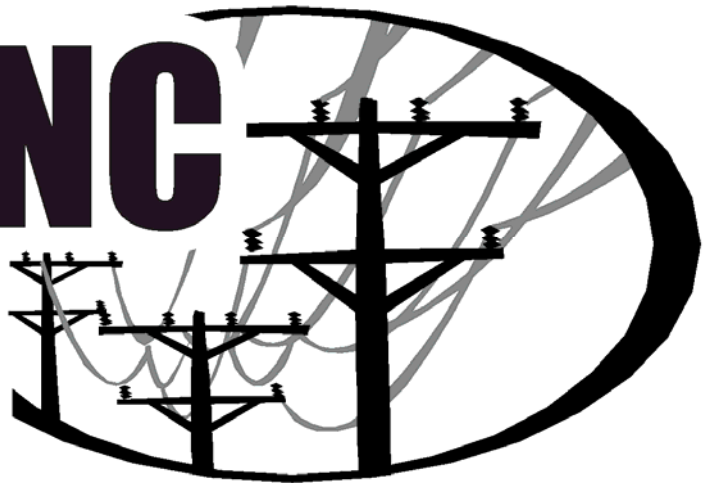


SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



Volume 23

Number 3

May – June 2011

PREZ SEZ

I extend a warm welcome to recent retirees of both Southern Nuclear Company and Southern Company Services. All of the members of the SCS/SNC Retirees are looking forward to visiting with you as well as other old friends during the social hour and guest registration period that precedes the luncheon.

This year, as in the past few years, our luncheon is being held at the Pelham Civic Complex. Please note that we are meeting this year on a Thursday instead of our usual second Monday. Since this will be the middle of May, we can expect the weather to be delightfully warm, just about perfect for spending a little time with former workmates and old friends. And if past years are any indication, we can expect a very good lunch meal.

Our speaker is Anthony J. Topazi, executive vice president and chief operating officer of The Southern Company. He is responsible for Southern Company Generation, Southern Power, Southern Company Transmission and Southern Wholesale Energy. He also serves as a director of Southern Nuclear. We can expect an update on current activities within The Southern Company as well as information on where the company is headed for the

future. You will find more information on both Mr. Topazi and his topic elsewhere in this issue.

I have already mentioned a little about our arrangements. Now I want to say a few words about the SCS.SNC Retiree member who is principally responsible for making the meeting arrangements, Jay Dorrance. He has spent many hours working with facility staff on both arrangements and menu. If you have an opportunity to speak to Jay, I hope you will give him your comments on the arrangements he made.

As I noted in the last issue of this newsletter, we will have a theme and a quote or saying that each of us can relate to for each meeting this year. The quote for this month is from Ronald Reagan. ***“There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right.”***

And in closing, I want to encourage all of you to strongly consider becoming a member of the Retirees. Mike Griggs or Dora Brandt will be happy to take your application and the \$12 annual membership fee for you and your spouse.

I’ll see all of you May 19!

— Wayne Walton

MAY LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Wayne Has already told us who our speaker will be as well as a little bit about his career with The Southern Company. Here are a few more things that Wayne did not mention.

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

SCS OUTSIDE

May–June 2011

From 2004 to 2010, Topazi served as president and CEO of Mississippi Power, where he was responsible for the business development and government approval of the first Transport Integrated Gasification (TRIG™) plant to be built in Southern Company. The TRIG™ project is now under construction in Kemper County, Mississippi.

Mr. Topazi led Mississippi Power Company's response to Hurricane Katrina, restoring service to all customers in 12 days. He was selected by the Governor to serve as vice chair of the Governor's Commission on Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal.

He will speak on current issues such as nuclear plant concerns as well as Katrina.

— Charles Goodman

Edna Wright, 11-Catherine Bailey, Richard Howard Money & Jerry Smith, 12-John Adrain & Mary Dougherty, 13-Malek Barroody, 14-Ann Batum, Bill Coughlin, John Thies & Bob Winter, 15-Glenn Brothers, 16-Mike Burns & Peggy Hinton, 17-Clyde Howard, Mary Lou Johnston, Ron Meade & Brooke Mehaffey, 18-Willie Bonds, 19-Melvin Evans, 20-Sara Jo Blackwood, Dewana Green, James Killingsworth, Nel King Larson & Wayne Walton, 21-James Hartin & John Heatherly, 22-Ray Bailey, Joyce Steel & Jackie Woodard, 24-Carol Taulor, 26-Nancy Adrian, Jeri Corbitt & Glendean Swearingen, 27-Gary Chambers, Kate Newman & Doug Wiles, 28-Mike Griggs & Ivagene Quick, 29-Judy Coggin, Betty Danford & Cheryl Locke and 30-Gayle Busby, Bipin Patel & Karen Hubbard.

