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PREZ SEZ

We are at the beginning of a new year on the calendar and a new year for the SCS Retirees organization.

The beginning of the year is the time to think about what we want to accomplish and set our goals for the year. We can talk about goals that are noble and uplifting and unattainable or we can talk about simple goals that we can accomplish if we work at it. Some of these are:

~ Increase our Membership

We think that this organization is worthwhile and provides a benefit to all retirees and we want to be sure that those who are eligible are made aware of it and join us if they so choose. To accomplish this goal, we can spread the word about our meetings and talk with anyone we know who is retiring, as well as those already retired, to let them know what we are doing and that we want them as members of our group.

~ Have Interesting and Informative Meetings

Charles Hickman has accepted the position of Program Chairman and is already making big plans

for us. We can help him by telling him what kind of programs we enjoy.

~ Have Fellowship and Fun

It would be great to get together as a group for an evening or a day of fun. Our Fellowship Chairman will be happy with any suggestions you may have that will attract more participation.

It is an honor and a privilege to have been chosen as your president and I will work hard to accomplish these goals.

HELP ME!!

— Nell King Larson

**Want to keep up with what's happening?
Got a computer?**

Visit the SCS Retiree Website

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have now received, and deposited, a total of \$2274.00 from dues, representing 191 members and associates. This is not only a larger amount than was received last year but it has come in earlier and, even better, from a good many new members.

Let me hasten to add, however, that there are still some 30 or so members we need to hear from. If anyone is unsure about his/her payment of dues, please give me a call at 205/853-6079.

In the last Outside we were unable to close the year pending the interest due from the Credit union, now received at \$51.53. Total income for 2006 was \$4964.35 and expenses remained at \$5809.62. Our net worth remains at \$4062.35.

The audit of our books was completed by Wayne Walton, assisted by Warren Glover. We are now on "go" for 2007.

— Henry Garrett

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH: 2-T.D. Posey, 3-David Busby, 4-Rita Townsend, 5-Albert Stallings, 7-Kathryn Owens & Clara Posey, 9-Danny Lofton & Gene Rollins, 11-Mary Sue Thornburgh, 16-James Ewing & Martha Cook, 18-Iris Gilbert & Mary Rimel, 19-Pat Bowman, 20-Mary Anchors, 21-Scotty Herron & Doyle Shaw, 22-Woody Woodruff, 23-Clyde Wood, 24-Donald Freeman, 28-Bernice Hill, Richard "Cowboy" McRee & John Windhorst and 29-Barbara Jones.

APRIL: 1-Shirley Rutherford, 2-Lowell Brothers, 4-Vicki Garner, 5-Jean Shaw, 6-Joe Spears, 7-Geraldine Lofton, 8-Lodema Evans, Eugene Johnston, Ken Kopecky, Sarah Ann Michlewright, Stokely Morgan & Jerry Ray, 11-Henry Garrett & Susan Goertz, 13-Don Jackson & Rhoy Swearingen, 16-Lewis Williams, 18-Jack Goertz, 21-Judy Sanford, 22-Don Irvin & Bill Rowe, 24-Doug McCrary, 25-Janet Smith, 29-Bob Davis & Billie Greenhill and 30-Joyce Ehrensperger, Bill Garner & Hugh Turner.

— Jay Dorrance

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Dr. Donald Edwards Parrish, 53, of Harpersville, Alabama died Saturday, December 30, 2006. He began his employment with Alabama Power Co. in 1974 and later transferred to the Mechanical Design Dept. of SCS for a total of 20 years service with the Southern Company. He left SCS in 1994 on a disability. In 1997 he became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Harpersville a position he held until his death. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Patti Parish, 2 sons, his father and mother, both SCS retirees and 2 brothers. A funeral service was held for Dr. Parrish on Wednesday, January 3, 2007 with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham.

Robert D. Sox, Sr., 64, of McCalla, Alabama passed away on Sunday, January 7, 2007. He was a SCS retiree from the Power/Mechanical Department.

Survivors: Diane Knox, mother of his children; Bob and Sheri, 1 grandson, 2 brothers and a sister. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 10 with burial in Valhalla Cemetery.

Phillip LaDon "Donnie" Young, 56, of Pelham, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. He was a 2006 SCS retiree from the Electrical Engineering Services Dept. with 35 years of service. Donnie is survived by 2 sons, 5 sisters, 2 brothers and a granddaughter.

