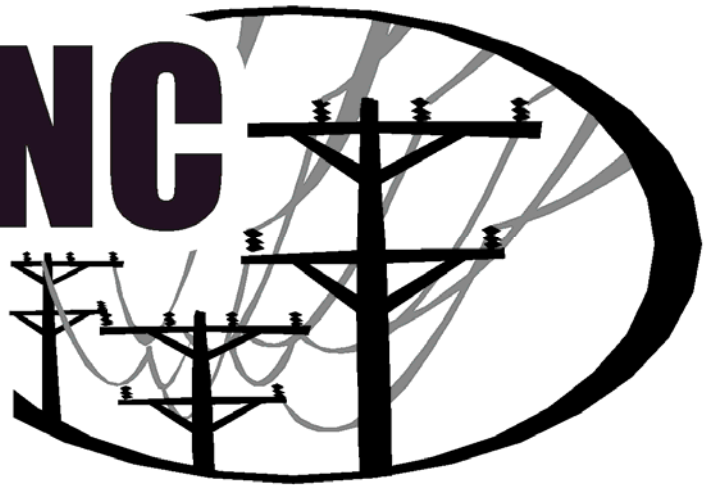


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PREZ SEZ

As my term comes to an end I'd like to recognize the contributions of all of the officers, directors, and committee chairs over the past year. They may not always be very visible but their efforts are what really make our organization work. These people have not only done their own jobs but have also contributed ideas that helped improve our overall operation. I'd particularly like to acknowledge the dedicated core of people who have been involved in leadership positions for many years and continue to make invaluable contributions. I hope we will continue to benefit from their experience while also getting others involved in leadership.

My best wishes to John Brandt and the new team coming in. I look forward to a great year in 2009!

— Richard Chastain

JANUARY PROGRAM

Our first meeting of 2009 will be Monday, January 12, 2009. We'll meet in Room 140 of Inverness 42, at 1 p.m. Of course, we invite you to come early to the SCS/SNC Retirees' Board Meeting from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, or plan on

meeting some of your fellow retirees for lunch in the cafeteria before the meeting.

Our speaker for January will be Penny Manuel from SCS Engineering and Construction Services, who will be speaking to us about on-going projects in the Southern electric system, and the outlook for the coming year. Penny is very knowledgeable about the Southern system. She should be able to answer any questions we might have about what's happening with the company (and possibly will also be able to speak a bit about the outlook for the company stock!)

We hope you will join us in January!

— Jack Goertz

Want to keep up with what's happening?

Got a computer?

Visit the SCS Retiree Website

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

NOVEMBER PROGRAM WRAPUP

I hope everyone enjoyed our November Holiday meeting. We had a great turn-out, and a great speaker, noted Alabama humor writer Susan Murphy. Susan regaled us with tales from her life with Harold, with her daughters, as an elementary school teacher, and her views on recent current events. Afterwards, several people asked how they could obtain Susan's books. Susan said that anyone

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who'd like to purchase one of her books should send her an e-mail, to "formurphys@aol.com" for information and to purchase a copy (or more!)

— Jack Goertz

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY: 1-Gladys Bailey, 2-Mollie Midlik, 3-Nell Herron & Bill Holmes, 4-Bettilew Gaskell, 5-Betty Ramsey & Frank Rutherford, 6-Robert Haubein & Bernard Moore, 7-Gary Bemeske & Elsie Graham, 8-Willard Brooks, 11-Paul Brashier, Rena Coleman, Bill Ramsey & Carol Sullivan, 12-Elizabeth Oedamer, 13-Charles & JamesCrane, Thomas Messengale & Ralph Tribble, 14-Janus Ellenburg, 16-Armour Rushing & Lois Dowdle, 18-Gaye Aultman & Charlie Michlewright, 19-Elizabeth Pair & Donald Thornburgh, 22-Charles Hancock & James Stewart, 24-Nelda Finney & Mary Rowe, 25- Barbara Wallace, 27-Charles Craig & Gray Murray, 28-Jackie Imbusch, Norma Jean Johnston & Robert H "Bob" Smith, 30-Cheryl Lowery and 31-Barbara Quinn.

FEBRUARY: 1-Jack Blackwood, Dan Finney & Tom Nunnely, 2-Rex Walker, 4-ShirleyEast & Robbie Kopic, 6-Paul Brown & Dot Kachelhofer, 8-Wendell Kirt, 9-Dennis Cole, W. L. Marshall & John Quinn, 11-Bill Hill, Bill Ramsey & Valerie Webster, 12-GlennBaker, Bill Midlik & Donald Smaha, 16-Roger Appling George Imbusch, 18-Donald Canady, 20-Myrna Wise, 21-Veva Naramore, 22-Henry Vincent, 23-Tom Shepherd & Frances Williamson, 24-Doby Hanks & Carolyn Smith, 25-Gale Dougherty & JoeLeamon, 27-Lera Pate and 28-John Hargett.

— Jay Dorrance

Why does a slight tax increase cost you \$200 and a substantial tax cut save you 30 cents?

