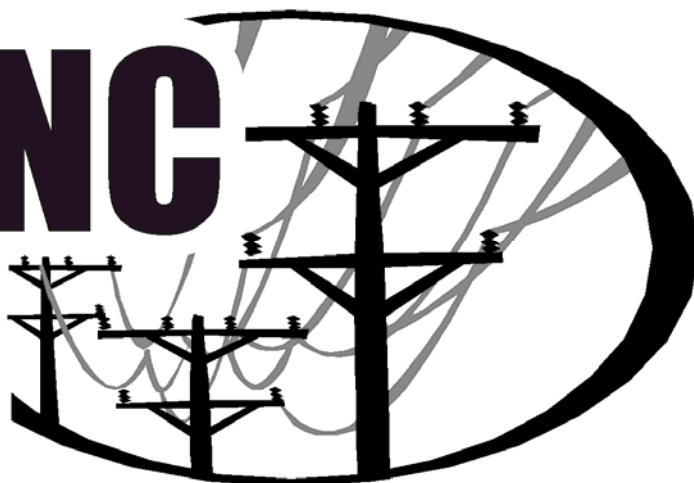


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you express your appreciation for that leadership should a convenient occasion arise.

I am looking forward to seeing you September 12.

— Wayne Walton

PREZ SEZ

This article is being written it is the middle of July and my wife and I are going to Alaska to visit our daughter and grand children. Should there be changes by our September 12 meeting, please understand as this article must be written now to meet the newsletter deadline.

Currently our president and congress are in a tug of war over the national budget and unrestrained spending which brings me to the quote for this month from Dave Ramsey. ***If you buy everything you want, you will not have enough money for everything you need.*** This is in keeping with the deficit spending by our federal government.

By now the weather should be a little cooler. The official beginning of fall is only a few weeks away. It is my hope that you have had a very pleasant summer, perhaps with a very nice or dream vacation.

Fred Ehrensperger has diligently worked to provide us with good speakers this year. His daughter will make the presentation for our September meeting. Please plan to attend.

Our officers, directors and committee chairpersons have been meticulous and have provided excellent leadership this year. It would be nice if

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Do you know that in any 6-week period in the United States, violent crashes resulting from vehicular police response calls and police chases, on average, kill at least 30 innocent bystanders and one police officer? Countless more are injured. These innocent bystanders are people going about their every-day business – walking home from school, driving to work, or returning from a family outing. None of these law-abiding people thought it would happen to them.

Our speaker at the September meeting will be Brenda Ehrensperger, who will talk about an organization called "Victims Insisting on Pursuit SAFETY" (VIPS) or PursuitSAFETY, for short. This organization was formed in 2008 with the overall mission of preventing this needless killing or injury of innocent bystanders and police officers.

Brenda is a native of the Birmingham area and has a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business Administration from UAB. She has been employed at Southern Research Institute since 1981 and for over 20 years has been responsible for all contracting activities. Her current position is Director of Contract Administration.

— Fred Ehrensperger

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BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER: 1-Ruth Campbell & James Welch, 2-Yvonne Colvin, Keith Tenney & Nell Wetzel, 3Linda Chastain & Steve Corbin 4-Carol Newton, 7-John Gwin, 8-Alfred Mikell, Jeane Rayburn & Mary Searcy, 9-James Porlier, 10-Wayne Carr & Rod Wildman, 11-Gene Kachelhofer, Bob Patrick, Bill Ponder & Jean Quick, 12-Virginia Bidy, Fred Ehrensperger, John Hall, Don Higgins & Rick Kaster, 13-Don Clevenger, Elizabeth Kopecky & Carol Yeager, 16-Joe Colvin & Charles Maxwell, 17-Juanita Leonard & Lanee Wilman, 19-Claradel Holcombe & Dewy Yeager, 20-Jim Lofe & Jerry Stewart, 21-Linda Marshall, 22-Jamie Anderson, 23-Ernest Thompson, 24-Norma Bynum & Mary Varagona, 26-Karan Thompson & Liz Winter, 27-Charles Powell, 28-Daniel Hall, Percy Mohon & Bill Thurman, 29-Gerald Prince and 30-Martha Dorrance, Jerry Hall & Jerry Vandegrift.

OCTOBER: 1-Bill Hanks & Sandy Walkins, 2-Mary Alice Thurman, 5-John Caiola & Ajit Ghuman, 6-Sam Manning, 7-Carol Allen & Mary Weaver, 9-Anthony Moore & Harry Parker, 10-Nancy Morey & Dean Vandegrift, 12-Bob Pigford, Shirley Shipman & Janice Thies, 13-Gayle Price, 14-Brenda Hall, 15-Ann Huddleston & Charles Smith, 16-Norman Bradley, 17-Susan Hurley, 18-Billie Ewing & Nettie Hartin, 19-Bonnie Russell, 21-Dianne Murray & Julie Troha, 22-Ernestine Craig & Sharon Stephens, 23-Hall Miner, 24-Don Burdeshaw, 25-Raymond Garnem, 26-Bob Tillman, 27-Pat Cofield, Bill Harrison & Grace Miller, 28-Linda Archer, 29-Virginia Fenn & Joe Kwolek, 30-Deborah Sneed and 31- Jani Jones.

