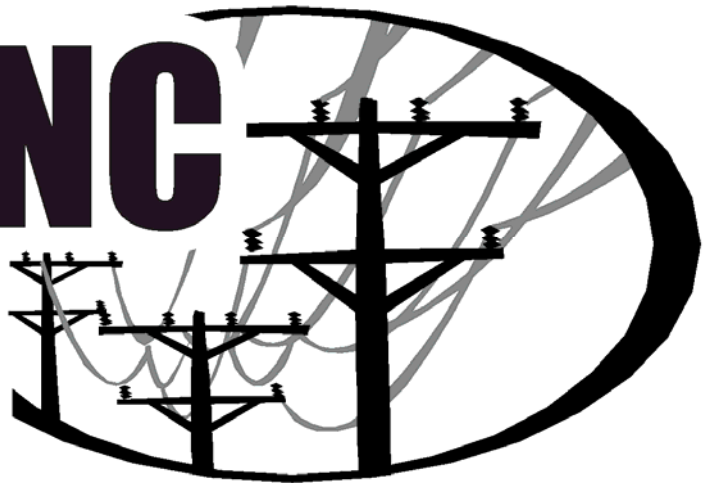


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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## **PREZ SEZ**

I'm writing this Prez Sez at 35,000 feet flying to Rome with my lovely bride, Dora, for a much anticipated European cruise and tours of cities of Western Europe. In looking back over the last six months we have achieved many good results as well as some sadness at the loss of some of our most loved members.

Of those we lost, Pat Moore, our secretary for many years, was a very special person to me, the management team, and our board members. She was one of the original members of the SCS Retirees and could always be counted upon to help out whenever needed. Pat will be sorely missed. We have successfully completed our membership drive with 286 returning and new members. I want to thank Dora Brandt and Henry Garrett for their hard work on the membership drive.

Our May luncheon was a big success with 216 member and guests attending with an outstanding presentation on the status of Vogtle units 3 & 4 and the overall status of the Southern Company in the new regulatory environment by Buzz Miller, Executive Vice President of Southern Nuclear Operating Company. I want to thank Charles Goodman for helping line up Buzz Miller to be our featured speaker.

Our Nominating Committee headed up by Fred Ehrenger will begin work in July to find members to serve in various positions in our organization. I hope that if you are contacted that you will favorably consider their request to serve.

Our July 13 speaker will be Vicky Sullivan, Climate Strategy Manager, Southern Company Research and Environmental Affairs, who will speak on Climate Change Legislation, The Real Impact. Our meeting will be held in room 130 of Inverness 42 at 1:00 p.m. We encourage you all to join us at 12:00 noon at the Inverness Cafeteria prior to the meeting. For our board members, don't forget to be there at 11:00 am.

Our plans for our September 14 meeting at Inverness will include a presentation by United Way and a representative of HR who will discuss any changes in Southern Company 2010 Benefits and be available for questions on any matter relating to the October benefit sign-up.

So as the sun sets over the Atlantic I bid you all a fond farewell and look forward to seeing you at our July meeting.

— John Brandt

## **MEMBER CARE REPORT**

Gail Rollins will have back surgery at SE Alabama Medical Center in Dothan on June 29. She will probably be in the hospital two to three days. Please remember her. If anyone would like to contact Gail, please let me know.

**Want to keep up with what's happening? Got a computer? Visit the SCS Retiree Website.  
<http://www.scsretirees.com>**

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John Carter (Margaret's husband) has a blockage in the bladder. He has had a CAT scan and a shot for anemia. They are still waiting for doctors to decide when and what treatment would be best for John. Both John and Margaret would appreciate your remembering them.

Dan Wise, your newsletter editor, had retinal surgery on May 17. He reports that aside from being temporarily blind in one eye, he is doing well.

— Liz Winter

### BIRTHDAYS

**JULY:** 1-Frank Jones, 2-Howard Hubbard, 3-Elliene Jackson, 4-Mohinder Ghuman & Carolyn Muglach, 5-Ann Garrett, Jo Harrison & Lilla Nesmith, 6-Dorothy Bailey, 8-Ella Burr, Jeanne Plaxco & Eukie Woodall, 9-Lee Hanbein & Jim Newton, 10-Linda Merki, 11-Elaine Chambless, 12-William Cole, 14-Sherry Runyans & George Russell, 15-Chris Anderson, Peggy Brashier & Dave Morey, 16-Jim Anchors & Ken Hassell, 18-Jack Faulkner, 19-Bill Echols, 20-Dan Wise, 21-Dennis Runyans & Rosemary Wright, 22-Jo Ann Stallings, 24-Patricia Cone, Sandra Morgan & Karen Summers, 25-Gerald Aultman, 27-Bruce Bailey & Carter Leonard, 28-Kerry Adams & Bill Hinton, 30-John Garlington & Mary Sisk and 31-Mae Gates, Mary Ann Glover, Susan LeFoy, Mary Dean Shelton & Tommy Wheelis.

