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#### PREZ SEZ

As I look back on the 2009 accomplishments of our organization, I am honored and proud to have been a part of your leadership team. All of them worked very hard to make this a very successful year.

Of particular note was our Arrangements committee headed by Jay Dorrance who spent many hours working on our May and November luncheons. In addition, Jay always arrives early for every meeting to make sure the refreshments are ready when the members arrive and makes sure the door prizes are awarded.

I want to especially want to thank Dan and Myrna Wise for their outstanding work in compiling the articles, coordinating the production and distribution of our bi-monthly Outside Newsletter.

I also want to thank the many volunteers who came out to help us when we sent out our annual membership invitations and the March SCS/SNC Outside Newsletter to all 1200 Southern Company Services and Southern Nuclear retirees.

I want to congratulate Charles Goodman and his new management team that will be leading our organization during 2010.

John Brandt

#### JANUARY PROGRAM

Our January meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Inverness Building 42, Room 130. This meeting will feature a presentation on Southern Company's research into the impact of electric vehicles on the Southern Electric System. The presenters will be Bryan Coley, SCS Rearch Engineer specializing in electric transportation and Cedric Daniels Marketing Electric Transportation Product Mamager.

### **MEMBER CARE REPORT**

I am hopeful that everyone is recuperating and not suffering any new illnesses since I have not received any reports recently. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year

- Liz Winter

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

#### BIRTHDAYS

**JANUARY**: 1-Gladys Baily, 2-Mollie Midlik, 3-Nell Herron & Bill Holmes, 4-Bettilew

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Gaskell, 5-Betty Ramsey & Frank Rutherford, 6-David Gibbs, Robert Haubein & Bernard Moore, 7-Gary Bemeske, Elsie Graham & Larry Mathews, 8-Willard Brooks, 11-Paul Brashier, Rene Coleman, Bill Ramsey & Carol Sullivan, 12-Elizabeth Oedamer, 13-Charles & James Crane, 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, 23-Mary Ann Jones, 24-Nelda Finney & Mary Rowe, 25-Barbara Wallace, 27-Charles Craig & Gray Murray, 28-Norman Antonio, Jackie Imbusch, Norma Jean Johnston & Bob Smith, 30-Charles Goodman, Cheryl Lowery and 31-Barbara Quinn.

FEBRUARY: 1-Jack Blackwood, Dan Finney, & Tom Nunnelly, 2-Shah Khan & Rex Walker, 4-Shirley East & Bobbie Kepic, 6-Paul Brown & Dot Kachelhofer, 8-Wendell Kirt, 9-Dennis Cole, W.L. Marshall & John Quinn, 11-Oma Bass, Bill Hill, Bill Ramsey & Valerie Webester, 12-Glenn Baker, Bill Midlik & Don Smaha, 13-Wayne Lassiter & Mary Myllus, 14-Patricia Kelley, 16-Roger Appling, George Imbusch & Charlotte Shaniever, 17-Richard Bowman, 18-Donald Canady, 20-Myrna Wise, 21-Veva Naramore, 22-Louis Long & Henry Vincent, 23-Tom Shepherd & Frances Williamson, 24-Doby Hanks & Carolyn Smith, 25-Gale Dougherty & JoeLeamon, 27-Carolyn Calhoun, Lera Pate and 28-John Hargett & Bill Sanders.

Jay Dorrance

*The present is the point at which time touches eternity* 

C.S. Lewis

### SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP FOR 2010

| FOK 2010         |   |
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| Officers         |   |
| President        | Charles Goodman<br>823-5187             |
| Vice President   | Wayne Waltonr<br>822-1875               |
| Secretary        | Linda Griggs<br>823-7950                |
| Treasurer        | Henry Garrett<br>853-6079               |
| Directors        |   |
| Jim Coleman      | 991-7403                                |
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| Gray Murray      | 871-5194                                |
| Jim Rooker       | 287-3210                                |
| Carol Yeager     | 822-5506                                |
| John Brandt      | 956-0502                                |
| (ex-officio)     | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| Committee Chairs |   |
| Arrangements     | Jay Dorrance                            |
|                  | 663-2828                                |
| Audit            | Mike Griggs                             |
|                  | 823-7950                                |
| Fellowship       | Joe Leamon                              |
| P                | 870-5637                                |
| Finance          | Henry Garrett                           |
|                  | 823-6079                                |
| Member Care      | Liz Winter                              |
|                  | 822-6142                                |
| Membership       | Dora Brandt                             |
|                  | 956-0502                                |
| Newsletter       | Dan & Myrna Wise                        |
|                  | 942-2336                                |
| Nominating       | Open                                    |
| Program          | Open                                    |
| Website          | Charles Hickman<br>823-4597             |

# **OBITUARIES**

# Condolences

Our sincere sympathy goes out to SCS Retiree **Richard Chastain** and his family in the death of Richard's mother, Juvenile Court Judge Dixie Louese Herlong Chastain, 100, of Miami, Florida, who passed away Sunday, October 25, 2009.

