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PREZ SEZ

At our retirees meeting in May, we heard from Sam Sumner about the response of the Southern Companies to the damage resulting from hurricane Katrina. The preparations for and the execution of an emergency response plan by all of the Southern Companies contrasted vividly with those of FEMA, the State of Louisiana, and the City of New Orleans.

The difference in reaction and in the results was mostly, I believe, the difference in leadership. Good leadership is hard to define, but it is recognized when we see favorable results.

Newspaper readers are bombarded almost every day with stories about mismanagement in government and business. The Jefferson County sewer system, the two-year college system in Alabama, and problems resulting from Katrina are just a few examples. They reflect a lack of leadership at state government, county government and federal government. Businesses have their share, too, and we need look no further than Enron or HealthSouth.

Meanwhile, power users of this area can enjoy below average rates, and those of us who have retired from the Southern Company can enjoy

security in our pensions and our stock because of a company that has been fortunate to have good leadership.

— Nell Larson

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JULY PROGRAM

As parents and grandparents, we have often enjoyed taking our children and grandchildren to the zoo. The excitement shown in the faces of the young ones as they “meet” the animals makes our day! The Birmingham Zoo has a diverse collection of over 700 species from around the world, including many endangered species. Also, the Children’s Zoo, completed in April 2005 is dedicated to children and is devoted to urban, rural and wild animals and environs of Alabama. The continued community support of one of the jewels in our region has enabled Birmingham Zoo, Inc. to continue **“Inspiring Passion for the Natural World...”** Plan to attend our **July 9, 2007** meeting to learn more about the zoo so we can better enjoy future visits.

Dr. William (Bill) Foster, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Birmingham Zoo, and President of Birmingham Zoo, Inc., will begin his presentation with a walk down Memory Lane of the Birmingham Zoo. The growth and evolution of the zoo, as well as a glimpse of the exciting things planned for the near future, will be discussed. Under his leadership, the Birmingham Zoo was named as the number one tourist attraction in the State of Alabama by the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel in 2006. Foster, a leading zoo management authority on the national scene, is past president of the Association of Zoos and Aquarium (AZA). He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International, a worldwide effort to preserve the

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endangered mountain gorilla of Africa. Bill earned his doctorate of veterinary medicine and bachelor of science degrees from Tuskegee University.

— Charles E. Hickman

BIRTHDAYS

JULY: 1-Frank Jones, 2-Howard Hubbard, 3-Elliene Jackson, 4-Mohinder Ghuman & Carolyn Muglach, 5-Ann Garrett, 6-Dorothy Bailey, 8-Ella Burr, Jeanne Plaxco & Eukie Woodall, 9-Lee Hanbein & Jim Newton, 12-William Cole, 13-Phillis Lawrence, 14-George Russell, 15-Peggy Brashier & Dave Morey, 16-Jim Anchors & Ken Hassell, 19-Bill Echols, 20-Dan Wise, 21-Dennis Runyans & Rosemary Wright, 22-Jo Ann Stallings, 24-Sandra Morgan & Karen Summers, 25-Gerald Aultman, 27-Bruce Bailey & Carter Leonard, 28-Kerry Adams & Bill Hinton, 30-Mary Sisk and 31-Mary Ann Glover.

AUGUST: 1-Lenore Coughlin & Ruth Shepherd, 2-Bob Jackson, 3-Jim Coleman & Ron Mitchell, 4-Willard Payne, 6-Robert Beason, 8-Donald East & LeMar Russell, 10-Jessie Hancock, 12-Jim Rooker, 13-Phillis Lawrence, 14-Edward Muglach, 15-Martha McMillan, 16-Margaret Carter, 17-John Naramore, John Woodall & Jane Wuerdeman, 18-Martha Burson, 19-Nancy Moore, 20-Mary Anchors & Peggy Case, 21-Jim Nesmith, 23-Chyan Chiou, 24-Phillis Meade, 25-Shirley Harrison & Lee Rayburn, 26-LaMar Sumerhn, 27-John Carter & Jay Dorrance, 29-Charles Pugh & Ty Robin, 30-James Allison and 31-Charles Biddy, Roy Messick, Patricia Ogles & Lee Wetzel.

— Jay Dorrance

This is the true measure of love: when we believe that we alone can love, that no one could ever have loved so before us, and that no one will ever love in the same way after us.

— Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Richard C. Walker, 77, of Birmingham, died Monday, April 30, 2007. Dick retired from the SCS Instrument & Control Department. He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Jean and is survived by two sons, Edward and Scott Walker. Graveside services were held for Mr. Walker on Friday morning, May 4 at Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham.