**AUGUST:** 1-Ruth Shepherd, 2-Bob Jackson, Hubert Pair & Mona Rollins, 3-Jim Coleman, Barbara Harris & Ron Mitchell, 4-Eddie Champan, Willard Payne & Jerry Wilson, 6-Robert Beason, 8-Donald East & Tom Harris, 10-Jessie Hancock & Jean Horton, 11-David McCoy, 12-Jim Rooker, 13-Phillis Lawrence, 14-Lynne Dickerson, Edward Muglach & Annette Todd, 15-Martha McMillan, 16-Margaret Carter, 17-John Naramore, John Woodall & Jane Wuerdeman, 18-Martha Burson, 19-Tiaana Greiner & Nancy Moore, 20-Mary Anchors & Peggy Case, 21-Stephen Chesnut & Jackie Jackson, 23-Chyan Chiou, 24-Carole McIntyre & Phyllis Meade, 25-Shirley Harrison &

Lee Rayburn, 26-LaMar Sumerlin, 27-John Carter, Jay Dorrance & H.L. Sumner, Jr., 28-Tom Dickerson, 29-Barbara Maluff, Charles Pugh & Ty Robin, 30-James Allison & Mary Romano and 31-Charles Bidby, Patricia Ogles & Lee Wetzel.

— Jay Dorrance

### OBITUARIES

#### In Memoriam

**Patricia Moore**, 80, of Hoover, Alabama passed away on Friday, April 24, 2009. Pat was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but did most of her growing up years in Alabama. She graduated from Ensley High School in 1946. All of her married life to Cecil Moore, who died in 2005, and most of her working career at Southern Company Services, was spent in the Birmingham area. Pat retired in 1986.

She was active in the Grace Christian Church in Helena where she and her husband were founding members. She was also an active member in the SCS Retirees, serving as secretary for several years. She is survived by a daughter, SCS employee Cecilia Cook (Clarke); a granddaughter, Amanda Cook; and other relatives. A funeral service was held for Pat Tuesday morning, April 28, at the Grace Christian Church with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.

#### Condolences

Our heart felt sympathy is extended to **Tallulah Studdard DeMarco** in the death of her sister Nira Sue Studdard Gallups, 75, of Hoover, Alabama, who passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2009. In addition to her sister Tallulah, Mrs. Gallups is survived by two other sisters, a brother, two sons and four grandchildren. A funeral service was held for Nira Sue at the Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday afternoon, May 2, followed by interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens in Trussville, Alabama.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to SCS Retiree **Bob Smith** and his family in the death of Bob's mother, Irmagene Smith, 92, of Huntsville, Alabama, who passed away on Friday, April 24,

2009. A funeral was held for Bob's mother on Monday, April 27, at the Laughlin Service Funeral Home in Huntsville.

— Jay Dorrance

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Henry Garrett reports that SCS/SNC Retirees, as of June 11, had total assets of \$7873.87 with no offsetting liabilities.

**OUR LAST SOCIAL OUTING**



SCS Retirees met at Vestavia Country Club on April 26 for another Fellowship Group luncheon before attending "Dixie's Tupperware Party" at Virginia Samford Theater.

L-R Joe Leamon, Pattie Neill, Charles Hickman, Judy Wilson, Joyce Hickman, Ann & Henry Garrett, Mary Romano, Al & Nell Larson, Dora Brandt, Jackie & George Imbusch, Jamie & Chris Anderson, John Brandt. (Not pictured were Buddy & Judy Coggin and Jim Wilson.)

**SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP  
FOR 2009**

<b>Officers</b>	
President	John Brandt 956-0502
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Jim Rooker	287-3210
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Richard Chastain (ex-officio)	822-8971
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### **A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT**

#### **How Do Y'all Spell "Y'all"?**

As someone who writes for a living, I may be a stickler for grammar, but it shouldn't take a Yankee such as myself to notice when someone misspells the quintessential Southern term "y'all."

A recent press release from a local public relations firm promotes a new campaign by the Jefferson County Mayors' Association. The "Pick It Up Ya'll" campaign is a neighborhood cleanup program. According to the release, from Birmingham based Big Communications, the campaign "will encourage neighborhood residents to work to reduce litter and will include larger community projects such as repainting homes or businesses, removing unused vehicles from the street and more." The campaign is being billed as the first time all 34 Jefferson County municipalities have come together for any initiative.

The association has said it will air TV ads promoting the campaign, which, though still in the fundraising stage, will be officially launched this

summer. Maybe by then they will realize the error of their grammatical ways. Of course, this is a highly debated topic, as evidenced by a quick Google search of both "y'all" and "ya'll." My own test was to ask as many Alabama natives as I could how they spell it. Everyone I asked explained the spelling as I thought it should be: y'all, meant as a contraction of the words "you" and "all" (*Merriam-Webster's Dictionary* agrees).

Maybe the whole point is that there is not supposed to be "proper grammar" for such a term. So as we approach the long, hot, Southern summer, perhaps we should do away with the formality and remove the pesky apostrophe once and for all, yall.

— Christina Crowe  
Black & White, June 11, 2009

**Like a welcome summer rain, humor may suddenly  
cleanse and cool the earth, the air and you.**

— Langston Hughes  
*The Book of Negro Humor*

## **SCS RETIREES**

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### **MEETING DETAILS:**

***When: Monday, July 13, 2009***

***Where: Inverness Building 42***

***Room 130***

***Board meeting at 11 a.m.***

***Lunch on your own 12 noon***

***General Meeting 1 p.m.***