Judge Chastain received her law degree magna cum laude in 1930 as the first woman graduate from the University of Miami Law School. She then made history by becoming the youngest woman to be admitted to the Florida Bar Association. Appointed to the bench in 1965. she served as Juvenile Court Judge until her retirement in 1979 at the age of 70. Judge Chastain continued to serve as a supernumerary judge until 1995 when she took full retirement. In 1977, the "Dixie Herlong Chastain Juvenile Court Building" was named in her honor by the Dade County Commission.

Judge Chastain was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Reginald B. Chastain, and is survived by her sons, Reginald B., Jr. and Richard L Chastain; a daughter, Dixie Lemons; 6 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held for Judge Chastain at the Van Orsdel Chapel in Miami, Florida. Visitation was Sunday, November 8, and a celebration of her life was held on Monday, November 9, followed by a private burial.

# **Remembrances for the Past Year**

# **Retirees:**

Jane Freeman, 73, January 1, 2009; Thomas Morgan, 81, January 18; Bill Valekis, 87,

January 30; William Mylius, 89, February 3; Armour Rushing, 89, February 25; Roy Messick, 79, April 1; Pat Moore, 80, April 24; Randy Cheatwood, 60, July 6; Thomas Palmer, 85, July 17; Kenneth Rieck, 83, September 20; James Miller, 86, October 6; Nathaniel Dickey, 76, October 19.

#### **Loved Ones:**

Leburn Byars, 91, December 8, 2008, father of SCS Retiree Gene Byars; Edmond Lawrence, 90, January 4, 2009, husband of SCS Retiree Phyllis Craven Lawrence; Bruce Bailey, Jr., 53, January 9, son of SCS Retiree Bruce Bailey, Sr.; Jackie Johnson, 66, January 10, wife of SCS Retiree Arthur Johnson: Donald Freeman, 73, January 11, widower of SCS Retiree the late Jane Freeman; Betty Williamson, 73, January 13, wife of SCS Retiree Ed Williamson; Fay Wood, 64, February 3, wife of SCS Retiree Clyde Wood; Sylvia Yeager Hines, 61, April 3, daughter of SCS Retiree the late Kathleen Yeager; Vickie Imbusch, 42, April 8, daughter-in-law of SCS Retiree Jackie Imbusch; Laura Cornelison, 73, April 15, widow of SCS Retiree the late Jimmy Cornelison; Nira Sue Studdard Gallups, 75, April 30, sister of SNC Retiree Tallulah S. DeMarco; Irmagene Smith, 92, April 24, mother of SCS Retiree Bob Smith; Rose Zvne, 97, September 27, sister of SCS Retiree Mike Zyne; Clara Nell Russell, 98, October 8, Mother of SCS Retiree George Russell; Dixie Herlong Chastain, 100, October 25, mother of SCS Retiree Richard Chastain.

#### NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

Jay Dorrance reports that 106 members and guests attended the November luncheon held at the Vestavia Hill Country Club on November 11, 2009

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# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Hanry Garrett reports that the organization has a current net worth of \$6053.56.

### **STUFF FROM HERE AND THERE**

### The California Raisins

In 1986 California raisin growers were facing a double whammy-declining raisin sales and a bumper raisin harvest coming-which would depress prices. So the California Raisin Board asked their ad agency, Foote, Cone, and Belding, to come up with a campaign to help increase sales. The agency turned the assignment over to two young copywriters, Seth Werner and Dexter Fedor—who couldn't think of anything. One evening they confessed their worries to some friends. "We'll probably do something stupid like have raisins sing 'Oh, I heard it through the grapevine," Werner told the friends. That got a laugh, so the next morning Werner and Fedor began thinking about really

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MEETING DETAILS: When: Monday, Janyary11, 2010 Where: Inverness 42, Room 130 Board meeting at 11 a.m. Lunch: 12 Noon, if you wish Program: 1 p.m. doing the commercial that way—never realizing what a huge hit the characters would become. "No one can really explain the idea," Werner says. In fact, the more people try to put their finger on it, the stupider it sounds."

[Not too long ago I was sorting some old stuff in our basement and ran across a set of the raisin figures our kids had gotten at one of the burger joints back then.—Ed.]

### **Notes About Dogs**

Dogs need to sniff the ground; it's how they keep abreast of current events. The ground is a giant dog newspaper, containing all kinds of late-breaking news items.

— Dave Barry

When a man's dog turns against him it is time for his wife to pack her trunk and go home to mamma. — Mark Twain

And, as Porky Pig says, Tha- tha- that's all, folks.