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PREZ SEZ

One of our goals for this year is for the SCS Retirees to "Have Fellowship and Fun." To achieve this, we asked Joe Leamon to head our Fellowship Committee and he has gotten us off to a great start. Many thanks to Joe for all his work in planning a wonderful trip for us to the Shakespeare Theatre in Montgomery. The trip was short, parking was convenient, the show was great and we were together. We did have fun!

We all met at Cracker Barrel on 119 for brunch. This worked out well because it gave us time to travel to Montgomery and arrive by 2 p.m. to attend the play, "Menopause the Musical." It was hilarious. We had not been to the Shakespeare Theatre for a long time and had forgotten that we have such a wonderful resource available to enjoy.

It was fun to spend time with our fellow retirees and we look forward to doing it again soon. Joe will keep us informed of plans he makes for us. If you were unable to go on this trip, we certainly hope it will work out for you next time. We want you to be with us!

— Nell Larson

Want to keep up with what's happening?

Got a computer?

Visit the SCS Retiree Website

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The Seasoned Performers formed in 1984 and based in Birmingham, Alabama, consists of an active group of senior volunteer actors who tour one act plays and reading programs to audiences in over 90 community sites each year. Reading troupes have been performing dramatic readings of everything from lyrics of love songs to the history of the steel industry in Birmingham since 1998.

When the male Seasoned Readers realized that there were several "women only" readings in the repertory, they wanted to develop a program that celebrated being a man with the particular experiences of their lives. Such experiences include growing up in a particular moment in history, being involved in various wars, becoming family men and, amazingly, reaching the years that some would call "venerable." They got together and collected their own stories and bits of culture that shaped their lives with all the adventures, pride and emotions that go into "being a man." *Seasons of Man*, our September 10, 2007 program, celebrates their lives and times. This vigorous and humorous piece, read by four of the Seasoned Readers, will touch a chord with all ages and genders.

— Charles E. Hickman

BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER: 1-James Welch, 2-Jane Freeman, Ron Wedge & Nel Wetzel, 3-Linda Chastain, 4-Carol Newton & Peter Lynch, 6-Janet Usry, 8-Alfred Mikell & Jean Rayburn, 10-Ken Gillespie, Gisela Hancock & Rod Wilsman, 11-Gene Kachelhofer, Bob Patrick, Bill Ponder & Alice Smith, 12-Virginia Bidy, Fred Ehrensperger, John Hall, Sue Hassell & Richard Kaster, 13-Betsy Kopecky & Carol Yeager, 15-Philip Douglas, 16-Charles Maxwell, 17-Juanita Leonard, Lanee

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Wildman & Mike Zyne, 19-Claradel Holcombe & Dewey Yeager, 20-Dan Riley, 21-Linda Marshall, 23-Memuna Chandiwala & Ernest Thompson, 24-Mary Varagona, 26-Liz Winter, 28-Percy Mohon & Bill Thurman and 30-Martha Dorrance, Jerry Hall & Jerry Vandegrift.

OCTOBER: 1-Bill Hanks & Sandra Watkins, 2-Mary Alice Thurman, 5-Ajit Ghuman, Gerald Grainger & R.R. Herbst, 6-Glenda Beason & Joseph Farley, 7-Edward Bachofer, 9-Faye Douglas & Ed Lawrence, 10-Dean Vandegrift, 11-Nancy Morey, 12-John Hall & Janice Thies, 14-Brenda Hall, 15-Charles Smith, 16-Judy Grainger, 18-Billie Ewing, Nettie Hartin, James Ludwig & Ray Morgan, 19-Bonnie Russell, 20-Wallis Harrison, 21-Julie Troha, 22-Charles Wuerdeman, 24-Meg Glover, 25-Raymond Garnem & Sara McCrary, 27-William Harrison & Grace Kyser Miller, 28-Monroe Smith and 29-NellMehaffey.

— Jay Dorrance

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Charles F. Wilson, 80, of Branchville died Wednesday, July 18, 2007. Known as Buddy to those that knew him, he retired in September 1986 from the SCS Mechanical Design Department. Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife Betty Ann, a son and a daughter. Funeral services for Buddy were held Saturday morning, July 21 at Kilgroe Funeral Home with burial in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Leeds, Alabama.

