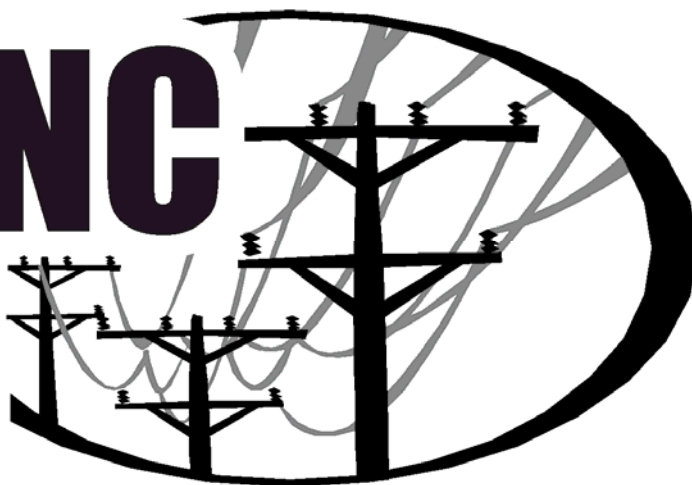


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leadership list inside the newsletter. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming luncheon.

— Richard Chastain

PREZ SEZ

When you opened this issue you immediately noticed that we have a new name. We have previously operated as SCS Retirees but from now on we will be known as SCS/SNC Retirees. Our organization was originally created before Southern Nuclear was separated from SCS and has always included retirees from both organizations. The board of directors recently decided that it was time to change our name so that it would better reflect our membership. (Our official incorporated name will continue to be SCS Retirees Incorporated but that name is seldom used.)

Another important change is that Southern Nuclear has now joined SCS in funding our annual spring luncheon. We appreciate the companies making it possible for all retirees of both companies to enjoy this fellowship without cost. Information about becoming a member is included and we hope that all retirees who are not members of SCS/SNC Retirees will consider joining. This will give you the opportunity to see old friends, keep up on retiree news, enjoy informative and entertaining programs, and participate in special events and outings.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any of the other officers, directors, or committee chairs as shown on the

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MAY PROGRAM

The ABCs of the Alabama Power Foundation

Bill Johnson, V-P of Alabama Power Company and President of the Alabama Power Foundation, will be our speaker for our May luncheon meeting. Bill will be sharing with us the great works performed by the Alabama Power Foundation.

For more than a century, Alabama Power Company employees have been committed to serving our fellow Alabamians. And for nearly two decades, the Alabama Power Foundation has contributed to this legacy of caring by providing more than \$100 million in grants to support nonprofit initiatives.

Honoring its mission to strengthen the communities the company serves, the foundation focuses its efforts on organizations that support education, civic activities, health services, the environment and the arts. By supporting the state's educational system—from pre-K to universities—the

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foundation is investing in Alabama's future and the wellbeing of its residents.

Giving is not limited to traditional learning institutions; the foundation also assists technical training programs designed to address the state's need for a more skilled work force. The foundation shows its commitment to the growth of philanthropy in Alabama by encouraging a new generation of givers. As a result, philanthropic organizations working together can create economic and social change to improve the quality of life in Alabama for years to come

Bill will be talking about these great works, and will highlight the ABC (Alabama Business Charitable) Trust Fund, Inc. This relatively new trust was established in 1991, and has been responsible for many of the APF's great successes since then.

Come join us at the Pelham Civic Center May 12, 2008, for an interesting program offered by Bill Johnson.

See you there!

— Jack Goertz

BIRTHDAYS

MAY: 1-Barbara Mohon, 4-Kenneth Burr, Jim Corbitt & Norma Young, 6-Betty Windhorst, 7-Donald Mansfield, 9-Malcolm Morgan, William Ruff, Bob Walker & Dale Wyatt, 12-Avis Higginbotham, 13-Judith Irvin & Mary Sue Ludwig, 15-Agnes "Elaine" Chambers & Dean Koch, 16-Betty Mikell & Charlotte Shanlever, 17-Rachel Hubbard, Margaret O'Brien & Ed Williamson, 18-Bob Hart, 19-Hugh Williamson, 20-Betty Sue Bradshaw, 21-Lorane Messick & Roy Shanlever, 22-Corinne Hart, 23-Brick Brickell & Eugene Byars, 25-Farook Chandiwala, Don Graham & Bill Guthrie, 26-Sam Bowman & Betty Mikell, 27-Harold Jones & Helen Robin, 29-Joe Katz, 30-Larry Mathews and 31-Earl Parsons, Jr.