— Jay Dorrance

BIRTHDAYS

May: 1-Barbara Mohon, 3-Ann Damsgard & Dick Locke, 4-Kennith Burr, Jim Corbitt & Norma Young, 5-Bob Armstrong, Dick Conry & Carol Purcell, 6-Andrew Dearman, K.C. Shelburne, Domminick Viruleg & Betty Windhorst, 7-Don Mansfield, 9-Malcolm Morgan, Bill Ruff, Bob Walker & Dale Wyatt, 10-David Bass & Wandra Wyatt, 11-Edmon Poole, 12-Avis Higginbotham & Cynithia Horton, 13-Judith Irvin & Mary Sue Ludwig, 14-Bill Lee, Ruth Ratliff & Ron Ward 15-Elaine Chambers & Dean Koch, 16-Betty Milell & Charlotte Shanlever, 17-Rachel Hubbard, Margaret O'Brien & Ed Williamson, 18-Bob Hart, 19-Linda Griggs & Louise Sensabaugh, 20-Betty Bradshaw, 21-Lorraine Messick & Roy Shanlever, 22-Corinne Hart, 23-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 Parson.

June: 1-Diane Adams & Tony Niemzak, 3-Warren Glover & Joyce Hickman, 4-bill Newman, 5-MaryMorgan, James Lee Murphree & Ethel Rushing, 6-Mary Ward & Wade Warren, 7-Joel Connor, John Davis, Eunice Draper, Peggy Howard & Angie Walker, 8-John Brandt, 9-Jim Newton, 10-

MEMBER CARE

We received word on April 20, 2011, that Phyllis Kirk, wife of retiree **Wendell Kirk**, had requested prayer for Wendell. He is gravely ill with pneumonia and on a respirator at Trinity Hospital. They are not encouraging visitors.

Jim Black, husband of retiree **Betsy Black**, had open heart surgery this week. They were able to repair his mitral valve. He had a rough couple of days but is now improving.

Carol, sister of retiree **Mary Romano**, had liver and stomach cancer surgery last Wednesday at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. Mary said her sister is improving each day.

The doctor removed my brace this past Wednesday, and gave me the o.k. to drive. I'm not sure what to do without the brace, since it had been a part of me since February 10!

— Liz Winter

Time spent laughing is time spent with the gods.

— Japanese Proverb

NOTE THE THURSDAY DATE FOR THIS MEETING.

**SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP
FOR 2011**

**HOW TO CONTACT HEWITT
When You Don't Remember
Your Password**

How does someone get to a real live person at Hewitt without knowing passwords and IDs? Here is the answer: You still must be prepared to provide the personal information necessary to identify yourself or the person you are calling for.

There are two ways.

Hewitt Direct. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. you can call Hewitt at 1-888-435-7563. When their automated system answers, and after it asks for your ID, press *0# (star, zero, pound). Someone will answer.

HR Direct. Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. call 1-888-678-6787 and select Option 3. You will get a contact person who will transfer you to the right Hewitt benefit person.

– Dora Brandt

Officers	
President	Wayne Walton 822-1875
Vice President	Patsy Evans 791-7900
Secretary	Linda Griggs 823-7950
Treasurer	Mike Griggs 823-7950
Directors	
Jim Gordy	290-2186
Joe Leamon	870-5637
John Meier	967-4498
Gray Murray	871-5194
Wandra Wyatt	587-6492
Carol Yeager	822-5506
Charles Goodman (ex-officio)	823-5187
Committee Chairs	
Arrangements	Jay Dorrance 663-2828
Audit	Alvin Harris 664-2886
Fellowship	Joe Leamon 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	Louis Long 936-6765
Program	Fred Ehrensperger 655-2725
Website	Charles Hickman 823-4597

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Evadene (Dean) Brake, 78, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Dean began her career with the Southern Company at Alabama Power Company before retiring from Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) in 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years. She is survived by a brother, a daughter, two granddaughters and one great-grandson. A funeral service was held for Dean on Saturday, March 12 with interment in the Southern Heritage Cemetery in Pelham, Alabama.