David G. Willis, 59, of Indian Springs Village died Thursday, July 26, 2007. David was born in New Jersey, raised in Homewood, Alabama, and was a SCS retiree from the Telecommunications Department. Mr. Willis is survived by his mother, Doris Willis of Alabaster. His funeral service was held on Monday morning, July 30 in the chapel of Southern Heritage Funeral Home with interment in the Southern Heritage Cemetery, Pelham, Alabama.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to SCS retiree Doug Ragland and his family in the death of Doug's mother, Margaret Ragland, 89, who died Wednesday, June 20, 2007 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of SCS employee Brandy Slimp Dillon of Homewood, who passed away Sunday, June 24, 2007 at the age of 28.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Nancy Lou Rimel McLaughlin, 56, of Hoover who died Monday, July 16, 2007 after a valiant fight with cancer. She was the daughter of Mary Elizabeth Rimel and SCS retiree the late Jim Rimel.

— Jay Dorrance

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 12, the income from dues is \$2,778.00 and income from interest is \$126.68 for a total income of \$2,904.68. Expenses to date are \$405.14, giving us a balance to date of \$2,499.54. So far this year we have received and deposited a total of 237 checks and/or cash which represents dues from 437 members and spouses.

— Henry Garrett

SUNSHINE REPORT

Good news is first for proud new grandparents. Pat and **Charles Goodman** are proud to report the birth of their new granddaughter, Lilly Marie Hughes, on July 5. She was 7 lb 7 oz, 20 1/4 in.

Dan Riley has suffered with heart, diverticular, and kidney problems, but is at home recuperating.

Eileen Jackson reports that **Don** is in early stages of Alzheimer's.

Dean and **Jerry Vandegrift's** son, John, is critically ill with lung cancer in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Rex Walker had bypass surgery, and **Dewanna** said that he is now at home and doing very well.

Jackie Imbusch's daughter-in-law, Vicki, has a recurrence of her cancer.

— Liz Winter

**SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP
FOR 2007**

JULY MEETING

Attendance at the July 9 meeting was 41.

— Jay Dorrance

**THE SPOTLIGHT SHINES
ON
JAY AND MARTHA DORRANCE**

How does a young man from Bradford, Pennsylvania meet a young lady from East Lake, Alabama? Well, they have to be at the same place at the same time; namely, at a weekend football party in Birmingham and then be introduced to each other by the sister of the young lady. A friendship was born, followed by dating and an interesting marriage. Since Martha's sister was also planning to get married at about the same time, the girls decided to have a double wedding ceremony that took place at the First Presbyterian Church of East Lake on September 4, 1955.

Prior to these momentous events, Jay served four years in the Navy, attended and graduated from Edison Vocational Technical School in Elizabeth, New Jersey. After graduation, he was employed with Western Electric Company, but soon he and a friend decided to go to Tuscaloosa to attend the University of Alabama. Jay and Martha attended school together at the University of Alabama before moving to Birmingham.

Jay began his Southern electric system employment as a drafter in the electrical design department of Southern Services, Inc. After a time away from the company, he returned to Southern Company Services as a designer in the procurement section of the electrical design department. Among his associates on projects for Plants Hatch and Vogtle were Bob Ellenburg, Bob Davis and Jack Wintter. Before his retirement in 1986, Jay was involved in a number of company leadership organizations.

Over the years, Jay and Martha had four children, three girls and one boy. Today, all of the children live nearby, and they have blessed Jay and Martha with four granddaughters, two grandsons and one step grandson. Although Martha was busy

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at home with the children for a number of years, she found time to become a Union Camp retiree and a part-time bank teller.

Jay and Martha have taken advantage of retirement to travel and to become involved in several community and church activities. Travel, for example, has taken them to many beautiful sights in the United States, Canada and England. The list of their other activities is lengthy (exhausting??).

Together they participate in SCS Retirees, Pelham New Pioneers, Meals on Wheels and church activities at Riverchase Presbyterian Church. Martha sings with the Pelham Senior Center's Golden Voices and Jay serves on the Board of Directors of the Shelby County Economic and Industrial Development Authority. They have a wonderful and loving family and have made many friendships through their employment and diverse activities. Once again we have spotlighted a couple who do not have time to even think about going back to work.

— Charles E. Hickman

SCS RETIREES

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MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, September 10

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.***

A DOG WITH A NUMBER

Ever wonder what happens when a pet takes on a persona? Ashley could have told you, if he could have talked. Ashley was our family mutt, an SPCA special, part Beagle and part Spaniel.

For years—most of them after he died—he also served as the family's representative in the local telephone book. He was picked for the role quite haphazardly one day when I tried to keep my number out of the book to avoid getting business calls at home. When I balked at the \$60-a-year fee, the cheery telephone company representative suggested I list the number in one of my children's names.

I was munching on a sandwich at the time and Ashley followed me around the kitchen waiting for a crumb to fall. "Can I put the phone in any name?" I asked the rep as I sidestepped Ashley. "Certainly," she answered, and therein gave birth to 10 years of telephone calls and mail to a dog.

— Lee Coppola
Newsweek magazine