A funeral service was held for Mr. Young on Friday, January 19 in the Chapel of The Southern Heritage Funeral Home with interment in the Southern Heritage Cemetery, Pelham.

Robert (Bob) C. Higginbotham, 86, of Austin, Texas died on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 after a long bout with cancer. He was a long time resident of the city of Birmingham, Alabama. He retired from SCS in 1984 from the Civil and Architectural - Structural Steel Department. Survivors include his wife Avis, a son, a daughter and 3 granddaughters.

A funeral service was held for Bob on Monday, February 12 at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home in Trussville, Alabama with burial in Jefferson Memorial Gardens.

William Mack Pate, Sr., 86, of Trussville, Alabama died Wednesday, February 14, 2007. Mack spent 10 years at Alabama Power Co. before coming to Southern Services in 1972 where he served the next 14 years in the Electrical Design Department. He retired from SCS in 1986 with a total of 24 years service. Until recently he was a member of the SCS RETIREES. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Lera Joyce Pate, 3 Sons, 1 Daughter and 6 grandchildren.

A funeral service was held for Mr. Pate on Friday afternoon, February 16 at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Trussville.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to SCS Retiree **Valerie Webster** and her family in the death of her mother, Winifred Pimm, 98, of Australia who died on Thursday, January 4, 2007.

**SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP
FOR 2007**

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Our sincere sympathy also goes out to the family of Dolores Lilly Hulsey, 86, of Birmingham, Alabama who passed away on Friday, January 12, 2007. She was preceded in death by her first husband former SCS president Clyde A. Lilly, Jr. who died in a Southern Company jet plane crash in Washington, D.C. on the evening of April 28, 1977. Also killed was SCS executive vice president Bill Lalor and two Southern Company pilots. Mrs. Hulsey was also predeceased by her second husband, Carl Hulsey. She is survived by 2 sons, Clyde III & Jeffery Lilly, 1 daughter, Gail Lilly and 1 granddaughter, Christina Lilly. Funeral services were held for Mrs. Hulsey on Sunday afternoon, January 14 at Ridout's Valley Chapel.

— Jay Dorrance

MARCH MEETING

How many of you remember waiting in anticipation for your favorite radio program to be on the air? How about driving at night and listening to music on clear channel radio stations? How many have “vintage” radios in your house? Did you know that Alabama Power Company launched the first licensed radio station in Alabama in 1922? Did you know that a radio museum is housed at the Alabama Power corporate headquarters?

Now that your appetite has been whetted, join us for our March meeting to be presented by members of the Alabama Historical Radio Society. This society was founded in June 1989 by Don Kresge, a retired General Electric engineer, to provide an opportunity for men and women of all ages to join together and pursue their interest in vintage radio. David Cisco, the society president, will lead the presentation, which will not only be informative but also will bring back memories for each of us.

— Charles E. Hickman

**Don't judge a man by the words of his mother;
listen to the comments of his neighbors.**

— Jewish Proverb

SUNSHINE REPORT

Bill Gaskell had surgery in mid-February, but is now at home recuperating.

Jack Wintter had surgery for a bleeding ulcer, and is now in rehab.

Edna Wright is recuperating at home of her daughter after several trips back to hospital. Her daughter checks her mail each day. If you wish to send her a card the address is 5011 Mark Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242.

John Plaxco has recovered from pneumonia, is at home and doing very well.

Pat Moore is at home recovering from cellulites.

Bob Winter has begun chemo treatments. He will have six treatments.

Received word recently from Bill/Mary Alice Thurman that Jim Anchors was singing in men's chorus during the past few weeks. And Mary was seen walking at church with assistance.

Please let me know of others we may need to remember.

— Liz Winter

**THE SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON
BOB SMITH**

Bob Smith is an Alabama native who graduated with a bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama in 1965. He was enrolled in advanced ROTC, served 13 months in South Korea with the U. S. Army and continued his service for 28 years in the U. S. Army reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Bob began his Southern Company Services (SCS) career in 1967 as a piping design engineer in the mechanical design discipline. He continued his education by receiving an MBA degree from Samford University. He was promoted to the position of assistant to vice president K. W. Boyles and later as an assistant to executive vice president Bill Lalor. His major assignment was to develop a project management system for design work on all operating fossil, hydro and nuclear plants. A company reorganization placed Bob in the production services department as a project engineer. One of the major

company initiatives was the pooled inventory management (PIM) program. PIM, which consisted of 24 electric utility companies that owned 52 nuclear plants, pooled resources to purchase expensive spare equipment that was interchangeable with multiple plants. This equipment is stored in a warehouse in Memphis, Tennessee. Bob had technical and program management responsibilities in PIM for over 18 years before retiring in August 2004. Bob cited a number of SCS individuals who had a positive influence on him, including Bill Gaskell, K. W. Boyles and Bill Lalor.