— Peg Bracken

SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP FOR 2009

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| Officers | |
| President | John Brandt 956-0502 |
| Vice President | Carol Yeager 822-5506 |
| Secretary | Pat Moore 979-3353 |
| Treasurer | Henry Garrett 853-6079 |
| Directors | |
| Buddy Coggin | 785-5992 |
| Jim Coleman | 991-7403 |
| Charles Goodman | 823-5187 |
| Don Irvin | 491-3841 |
| Jim Rooker | 287-3210 |
| Don Smaha | 823-0173 |
| Richard Chastain (ex-officio) | 822-8971 |
| Committee Chairs | |
| Arrangements | Jay Dorrance 663-2828 |
| Audit | Mike Griggs 823-7950 |
| Fellowship | Joe Leamon 870-5637 |
| Finance | Henry Garrett 823-6079 |
| Member Care | Open |
| Membership | Dora Brandt 956-0502 |
| Newsletter | Dan & Myrna Wise 942-2336 |
| Nominating | Open |
| Program | Open |
| Website | Charles Hickman 823-4597 |

MEMBER CARE REPORT

We have received word that Nell King Larson's daughter had breast cancer surgery in Atlanta. She is doing well, and should be recuperating at home by the time you read this.

That is all the news, good or bad, we received this month.

Best wish to you all.

— Liz Winter

OBITUARIES

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Peggy and SCS Retiree **Gene Byars** in the death of Gene's father, Leburn Lecil Byars, 91, of Parrish, Alabama, who passed away Monday, December 8, 2008.

Remembrances for the Past Year

Retirees:

James F. Nesmith, 66, January 20, 2008; Dan Riley, 81, February 15; Billy McLaughlin, 57, February 27; John Windhorst, 87, March 28; Jackson Wintter, 90, March 31; Ben George, 58, April 16; Claude Tucker, 93, April 30; Raymond Mills, 86, May 23; Gary Land, 61, July 11; Brooks Young, 81, August 10; Bert Baker, 71, August 11, and Brick Brickell, 87, August 29.

Loved Ones:

William S. Miller, 86, November 29, 2007, husband of SCS Retiree **Grace Kyser Miller**; Robert Craig Ray, 58, January 21, 2008, son of Mrs. Jerry Ray and SCS Retiree the late **Rufus Ray**; Leonard Welbourne, 52, January 29 or 30 (date not confirmed), stepson of SCS Retiree **Tom Crutchfield**; Elsie "Tiny" Langer, 84, February 9, sister of SCS Retiree **Peggy Sheffield Howard**; Wilburta K. Brinson, 92, April 6, widow of SCS Retiree the late **Alton P. Brinson**; W. C. Ramsey, Sr., May 27, father of SCS Retiree **Bill Ramsey**; Jimmie Tribble, 81, July 18, wife of SCS Retiree **Ralph Tribble**;

Norma Faye Cook, 80, August 2, widow of SCS Retiree the late **Lecil Cook**; Nell Kachelhofer, 98, September 23, **Gene Kachelhofer's** mother; Lenore Coughlin, 80, October 5, wife of SCS Retiree **Bill Coughlin** and Leburn Lecil Byars, 91, December 8, SCS Retiree **Gene Byars'** father

— Jay Dorrance

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Jay Dorrance reports that 88 members and guests attended the November meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| income | |
| Interest | \$ 145.43* |
| November Membership Meeting | 1880.00 |
| Annual Dues | 2583.00 |
| Other Income | 1712.02 |
| Total Income | \$6320.45 |
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| Expenses | |
| Arrangements–November Meeting | \$2494.12 |
| Arrangements–Summer Meeting | 1120.00 |
| Arrangements–Other Meetings | 311.99 |
| Fellowship Committee | 1151.46 |
| Member Care Committee | 50.00 |
| Newsletter/Manuals | 154.44 |
| Program Committee | 125.00 |
| United Way | 750.00 |
| Website Maintenance | 236.24 |
| Contingencies | 170.61 |
| Total Expenses | \$6563.86 |
| Gain or (loss) | (\$243.41) |

* Does not include year-end interest

We currently have \$511.16 in checking and \$4283.31 in savings, for a net worth of \$4794.47 before receiving the December 31, 2008 interest income.

— Henry Garrett

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SIMPLE TRUTHS

Truths Children Have Learned

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic-Tac.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE—MEMBER CARE

Notify the membership of items of interest or concern. Maintain an e-mail distribution list and use an automated phone system for those who do not have e-mail. Contact John Brandt if you'd like to help.

SCS RETIREES

P.O. BOX 2625

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35202

MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, January 12, 2009

***Where: Inverness 42, conference room
310***

Board meeting at 11 a.m.

General Meeting at 1 p.m.

***Everyone is invited to join us for lunch
on your own in the Cafeteria.***

Truths Adults Have Learned

- Raising teenagers is like trying to nail Jell-O to a tree.
- Middle age is when you choose cereal for the fiber, not the toy.
- If you can't remain calm, you don't have all the facts.
- You're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- You appreciate the fact that wrinkles don't hurt.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE—PROGRAMS

Coordinate guest speakers for six bimonthly meetings. Provide information about speakers and programs to the newsletter editor. Contact John Brandt if you would like to help.