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PREZ SEZ FAREWELL

As you are reading this newsletter, 2006 is probably history and you are in the midst of making resolutions for the New Year. You may have already broken some of your New Year's resolutions but I hope that you will resolve to continue supporting the SCS/Southern Nuclear Retirees' organization.

All in all, I thought 2006 was a good year. We were fortunate to have David Ratcliffe as the speaker for our May meeting. He gave us a good perspective of the Southern Company and what he sees as the challenges we face in the future. Our Holiday meeting at Ross Bridge was also good and very entertaining with the storytelling of Dolores Hydock. These are our two major meetings during the year and both were well attended. Attendance for the other meetings was about average for the last few years. However, it could be much better. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the meetings, please let your officers and directors know. They will appreciate your input. After all, it is your organization.

In any organization it takes the support and cooperation of a lot of people to make it a success. I

would like to thank the other officers and directors who worked with me and also thank each of you for your support. Several of you answered my questions and offered advice that was very helpful. Two people that we see very little of but who do a big job for our organization are Dan and Myrna Wise. They publish our newsletter every other month. Without them we could not keep up with what is going on with our members.

You have elected a great team to lead you in 2007. Nell King and the rest of the board are ready to lead you in the New Year but they need your continued support. You can best support them with your attendance at the meetings and your input on the things that you feel will make the organization better.

Again, thanks to all of you and I look forward to seeing you in 2007.

— Kerry Adams

Want to keep up with what's happening?

Got a computer?

Visit the SCS Retiree Website

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

SUNSHINE REPORT

We received no report from the Sunshine Committee for this issue. We pray that all have remained well and happy throughout the holiday season.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY: 1-Gladys Bailey, 2-Mollie Midlik, 4-Bettilew Gaskell, 5-Betty Ramsey & Frank Rutherford, 6-Robert Haubein, 7-Elsie Graham, 8-Willard Brooks, 11-Rena Coleman, 13-Charles Crane & Ralph Tribble, 14-Jan Ellenburg, 16-Lois Dowdle & Armour Rushings, 17-Jimmie Tribble, 18-Charlie Michlewright, 19-Donald Thornburgh, 22-Charles Hancock, 24-Nelda Finney & Mary

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Rowe, 28-Jackie Imbusch, Norma Jean Johnston & Bob Smith and 31-Barbara Quinn.

FEBRUARY: 1-Jack Blackwood, Dan Finney & Tom Nunnally, 2-Rex Walker, 4-Shirley East, 6-Dot Kachelhofer, 8-Wendell Kirk, 9-Dennis Cole & John Quinn, 11-Bill Hill, Bill Ramsey & Valerie Webster, 12-Glenn Baker & Bill Midlik, 20-Myrna Wise, 21-Veva Naramore, 22-Henry Vincent, 23-Tom Shepherd & Frances Williamson, 25-Gale Dougherty & Joe Leamon, 27-Lera Pate and 28-John Hargett.

— Jay Dorrance

2006 REMEMBRANCES

Our Retirees Who Passed Away in 2006

Mike Griffith, 56, December 18, 2005; Jim Laird, 89, February 7; Bob Usry, 77, March 29; John Farley, 81, March 31; James W. Smith, 62, April 24; Emsley Cobb, 72, May 17; Margaret Jackman, 80, May 29; Herb Thrasher, 79, July 25; Tom Steele, 78, August 17; Paul Passen, 80, September 2; Bobby Linton, 75, October 15; Leon Anderson, 88, November 27.

Our Loved Ones Who Passed Away in 2006

*Cecil Moore, 79, December 22, 2005, husband of Pat Moore; Thelma Garner, 81, February 7, mother of Malcolm & Bill Garner; Owen Ray, 78, February 10, brother of Mildred Hire Fleming; Claude Swindle, 85, February 20, brother of the late C.V. Swindle; Nelle Sappington, 72, February 28, wife of Jerry Sappington; Mary Thomas, 81, June 10, widow of the late Ruble Thomas; Lillie Mae Hargett, 79, August 14, wife of John Hargett; Kate Self, 84, October 19, widow of the late Carl Self; Annett Nicholson, 61, October 29, wife of Bill Nicholson.

*Not included in the 2005 Remembrances

— Jay Dorrance

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

— Antoine de Saint-Exupery

SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP FOR 2006

Officers	
President	Nell King 822-7562
Vice President	Dora Brandt 956-0502
Secretary	Pat Moore 979-3353
Treasurer	Henry Garrett 853-6079
Directors	
John Brandt	956-0502
Dan Finney	995-9703
Jackie Imbusch	991-8472
Joe Leamon	870-5637
Bob Smith	
Liz Winter	822-6142
Kerry Adams (ex-officio)	980-7185
Committee Chairpersons	
Arrangements	Buddy & Judy Coggins 785-5992
Audit	Wayne Walton 822-1875
Fellowship	
Finance	
Membership	
Newsletter	Dan & Myrna Wise 942-2336
Nominating	
Program	
Sunshine	

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Leon Roland Anderson, 88, of Hoover, Alabama, died Monday, November 27, 2006. He was a member of SCS RETIREES having retired from the SCS mechanical design department in January 1985 with 15 years of service. Before coming to SCS from Hayes Aircraft Mr. Anderson had spent 31 years in the aircraft industry in Alabama and Maryland.