— Jay Dorrance

MEMBER CARE

At their July meeting the SCS/SNC Retirees Board decided that the mission statement for the Member Care Committee should be printed in this issue of our newsletter for the entire membership to see and review. The paragraph that follows has been

edited a bit to remove the “legalistic” tone of the statement, to put it more into a conversational form.

The Member Care Committee is responsible for outreach to the members and their families in times of personal grief and need. The committee is a communication link to advise members of death, serious illness or good news of a member, an associate member or an honorary member. The committee sends cards of encouragement as appropriate and memorial contributions to charities to honor the memory of retired employee members. The committee uses e-mail and Calling Post to communicate information to the membership in addition to including reports in this newsletter. The committee reports their actions and expenses to the Board and to the general membership meetings.

With the mission now communicated, let me turn to the notes for this issue.

Ann Micklewright is at home now from St. Vincent’s after experiencing difficulties with Parkinson’s.

Joyce Steele has returned to her home in Hoover.

Our sympathy has been extended to the following:

1. **Chris Anderson** in the death of his father Gordon “Pete” Anderson on June 28, 2011.
2. The family of retiree **Don Duckworth** who passed away June 13, 2011. A memorial check was sent to Shriners Hospital for Children as requested by the family.
3. **Hubert Pair** in the death of his wife Elizabeth on June 29, 2011.
4. The family of retiree **Louise Sensabaugh** who passed away on July 5, 2011. A memorial check was sent to the Ronald McDonald House of Alabama as requested by the family.
5. **Margaret Carter** in the death of her husband John Carter on July 6, 2011.
6. The family of retiree **Ozen Batum** who passed away Sunday, July 10, 2011. A memorial check was sent to the Oak Mountain State Park Playground Fund as requested by the family.

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7. The family of Jan Ellenburg, widow of deceased retiree **Bob Ellenburg**, who passed away August 4, 2011.
— Liz Winter

**HOW TO CONTACT HEWITT
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Your Password**

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— Dora Brandt

JULY MEETING NOTES

Jay Dorrance reports that 37 members and guests attended the July meeting

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Herbert S. Swindle, 84, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2011. Mr. Swindle worked for Alabama Power Co. and retired from Southern Company Services. He is survived by his wife Alice, a daughter and a son, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters. A memorial service was held for Mr. Swindle on Wednesday,

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June 22 at the Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Woodrow L Ivey, 85, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2011. Mr. Ivey worked in the SCS Mechanical Design Department. He is predeceased by his wife Mildred and a son. He is survived by a daughter, 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Louise C. Sensabaugh, 87, of Mountain Brook, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 after a long illness. Mrs. Sensabaugh retired from SCS Mechanical Design - Administrative and Procurement Department in 1986. Louise was preceded in death by her husband Leon and survived by a daughter and a son, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held for Louise on Thursday, July 7, at Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.

Ozen Batum, 73, of Pelham, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2011. Mr. Batum was born in Turkey and became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. in 1976. He attended Georgia Tech where he obtained an advanced degree in nuclear engineering. He worked in the SCS Nuclear Division for 27 years, retiring from SNC in 2004. Ozen is survived by his wife Ann and 2 daughters. A graveside service was held for Mr. Batum on Tuesday, July 12, at the Southern Heritage Cemetery in Pelham, Alabama.

H. Eddie Dixon, Jr., 63, of Birmingham, Alabama, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 9, 2011. Mr. Dixon was a U.S. Navy veteran and a graduate of Columbus College. He worked for and retired from the Southern Company with 40 years of service. Eddie is survived by his wife of 41 years, Edna, a son, a daughter and several grandchildren. Funeral services for Eddie were held on Friday, August 12, at Southern Heritage with burial in the Alabama National Cemetery at Montevallo, Alabama.

Marvin J. Bates, Jr., 88, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, passed away on Wednesday, August 10, 2011. Mr. Bates worked for APCo before coming to SCS Information Tech Department in Birmingham. When the Data Center moved to Atlanta Mr. Bates went with it retiring in 1984 as Southern Company

Director of Data Processing. Marvin is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Nan, and his 2 children. Funeral services were held for Mr. Bates on Tuesday, August 16 at the Hamilton Mill Memorial Chapel with interment in the Hamilton Mill Memorial Gardens, Buford, Georgia.

Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy to SCS Retiree **Chris Anderson** and his family in the death of Chris's father Gordon "Pete" Anderson, 88, of Birmingham, Alabama, who passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to SCS Retiree **Hubert Pair** and his family in the death of Hubert's wife Elizabeth Pair, 80, of Birmingham, Alabama who went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 29, 2011.