Charles Wuerdman, 86, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2011. Charles was retired from the Operating Services - Power Systems Data Processing Department of SCS. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jane, three daughters and one son, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers. Funeral services were held for Mr. Wuerdman on Tuesday afternoon April 12 at the Jefferson

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LUNCH MEAL. HAVE YOU MADE YOURS?

SCS OUTSIDE

May–June 2011

Memorial Funeral Home followed by burial in Jefferson Memorial Gardens East.

Condolences

We offer our heart felt sympathy to SCS Retiree **Mildred Ray Hire Fleming** and her family in the passing of Mildred's brother, Jerry Paul Ray, 72, of Hackleburg, Alabama, who died Friday, April 1, 2011. Funeral services for Mr. Ray were held on Sunday, April 3 at the Hackleburg First Baptist Church followed by burial in the Ceder Tree Cemetery.

— Jay Dorrance

MARCH MEETING NOTES

We don't have a count of how many went to lunch at Bright Star, but if you were there, you were sure to have enjoyed a very good lunch. And if you went to the afternoon of comedy following lunch, you should have enjoyed a time of good old-fashioned down-home jokes and stories. We need to give Joe Leamon a big "thank you" for making those arrangements.

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

Good Morning

As a small boy the first words I would usually hear from my Mother or Grandmother early in the morning would be "Good morning, Sonny," or "Good morning, little man." My Grandfather's deep voice would say "Wake up, you sleepy head." Depending on the time of year, and where we were located would have already determined the sounds I heard before the "Good Morning." In Colorado, I would hear Grandpa stirring the coals in the big heater in the front room, opening the draft, and putting in more wood. Then I could hear him do the same to the kitchen range, and put on the tea kettle and coffee pot. If we were on the plains of western Kansas the only difference would be we were burning coal instead of wood. In a few minutes my

Mother and Grandmother would be up, the big stove would be getting hot, and I would hear the first cheery "Good morning." What a wonderful way to start the day.

In the summer the windows would be open all night, as there was no air conditioning, and we would often feel the fresh, cool morning breeze. The time of year and location didn't matter, because morning and breakfast was a time when the family talked about interesting things. Sometimes there were serious discussions about family business, but generally it was a pleasant time. Everyone was included in the talks.

Communication started early, and continued throughout the day, as it does in all of our lives in some manner. As seniors we should be super-sensitive to the effects of our communication. After all, we've had a lifetime to practice, both sending and receiving. My two small grandsons will react to my facial expressions or the sound of my voice as far as they see or hear me, just as I did with my Grandfather. Their own facial expressions will often mirror mine. Think of your communication with others. Our tone of voice and body English reflect what we say, either good or bad. It's difficult to project sincerity if it is not meant. Think of the canned comment you receive at a grocery checkout or restaurant. With no change of expression a person will say, "Have a good day," possibly without even looking at you. When that expression first became popular, one response given was, "Don't tell me what to do." However, it's probably better to get the canned expression than a blank look or a snarl. Their greeting may also be in response to what we have said to them. But think what a good feeling you have if a person actually gives you a sincere greeting. It certainly increases my desire to increase the gratuity or "tip."

If we are around teenagers it is sometimes difficult to communicate in a positive manner. Maybe we can remember our own time as a teen, and the difficulties we might have had. Seeing the teens at church, or in the shopping mall, I'm often amazed at some of their expressions and voices. Too many of them appear to be sullen and angry. When spoken to, especially by a senior, they often

NOTE THE THURSDAY DATE FOR THIS MEETING.

do not have a verbal response. Their facial expressions and attitude show indifference or contempt to an elder. This seems to be fairly common and is apparently a product of our society. Others will respond very positively if spoken to in a friendly manner. Many teens and young people do not understand the pleasure they can give a senior adult by a friendly, respectful greeting or comment, or by simply opening a door.

We communicate constantly, from first awakening to final closing of eyes in sleep. I would hope our communication is something of pleasure to those we are in contact with, or at least not something which is an unpleasant experience for others just because of the manner we use. To all of you then, “Good Morning,” or “Have a good day!” is meant from the heart.

— Jim Hickman
Senior Living,
February 2009

Early Tuscaloosa Memories—1935-1942

In conversation with strangers or friends, I’ll often remark, “Originally I’m from Tuscaloosa.” Now and again, the other party will respond, “Do you know so and so who used to live in Tuscaloosa?” Usually I connect with that individual and a delightful conversation ensues.

