Jack Goertz

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Our November 14, 2005 Southern Nuclear and SCS Retirees Holiday Luncheon Annual Meeting was attended by 116 Members and Guests at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort.

— Dora Brandt

**Want to keep up with what's happening?
Got a computer?
Visit the SCS Retiree Website
<http://www.scsretirees.com>**

TREASURER'S REPORT

This month we received and deposited a check from SCS that covered our expenses from the summer picnic. (The company has always paid for the summer picnic in the past)

In planning for the November meeting the Board of Directors (BOD) determined to subsidize a portion of the overall cost of that meeting; therefore, the price was set at \$20 per person. We have not, as of this date (12/8), received a bill from the Ross Bridge resort.

At the September meeting the BOD authorized a donation to the Salvation Army "Angel Tree" program which has now been paid.

— Henry Garrett

SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP FOR 2005

Officers

President	Kerry Adams 980-7185
Vice President	Dora Brandt 956-0502
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Richard Chastain	822-8971
Dan Finney	995-9703
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Jackie Imbush	991-8472
Nell King	822-7562
Joe Leamon	870-5637
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Committee

Chairpersons

Arrangements

Audit

Fellowship

Finance

Membership

Newsletter

Dan & Myrna Wise
942-2336

Nominating

Program

Sunshine

SUNSHINE REPORT

We did not receive a formal report for this issue, but **Liz Winter** reported that Cecil Moore, husband of **Pat Moore** was taken to the Brookwood CCU and placed on a ventilator on December 19.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY: 5-Frank Rutherford, 6-Robert Haubein, 13-Ralph Tribble, 14-Jan Ellenburg, 16-Armour Rushings, 18-Charlie Michewright, 22-Charles Hamcock, 24-Mary Rowe, 28-Jackie Imbush and Norma Jean Johnston.

FEBRUARY: 3-Tom Steele, 12-Glenn Baker, 20-Myrna Wise, 21-Veva Naramore, 22-Henry Vincent, 23-Tom Shepherd & Frances Williams, 25-Gale Dougherty & Joseph Leamon, 27-Lera Pate and 28-John Harget.

— JayDorrance

2005 MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Southern Company Retirees who passed away in 2005

Evelyn Creamer, January 9; Carl Self, February 21; Bob Ellenburg, March 23; Tom Robinson, May 5; Harry Raykes, Jr., May 9; Roy Herbst, June 28; Gary Styles, July 3; Merideth Sanders, November 9; Sylvia Goodwin, November 14.

Southern Company Loved Ones who passed away in 2005

Sammy Coggin, June 30, brother of Buddy Coggin; Elizabeth McLennan, July 2, widow of James McLennan; Dorothy Hancock, October 9, wife of Charles Hancock; Betty Smith, October 23, wife of Monroe Smith.

— Jay Dorrance

WEEKLY WORKOUT FOR SENIORS

The Doctor told me, I should start an exercise program. Not wanting to harm this old body, I've devised the following:

Monday

Beat around the bush
Jump to conclusions
Climb the walls
Wade through the morning paper

Tuesday

Drag my heels
Push my luck
Make mountains out of mole hills
Hit the nail on the head

Wednesday

Bend over backwards
Jump on the Band Wagon
Run around in circles

Thursday

Advise the President on how to run the country
Toot my own horn
Pull out all the stops
Add fuel to the fire

Friday

Open a can of worms
Put my foot in my mouth
Start the ball rolling
Go over the edge

Saturday

Pick up the pieces.

Sunday

Kneel in prayer
Bow my head in thanksgiving
Uplift my hands in praise
Hug someone and encourage them.

— Author Unknown

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OH, THOSE CRAZY HEADLINES

Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told
Miners Refuse to Work after Death
Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
Stolen Painting Found by Tree
Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies
Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter
Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years
Never Withhold Herpes Infection from Loved One
Drunken Drivers Paid \$1000 in '84
War Dims Hope for Peace
If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last a While
Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
Enfields Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge
Deer Kill 17,000
Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
Chef Throws His Heart into Helping Feed Needy
Arson Suspect Is Held in Massachusetts Fire
British Union Finds Dwarfs in Short Supply
Ban on Soliciting Dead in Trotwood
Lansing Residents Can Drop Off Trees
Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
New Vaccine May Contain Rabies
Man Minus Ear Waives Hearing
Deaf College Opens Doors to Hearing
Air Head Fired
Steals Clock, Faces Time
Prosecutor Releases Probe into Undersheriff
Old School Pillars are Replaced by Alumni
Bank Drive-in Window Blocked by Board
Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
Some Pieces of Rock Hudson Sold at Auction

SCS RETIREES

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Meeting will be Monday, January 9

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Building 40

Lakeside Conference Room, Room 420

Board meeting will be at 11 a.m.