JUNE: 1-Diane Adams & Tony Niemzak, 3-Warren Glover & Joyce Hickman, 4-Bill Newman, 5-Mary Morgan & Ethel Rushing, 6-Mary Ward & Betty Williamson, 7-John Davis, Eunice Draper,

Peggy Howard & Angie Walker, 8-John Brandt, 9-Carol Newton, 10-Edna Wright, 11-Catherine Bailey, Jerry Smith & Fay Wood, 12-John Adrian, Mary Dougherty & Houston Welch, 13-Malek Barroody, 14-Ann Batum, Dan Coughlin, John Thies & Bob Winter, 15-Glenn Brothers, 16-Michael Burns & Peggy Hinton, 17-Clyde Howard, Mary Lou Johnston, Ron Meade & Brooke Mehaffey, 18-Pat Moore, 19-Me.vin Evans, 20-Dewana Green, Nell King Larson & Wayne Walton, 21-James Hartin & John Heatherly, 22-Ray Bailey, Betty Jackson & Beverly Vincent, 23-Joyce Steel, 24-Carol Taylor, 26-Nancy Adrian, Jeri Corbitt & Glendean Swearingen, 27-Gary Chambers & Kate Newman, 29-Judy Coggin and 30-Gayle Busby & Bipin Patel.

— Jay Dorrance

LUNCH AND A PLAY

William Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet* at Alabama Shakespeare Festival

The city streets are awash in violence as the rival Capulet and Montague families engage in a seemingly endless feud. When love's first blush falls on Romeo and Juliet, teenagers from the rival clans, the stage is set for duels, deceptions and tragic events. Bittersweet and timeless, Shakespeare's ultimate love story, *Romeo & Juliet* will be performed on the Festival Stage at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery.

SCS Retirees will attend the performance on Sunday, June 15, 2008 at the 2:00 matinee. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Vestavia Country Club for another great brunch. Choose either the luncheon buffet (salad bar, selection of entrees, vegetables, selection of desserts, including coffee or tea) or the breakfast buffet (omelets and waffles including coffee or tea).

Make your reservations by the May 30 dead line with your check—**\$33.00** per person for play tickets only. Add **\$22.00** per person for luncheon buffet or **\$12.00** per person breakfast buffet.

Check should be payable to SCS Retirees (NO refunds please) and mailed to:

Joe Leamon
404 Yorkshire Dr.
Homewood, AL 35209

MEMBER CARE REPORT

Brick Brickell is now on oral chemotherapy for his liver cancer. His new address is Greenbrier, 2831 Highway Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205 He would appreciate cards, phone calls or visits.

Charles Crane is doing well with physical therapy after his knee replacement. He hopes to be able to graduate from walker to cane in the next week.

Howard Hubbard had cataract surgery and suffered some complications due to diabetes.

Mildred Hire Fleming and Attie have returned to Athens, Georgia, for several weeks. She will see her doctors there for follow-up from her recent heart problems.

Vickie Imbusch, daughter-in-law of **Jackie Imbusch**, received good news from her last scan. She is doing well at present and will go back to be checked in May.

Mary Anchors recently was hospitalized, however, I have not been able to contact them to check on her progress. If anyone has additional information, please contact me.

— Liz Winter

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

William "Billy" McLaughlin, 57, of Decatur, Alabama, died on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. Mr. McLaughlin retired from the SCS Mechanical Design -Power System Engineering with 30 years of service. Funeral services were held for Billy at the Ridout's Brown Service Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday afternoon, March 1 followed by burial in the Roselawn Cemetery, Decatur, Alabama. Survivors include three daughters, his mother, a brother and one grandchild.