Mr. Anderson was predeceased by a son, Dr. Robert Anderson. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lucile "Lucy" Anderson, two sons, Steven & Thomas, a daughter Amy Ellen Anderson, 2-grandchildren, 1-great grandchild and two sisters.

A memorial service was held for Mr. Anderson on Friday, December 1 at the All Saint's Episcopal Church in Homewood, Alabama.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to long time SCS employee Patsy Carroll Evans and her family in the death of Patsy's husband, Gill Evans, 70, of Birmingham, who passed away in a local hospital on Wednesday, December 13, 2006. A funeral service was held for him on Friday afternoon, December 15, at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Trussville, Alabama. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery.

— Jay Dorrance

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of this writing (12/12) the year 2006 is all but complete. From the treasurer's standpoint this report is final except for some interest due at year end from the Credit Union.

Income so far is from dues (\$2,202), from interest (\$208.87) and \$2,502 from the attendees at the November meeting. Total income for the year is \$4,912.87

Expenses are: United Way (\$750), Sunshine Committee (\$50), Program Committee (\$400), Newsletter/postage (\$57.75), Contingencies

(\$171.18), summer meeting arrangements (\$68.94), regular meeting arrangements (\$201.62), and November meeting arrangements (\$4,191.13) which included the Ross Bridge bill of \$4,191.13. Total expenses amount to \$5,890.62, leaving a net loss for this year of \$977.75.

Our net worth at this time is \$4,048.82

The application form for 2007 dues is in the mail now.

— Henry Garrett

NOVEMBER MEETING

There were 107 members and guests attending the Holiday Luncheon Annual Meeting that took place November 13 at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort.

— Buddy Coggin

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2007 SCS Retirees meetings will be as follows:

Monday, January 8	Room 310, Inverness 42
Monday, March 12	Room 310, Inverness 42
Monday, May 14	TBA
Monday, July 9	Room 310, Inverness 42
Monday, September 10	Room 310, Inverness 42
Monday, November 12	TBA

THE SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON WILLIAM (BILL) R. HILL

William (Bill) Hill was born in Opelika, Alabama, but lived in five towns in South Alabama before graduating from Wilcox County High School in Camden, Alabama. The explanation for this wanderlust was that his father was a Methodist minister who was assigned to different churches during these years.

Bill always had a desire to become an engineer and enrolled in electrical engineering at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) after

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his high school graduation. However, his education was interrupted by the call of his Army National Guard unit into active duty in the Korean War in 1951. He was discharged in 1952 with the rank of Sergeant.

He returned to the Auburn plains and earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. To prove that he really wanted to be an engineer he also earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. His first Southern Company employment was as a junior engineer at the Alabama Power Company Plant Gadsden. After excellent performance, he was transferred to Plant Gorgas as plant engineer.

In the fall of 1959, Alabama Power Company, which was a member of a nuclear consortium, asked Bill to move to Michigan to assist in the construction and testing of the Enrico Fermi Nuclear Plant Unit 1, a fast breeder sodium cooled plant. Fermi Unit 1 was a 94 MWe prototype reactor that operated from 1963 to 1972. It must have been an exciting and rewarding experience for Bill to be a part of the beginning of the nuclear age

in the United States. A 2-year assignment stretched into over 4 years. One wonders if this Southern boy became accustomed to Michigan winters.

Upon his return to Alabama, Bill was assigned to the newly formed nuclear department in Southern Services. This small group was given the assignment of writing specifications and evaluating bids for the purchase of nuclear steam power systems. During this process, Bill was promoted to manger. The results of this initial work included the constructing, testing and commissioning of Plants Hatch, Farley and Vogtle. The nuclear department was reorganized into groups associated with each plant. Bill chose the Farley group and remained as a manager in that group until his early retirement in 1993.

He is married to Bernice, who also is retired. Her career was in public relations at Goodwill Industries. They both enjoy traveling, particularly to Europe, with destinations such as London, Paris and Rome. They recently moved into a new home, which is always a challenge.

— Charles Hickman

SCS RETIREES

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*Our next meeting will be Monday,
January 8 at 1 p.m. in Room 310,
Inverness 42*

Board meeting will be at 11 a.m.

*Members and guests are invited to join
us for lunch in the Inverness Cafeteria.*

*Program: Charles Goodman speaking on
Southern Company concerns about
global Warming*