Our most sincere sympathy is extended to SCS Retiree **Margaret Carter** and her family in the loss of Margaret's husband John Y. Carter, 85, of Birmingham, Alabama, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 after a long bout with cancer.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Dr. Janus "Jan" Ellenburg, 89, of Knoxville, Tennessee, widow of SCS Retiree the late **Robert "Bob" Ellenburg**. Jan departed this life on Thursday, August 4, 2011. She was a retired NASA research scientist with a PhD in Emission Spectroscopy.

— Jay Dorrance

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

The Writing Bug

My life changed when I decided to take typing at the Marengo County High School in Thomaston, Alabama.

I was 15, and had not a clue as to what kind of work I wanted to do. My father was a doctor and had dragged me into his operating room to cut off a man's gangrenous leg. Clamps and the ether and all that blood. I didn't want to be a doctor. Too bloody.

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World War II raged far away, over England and on the Russian front. Hitler trying to take over the world.

In September of that year, I looked at the list of electives. Typing? Hey, that seemed easy. Get a book, and go in the typing room and practice, without all that classroom stuff. Typing X.

I bought the typing book and sat down at the standard Royal in the typing room, the best typewriter the world has ever seen. Sturdy, fast, efficient, balanced, just the right touch, truly a great machine.

I practiced and practiced. I learned the touch system—asdfjkl; asdfjkl;—until I could pound out copy at about 60 words a minute. I liked the feel of creating words on paper.

When I got going fast, I was creating whole phrases, not just words. At night sometimes, I would go down to my father's office and type on his Royal Standard. I practiced and practiced and got pretty good at it.

Then I felt the urge to say something, to write something that somebody would read and like.

I tried poems. Nope, didn't have the knack or the discipline. I felt locked in. I tried short stories, but what does a 15 year old have to say, with all those hormones raging?

Hey, I said, maybe I could write a play for auditorium. Every week a class would put on a presentation for the whole school, in the big auditorium.

But what would I say in the play? What did I have to say that would interest anybody?

Well, suppose Hitler takes over America. Suppose the Nazis come to Thomaston, Alabama, and run things. How would that be? I turned my imagination loose, and wrote scenes of Hitler and the storm troopers in America, in Thomaston. I showed the play to my English teacher, a pretty lady named Rose, and she liked it. She announced to our class: Clarke has a play, and he's going to put it on for auditorium. You all are going to act in it, and he's going to act in it.

My classmates joined in, and we rehearsed my play. We changed some of the dialogue, fine-tuned the script and rehearsed some more.

Finally, it was our day. The curtain came back and there was the whole student body watching my classmates act out my play.

There was a man making a speech all about freedom and liberty. Storm troopers with Swastikas on their arms rushed in and grabbed him, carrying him offstage. There was a polling place, people voting, and the storm troopers came in and shut down the ballot box. BANG! No more voting.

There were several scenes showing how life would be if Hitler brought his Nazi fist to Thomaston Alabama.

When the curtain closed there was thunderous applause. Backstage, I heard the applause and I knew that I had connected with that audience. They liked MY play, and they were applauding ME. Of course, they were applauding my classmates, the actors who brought the play to life, but I felt they were applauding me. As I thought about that, my skin tingled with the thrill of communication.

Later, I was getting a drink at the water fountain, and Rose, my English teacher was walking by. She stopped, looked at me when I raised my head from the fountain, and said, "Clarke, you ought to consider making a life out of writing. You're good with words.

I think I was a writer from that moment.

— Clarke Stallworth,
Senior Living,
August 2009

Senior Adult Texting Codes

I think most of us have, at one time or another, been exposed to those little shorthand strings of letters young people use in their Tweets and phone text messages. I'm referring to things like:

IMHO—in my humble opinion

FWIW—for what it's worth

BTW—by the way

BRB—be right back

ROFL—rolling on floor laughing

You get the idea. Well, recently someone sent me a new set of texting codes aimed specifically at us older adults. I'll give them to you because you might find them useful.

ATD--at the doctor.

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BFF--best friend fell.
BTW--bring the wheelchair.
BYOT--bring your own teeth.
FWIW--forgot where I was.
GGPBL--gotta go, pacemaker battery low.
GHA--got heartburn again.
IMHO--is my hearing aid on?
LMDO--laughing my dentures out.
IMR--in my recliner.
ROFLACGU--rolling on floor laughing and can't get up.
TTYL--talk to you louder!

— From the Internet

Words of Wisdom

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at a class reunion you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a dog once and you'll find you have a permanent job
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
12. Think about this: No one ever says "it's only a game" when his team is winning.
13. I'm reaching an age where Happy Hour is a nap.

— Senior Living
January 2010

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MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, September 12, 2011

Where: Inverness 42, Room 130

Board meeting: 11 a.m.

Lunch: Dutch Treat Inverness Cafeteria

Program: 1 p.m.