John Edward Windhorst of Athens, Georgia passed away on his 87th birthday, Friday, March 28, 2008. Mr. Windhorst was a B-24 pilot in the China/Burma Theater during WWII and after the war attended and graduated from Rensselaer P.I. with a BS degree in Civil Engineering.

He joined SCS in 1956 in the Civil and Architectural Design Department. He retired from that department 30 years later as Manager of Concrete (Nuclear) C & A Design. A memorial service was held for John at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Athens on Wednesday, April 2 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Windhorst is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty, a daughter and two grandchildren as well as other family members.

Jackson E. Wintter, 90, of Birmingham, Ala. Passed from this life on Monday, March 31, 2008. Mr. Wintter served with distinction in the U.S. Army during WWII. As a 1st Lieutenant in the infantry he won many combat medals including 3 Purple Hearts.

The war interrupted his education at Howard College which was continued after the war at API now Auburn University where he received a BS degree in engineering. Jack spent a couple of years at TVA before coming to Southern Services, now SCS in 1951. He retired from the SCS Electrical Design Department in 1986 as Chief Electrical Materials Engineer with 35 years of service. Some men are fortunate enough to have one good wife. Jack had two. Martha, his first wife was tragically killed in an automobile accident, an accident that left Jack somewhat disabled, but never down. Later he married his present wife, Elizabeth, who now survives him along with their four children.

A service of Celebration of Jack's life was held at the Elmwood Chapel in Birmingham on Thursday afternoon, April 3 followed by interment in the Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. **Jerry Ray** of Birmingham, widow of SCS Retiree the late **Rufus Ray, Jr.**, in the death of their son, Robert C. Ray of Frankford, Kentucky who died January 21, 2008. His death was caused by a diabetic

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condition. He was 58. He is survived by, in addition to his mother, a wife, Lee Ray, and one sister.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Brinson family in the death of Wilburta Brinson of Charlotte, NC, who died on Sunday, April 6, 2008 in Charlotte. She was 92. Mrs. Brinson was the widow of SCS Retiree the late **Alton P. Brinson** of Birmingham, Alabama. She is survived by two sons, James and Earl Brinson, a daughter, Mary Alice Cannon, their spouses and eight grandchildren.

Friends were invited to visit with the family Saturday morning, April 13 at Ridout's Elmwood Chapel. Burial followed at 10 a.m. in Elmwood Cemetery after which a memorial service to celebrate Wilburta's life was held at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Birmingham, AL
 — Jay Dorrance

MARCH ATTENDANCE

Jay Dorrance reported that 38 members and guests attended the March meeting.

Happiness lies in wait; it comes upon one suddenly, like a midnight thief at a turn up in the street, or in the midst of a dream, because a ray of light, a strain of music, a face, or a gesture has overcome the despair of living.

— Hector Bianciotti
Sans la Misericorde du Christ

Happiness walks on busy feet.

— Kitty Turmell

The discontented man finds no easy chair.

— Benjiman Franklin

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THE SPOTLIGHT SHINES
on
JANICE AND JOHN THIES

Does fate have a role in how people meet? Janice was born in Dayton, Ohio, and John was born in Birmingham, Alabama. Here is the story of how they met. John graduated from Auburn with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1951 and accepted an R&D position at the U. S. Air Force (USAF) Wright Air Development Center in Dayton. Since John was new in town, he asked married friends to give him the telephone number of a "good looking girl" they knew. Being interested in matchmaking, they provided a telephone number for Janice, the "good looking girl." Janice and John met in July 1952 on a blind date and were married on March 21, 1953. I rest my case about the role of fate.

John was commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF Reserve in 1952 and was assigned important projects such as development of a ramjet propulsion system for a supersonic intercontinental guided missile and associated ground test facilities. During these times in Dayton, Janice worked in the office of a General Motors factory. The family, including their first daughter, moved to Birmingham in July 1954 where John accepted a position at Birmingham Fabricating Company. He worked on projects such as developing land mine exploders for the military and manufacturing mine roof bolts for coal and ore mines. In addition, he became a registered engineer in Ohio and Alabama.