I was born in Druid City Hospital in 1935, middle of the Great Depression. The hospital was located on University Avenue in Tuscaloosa. The day after my delivery, Mother and I came home in a Mathis and Jones ambulance. Home was a rented house at 820 4th Avenue, behind the Baptist Student Union Chapel.

Later we moved to a duplex a block away. Mother’s sister and her husband lived in the other half. Both families shared the same bathroom and its porcelain claw tub. The house was heated by coal-burning fireplaces. There was no air conditioning. Coal was brought into the house using a scuttle. To build a fire, Mother placed chunks of coal on the fireplace’s iron grate. Kindling was stacked beneath and set to blaze.

I remember when Mom and my new baby brother came home, also via ambulance, in May of 1939. In those days, due to inactivity, many new mothers developed blood clots in their legs, a condition commonly referred to as “Milk Leg.”

When I attended the University of Alabama, I lived in a room at Druid City Hospital, one of many that were converted for dormitory use. Classes kept me busy, as did my part-time position as a campus nurse. I hung my laundry in the delivery room where I was born. In the mid-fifties, Druid City Hospital was torn down. Northington Campus, where University Mall is located now, served as the hospital until a new one was built on University Avenue.

Childhood illnesses were prevalent in those days as there were no vaccines available. Dr. Ruby Tyler was our pediatrician, an unusual calling for a woman back then. Years later, I met her grandson, Dr. Eric Tyler, at Children’s Hospital where he was a pediatric resident.

My brother contracted typhoid fever when he was a baby and almost died. He was admitted to Druid City Hospital, where he was treated with clysis, glucose administered by needle in his thighs. There was no procedure for starting an IV on a baby, so the glucose was injected into the tissue and absorbed. He was terribly ill. We weren’t sure how he caught the fever, but thought it might have been from drinking non-pasteurized milk. Mother kept a cow and milked it every morning for our use. Assuming the milk was cause of the disease, I will always wonder why I wasn’t affected.

As a child I had measles, whooping cough and chickenpox, diseases which are now preventable. I remember coughing so hard that I bent over double in our front yard.

You don’t see this anymore, but many newspapers would print cute sayings by children. The Age herald had a column called “Baby Mine.” People would submit quotes to the editor. The cutest, most original were published. Mother entered one of mine. I was going back and forth to the window, lifting the shade each time. When asked what I was doing, I replied, “The clouds are winking at me.” The quote won me a dollar. Daddy

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE LUNCH MEAL. HAVE YOU MADE YOURS?

SCS OUTSIDE

May–June 2011

used it to open a special savings account in my name at First National Bank of Tuscaloosa.

Mother kept a baby book for me and recorded events and happenings in my young life. I have two pairs of soft shoes, which I treasure, she saved in a box for me. They are antiques!

Accidents happen. I fell off Mother's bed at age four and broke my collarbone. Another mishap occurred on an outing to my Grandmother's. The car door opened and I fell out of the moving vehicle. Immediately, I picked myself up and ran after the car, thinking they were about to leave me. I wasn't hurt badly, suffering a few cuts and bruises. Of course, the incident scared my parents out of their minds! Why couldn't childproof locks have been invented earlier?

Railroad tracks were located about four blocks from our house. They ran parallel to Paul Bryant, Jr. Boulevard. Many times during the depression, a knock would come on the back door. Mother would open it to find a hobo standing there asking for food. She had the fellow sit on the back steps while

she fixed him a plate of food and something to drink. Mother had a kind heart.

Since my birthday is in November, I entered school at age seven. Mother was a good seamstress and made my dresses for school. First day of school, Mother walked me to Verner Elementary School, located across the street from Denny, now Bryant-Denny, Stadium. I attended Verner only four months. We moved to Childersburg in 1942 so Dad could work in the TNT plant there.

The war years followed and I proudly continued to tell folks, "Originally I'm from Tuscaloosa."

— Jean Butterworth
Semnior Living,
January 2010

If we were logical, the future would be bleak indeed. But we are more than logical. We are human beings, and we have faith, and we have hope, and we can work.

— Jacques Cousteau

**SCS RETIREES
P.O. BOX 2625
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35202**

MEETING DETAILS:

When: Thursday, May 19, 2011

Where: Pelham Civic Center

Registration: 10:30 a.m.

Board meeting: 11 a.m.

Lunch: 12 Noon

Program: 1 p.m.

NOTE THE THURSDAY DATE FOR THIS MEETING.