Jane Kloman, 60, of Pensacola, died Tuesday, May 8, 2007 after a battle with lung cancer. She was an employee of Gulf Power Company for 25 years before coming to Birmingham where she worked for the next 5 years for the Southern Company before her retirement and return to Pensacola in 2005. Jane is survived by a daughter, Susan Kloman Fett, and a son, Richard Kloman. Funeral services were held for Ms Kloman on Friday afternoon, May 11 at the Colonial Funeral Home in her hometown, Columbia, Mississippi. Interment followed in Spring Cottage Cemetery in Spring Cottage, MS.

James "Jim" Rimel, Jr. 86, of Hoover, died Friday, May 11, 2007. Jim retired in 1984 as Manager - Power Plant Layout after 37 years of service. He was a member of SCS RETIREES. Mr. Rimel is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary; two daughters; Nona and Nancy, a son, James III, and three granddaughters. Funeral services were held for Mr. Rimel on Sunday afternoon, May 13 at Meadow Brook Baptist Church followed by interment in the Warrior Cemetery, Warrior, AL.

William "Bill" Dormady, 67, of Trussville passed away on Tuesday, May 22, 2007. Bill retired as a senior designer having worked for SCS and Southern Nuclear for a total of 29 years. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Patricia, two sons; Mike and Mark Dormady; and a daughter; Sherry, Little as well as a host of other family members. A funeral service was held for Mr. Dormady at Ridout's Trussville Chapel on Friday morning, May 12 with burial in Jefferson Memorial Garden, Trussville, Alabama.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to SCS RETIREE member Rosemary Wright and her family in the death of Rosemary's husband, William "Bill" Wright, 78, of Cahaba Heights who died Wednesday, April 18, 2007. A funeral service was held for Mr. Wright on Friday afternoon, April 20 at the Philadelphia Baptist Church, Birmingham followed by burial in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

Our heartfelt sympathy is also extended to the family of SCS RETIREE member Joyce Steele in the death of her husband J.E. "Ed" Steele, 86, of Hoover who passed away on Friday, April 20, 2007. Ed was a U.S. Steel retiree and he and Joyce had been married for 54 years. A private funeral service was held for Mr. Steele on Saturday, April 21 and the Steele family received friends at a memorial service that was held at the Briarwood Presbyterian Church Chapel on Sunday afternoon, April 23.

— Jay Dorrance

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 11, the income from dues is \$2,700.00 and the income from interest is \$61.75 for a total of \$2,761.75. Expenses to date are \$161.60 for arrangements (regular), \$121.87 for arrangements (summer), \$25.00 for memorials and \$61.84 for newsletter/postage, leaving a balance of \$2,355.44. So far this year we have received dues from 228 members/spouses which represents an increase of about 35 over this same time last year thanks to the work of the membership committee. You will remember that the company has requested in the past that the May meeting be for all retirees and guests (not just SCSR members) and that it be at their expense. The bill for that meeting has been received and forwarded to them for payment.

— Henry Garrett

Progress begins with the belief that what is necessary is possible.

— Norman Cousins

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MAYMEETING

Attendance at the Annual Picnic Luncheon on May 14, 2007 at the Pelham Civic Complex for retirees, spouses and guests was 182.

— Jay Dorrance

SUNSHINE REPORT

We have not received any news of illnesses or surgeries as of June 15; therefore, our report is actually a “Sunshine Report.”

Hope all of you continue in good health.

— Liz Winter

OOPS

When my aunt backed the family van into the garage, she accidentally knocked off a side mirror. “Someone hit the van while I was shopping at the mall,” she told my uncle upon his return from the

office. The culprit didn’t even leave a note. Can you imagine the nerve?”

“The guy had more nerve than you think,” my uncle replied. “He even followed you and put the broken glass in our garage.”

— *Reader’s Digest*, February 1994

TIME FOR...

We had stopped at a gas station in the West Virginia mountains when we noticed a battered pickup truck coming rapidly down the hill. As the truck approached, it became evident that the driver wanted to pull into the station but was having trouble slowing down.

We watched helplessly as the vehicle rolled past the pumps and disappeared down an embankment. We ran to help, but the driver was already climbing out, unharmed, and was walking toward us. He pulled out his wallet and drawled, “Reckon I’ll have a can of your brake fluid.”

— *Reader’s Digest*, March 1974

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MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, July 9

Where: Room 310, Inverness 42.

Board meeting at 11 a.m.

General Meeting at 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to join us for lunch in the Inverness Cafeteria.