After six years he transferred to the TCI Division of U. S. Steel in Fairfield. His career in the Southern electric system began in 1964 as an engineer in the rate department of Southern Services, Inc. He guided the development of computer programs for sales engineers to determine energy requirements related to various buildings. In 1970 John transferred to the fuel department where he was involved in procurement, budgeting, planning and administrative duties for 18 years. He became a supervisor and manager during his tenure in this department.

During the seventies and eighties, Janice worked for the Birmingham Board of Education, first as a

teacher's aide and then as a high school office secretary. They both retired January 1, 1988 to enjoy the "good life." Janice and John have three daughters, three grandsons, three granddaughters and one great grandson. All of the grandchildren have graduated or are on schedule to graduate from college. The grandsons all play baseball and Janice and John attend many games – about 70 last year. As a matter of fact, they were on their way to a baseball doubleheader immediately after the March SCS Retirees meeting. In addition, they have traveled throughout the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii, and a number of other areas around the Caribbean.

— Charles E. Hickman

ENJOYING LUNCH AND A PLAY



SCS Retirees met at Vestavia Country Club for luncheon before attending "*Sand Mt Saturday Night*" at Virginia Samford Theater. (L-R Ann Garrett, George Imbusch, Norma Johnson, Henry Garrett, Wayne Walton, Warren Glover, Jacqueline Walton, Jim Coleman, Dora Brandt, Joe Leamon, Teresa Parker, Rena Coleman, Jackie Imbusch, Peggy Case, John Brandt, Al & Nell Larson.)

LESSONS FROM A LIFE

High school sweethearts, my wife and I were soon married and spent the next 27 years raising a family. After our grown children moved out of the house, we experienced an unaccustomed freedom. One morning, when we came home at four, I asked Shirley, "Do you remember the last time we stayed out this late?"

"I think so," she said. "We both got grounded for a month."

— Peter Schumacher
Reader's Digest, 1994

When I discovered my first gray hair I immediately wrote to my parents: "Dear Dad and Mom, You saw my first steps. You might want to experience this with me too." I taped the offending hair to the paper and mailed it.

My father's response, titled "Sonnet to a Hair," began:

*It's a trustworthy observation
That nothing can compare
In the process of ageing
With finding the first gray hair. . .*

He signed off with this observation: "That gray hair you sent us is not the first one you gave us."

— Lisa Settje
Reader's Digest, 1989

Reminiscing about the past years, my husband and I discussed our children—first steps, kindergarten, Little League, and orthodontists. But when we talked about the graduation of our last offspring, I noticed that he suddenly grew very quiet. "Have you regretted any of the years?" I asked.

"Oh, no!" he replied. "I was just wondering what we talked about when we were dating!"

— Ethel H. Blackledge
Reader's Digest, 1986

A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY

At bottom, a man is what his thinking is, thoughts being the artists who give color to our days. Optimists and pessimists live in the same world, walk under the same sky, and observe the same facts. Skeptics and believers look up at the same great stars. Clearly, the difference between them is the difference not of facts, but of faith, of insight, of outlook and point of view, a difference of inner attitude and habit of thought with regard to the worth and use of life.

— Joseph Fort Newton
The Builders, 1916

We all have tremendous potential, but potential is an inactive state. Potential must be turned to realization. And we realize our potential by tapping it. But tapping it can transform our lives.

— Helen Klein, 80 year-old marathoner.

AND A STRANGE TALE

Authorities in Sunnyvale, California, ordered Richard Treanor and Carolyn Bissett to cut down trees in their back yard because shade from the 20- to 40-foot redwoods was blocking the solar panels of their neighbor. Mark Vargas filed a complaint insisting the eight trees, which the couple planted in the late 1990s, reduce the amount of electricity he can generate. The Santa Clara County district attorney said Treanor and Bissett are violating California's Solar Shade Control Act and face fines of up to \$1000 a day. The *San Jose Mercury News* reported that both the couple and Vargas consider themselves environmentalists and drive electric cars.

— Strange Tales
Black & White,
February 21 2008