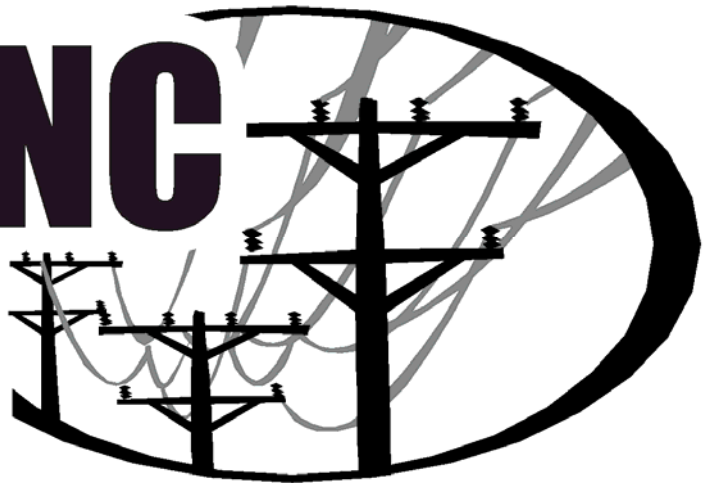


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organization. It is your attendance at meetings and support of all our activities that made our 2011 year such a success. See you in November.

— Wayne Walton

PREZ SEZ

The SCS/SNC Retirees November meeting will be held at the Vestavia Country Club. Please be advised that this meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 9**, and not on our customary second Monday. Be sure to make reservations and send your check in on time.

We will elect officers and directors for calendar year 2012 at this meeting. Fred Ehrensperger and his committee have selected and will present an excellent slate for your consideration. Look forward to a very good year in 2012.

Dolores Hydock will be our speaker. Most of us have been privileged to hear a presentation by her one or perhaps more times. She advertises her talks as “dramatically different story programs.” Come and hear a light-hearted story told by a superb story teller.

In keeping with our tradition for this year, the quote for November is from Frank Coupland, works manager at ACIPCO for many years. He said on many occasions in my presence, “The most exhilarating feeling is to have held a poor hand and to have won.”

In closing, I want to thank each of you who hold office, a director’s position, a committee position, or membership in the SCS/SNC Retirees

MEMBER CARE REPORT

SCS retiree Mildred Hire Fleming suffered a stroke recently and was hospitalized at St. Vincent’s Birmingham. She initially had some paralysis, but it was temporary. When she is released from the hospital she will be at Fair Haven.

SCS retiree Warren Glover is at home recovering from cataract surgery and a detached retina, and is limited in his activities.

We have received a response from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Alabama acknowledging SCS/SNC Retirees contribution in memory of Louise Sensabaugh. We have also confirmed the Retirees donation to the Oak Mountain Playground Fund in memory of Ozen Batum.

— Liz Winter

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the September 12 SCS/SNC Retirees membership meeting was 39.

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

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**SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP
FOR 2011**

OBITUARIES

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

In Memoriam

Charles "Dick" Conger, 81, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Friday, September 16, 2011. Mr. Conger was employed by U.S. Steel as an illustrator for 17 years. Then he took a similar position at Rust Engineering before coming to SCS where he retired in 1986 as a Senior Technical Illustrator with 15 years of service in Engineering Publications. Dick is survived by his wife Dolly, 2 sons and 1 daughter, 4 grandsons and 2 granddaughters, he also has 6 great grand-children. A funeral service was held for Mr. Conger on Monday, September 19th at the Valhalla Funeral Home followed by burial in the Valhalla Cemetery in Midfield, Alabama.

Charles S. Myers, Jr., 73, of Gough, Georgia, died Friday, September 16, 2011. Mr. Myers began working for SCS in Birmingham and later moved to Waynesboro, Georgia, where he worked for Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNC) in construction of Units 1 & 2 of Plant Vogtle. He retired from SNC in 2000. He is survived by a son, Rex Myers, and a sister, Judy Fields, of Gardendale.