The PIM job required extensive travel with the accumulation of many frequent flyer miles. Travel, not because of the frequent flyer miles, became an important part of the activities of Bob and his wife Alice. They have vacationed in Europe 12 times and visited all 50 states. Bob will be traveling for three weeks in March 2007 to Africa with destinations in South Africa, Kenya and Egypt.

Tennis was a serious hobby for Bob for many years. He started the SCS tennis ladder and tournaments to improve his skills and to encourage more SCS personnel to get involved in the sport. He had major successes in the sport, finishing third in the Alabama State Closed Singles Tennis Tournament in his age group and achieving a state ranking of fourth as a singles player.

Gardening (everything but vegetables) has now replaced tennis as a major hobby. Bob completed the master gardener course in 2005, and Bob and Alice's home garden has been featured in the Alabama Gardener magazine. Through his friendship with Eddie Aldridge, Bob was appointed to the Aldridge Gardens Board of Directors in 2005. Major additions are being planned for the gardens, including a children's garden, and Bob is one of the leaders in this expansion.

Bob and Alice have two children and six grandchildren, who are now their number one hobby. Alice is a retired school teacher. SCS Retirees is fortunate that Bob has accepted a position on our Board of Directors in 2007.

— Charles E. Hickman



These 2007 officers and directors were present at the Ross Bridge meeting in November. Left photo, left to right, Bob Smith, Liz Winter and Nell King Larson. Right photo, left to right, Pat Moore, Dora Brandt and Henry Garrett.



PRESIDENTIAL TRIVIA

Yes, Presidents' Day is past, but I thought you might still enjoy a little presidential trivia, just for the fun of it.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence in 18 days.

James Garfield was the first President to use a phone in the White House. His first words to inventor Alexander Graham Bell, who was on the other end were, "Please speak more slowly."

Richard Nixon is the only President to have won an Emmy award. He received the Best Spoken Word award for an album made from the soundtrack of his

television interview with David Frost.

George Washington was the first and only President elected by a unanimous electoral vote.

Andrew Jackson was the first President to be handed a baby to kiss during his campaign. He refused to kiss the infant and instead handed the baby over to his secretary of war.

Herbert Hoover was the only President who turned his entire salary over to charity.

Woodrow Wilson was the only President to have earned a PhD. He earned it from John Hopkins University in 1886.

During his youth, Bill Clinton, along with two other boys, performed in a jazz combo called The Three Blind Mice. They all wore sunglasses.

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The only politicians bound by law never to travel together are the President and the Vice President.

At the time President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, the only money he had on his person was a \$5 Confederate note.

Richard Nixon was the only person elected twice to both the office of President and the office of Vice President. He also holds the distinguished honor of being the only President ever to resign.

George Washington didn't have enough money to get to his own inauguration and was forced to borrow \$600 from a neighbor.

While President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant had his horse and carriage impounded and he himself was arrested for speeding on a Washington street.

While a high school student in the early 1930s, Richard Nixon worked for two summers as a barker for the wheel-of-chance at the Slippery Gulch Rodeo in Prescott, Arizona.

AND SOME DUMB CROOKS

Bad Call. When two service station attendants in Ionia, Michigan, refused to hand over the cash to an intoxicated robber, the man threatened to call the police. They still refused, so the robber, true to his word, called the cops and was arrested.

Road Rage. A motorist was infuriated by the ticket a Santa Monica traffic officer had just left on his windshield. So he reached into the officer's vehicle, pulled its keys from the ignition, and then sped off in his own car. Police nabbed him and the keys the next day. A police sergeant explained the easy arrest: 'We had his license plate number from the citation.'

SCS RETIREES

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Meeting will be Monday, March 12

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Room 310, Inverness 42

Board Meets at 11a.m.