Edna J. Wright, 76, of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2011. Edna worked in the SCS Operating Services - BPM&C Department, retiring in 1994. She is predeceased by her husband of 45 years and survived by a son Robert Wright and a daughter Teresa Orr, a granddaughter and 2 sisters. A funeral service was held for Mrs. Wright in the Jefferson Memorial Gardens Chapel on Wednesday, September 21 with burial in the Jefferson Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Trussville, Alabama.

Condolences

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to SCS Retiree **Jim Gordy** and his family in the death of Jim's mother Helen Frances Beaty Gordy, 90, of Birmingham who passed away on Sunday, October 2, 2011. A graveside service for Mrs. Gordy was held on Wednesday, October 5 at Elmwood Cemetery Birmingham, Alabama.

— Jay Dorrance

BIRTHDAYS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

November

3-Michael D. Compton, John Dunn Pinkerton; 4-Horace Williamson; 6-Mark Filkins; 7-Emma Laura Patrick, Betty Ponder; 8-Betty Hendricks; 9-Ronnie Green, Grady Smith, James M. Triplett; 10-Arthur Draper, Jean Guthrie; 11-Charles Hickman; 12-Angie Campisi, Thomas Sanford, Tony Wilson; 13-George Burson; 14-Dora Brandt; 15-Renee Gwin, James Redwine; 16-Bruce Hunt, Dilip Ray, Sara Thompson; 18-Rosemary Tenney; 19-Billy Walker, Margaret Williams; 22-Somsak Pathasema; 23-Mildred Fleming; 25-Michael Belford, James Buchanan Geiger; 27-Robert G. Moore; 28-Thomas Victor Greene, Jr., Dot Legg; 29-John Evans, Charlsie Smith; 30-Martha Gail Pugh, Sandra Smaha

December

1 John Edmundson, Sherry Johnson; 3-Attie Fleming, William Holcombe, Evelyn Mansfield, 3-John Allen Skipper; 4-David Copeland, Lou Payne; 7-Kathy Porteous; 8-Al Larson; 9-Jacob Champion, Linda Henry, Phyllis Kirk, Jo Pigford; 13-Betty Jo Allen, Jerry Sappington, Jackie Walton; 16-Ted Milan McGill, Jr., James L. Wiggins; 17-John Sechrist; 18-James Bailey, James Shepard; 19-Patsy Evans; 20-Jerry R. Ledbetter, Pat Moore, Linda Rooker, Stephen Wells; 22-Stephen Boyd Ferguson, Lee Niemzak, Doug Shelton; 23-Richard Chastain, Malcolm Garner; 24-Mrs. Larry Washington; 25-Tallulah DeMarco, Ken Folk, Glenda Maxwell; 26-Peggy Byars, Melanie Crane, Betty Headley Latta, Mary Dean Shelton, Jack Townsend; 27-Sandra McDonald, Edward Price; 28-Deborah Hostetter, Katherine Sechrist; 29-Ronald Ray Campbell, Art Johnson, John Plaxco; 30 Sandi Boylan; 31-Buddy Coggin, Eleanor Connor, Billy Latta

— Jay Dorrance

Never hesitate to hold out your hand; never hesitate to accept the outstretched hand of another.

— Pope John XXIII

The Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers for 2012 for election at the Annual Holiday Luncheon on November 9:

President - Lou Long
Vice President - Gray Murray
Secretary - Peggy Burdeshaw;
Treasurer - Mike Griggs;
Board of Directors (2-year terms) -Ray Bailey, Patsy Evans, and Don Welliver.

Other members of the Nominating Committee were John Brandt, Jim Gordy, Gray Murray, and Liz Winter.

— Fred Ehrensperger

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Our program for the upcoming Annual Holiday Luncheon, as Wayne mentioned in Prez Sez, will be Dolores Hydock. Dolores is an actress and story performer, whose work has been featured at a variety of concerts, festivals, and special events throughout the U.S.

Dolores is originally from Reading, PA, where she won her first blue ribbon in storytelling at the age of 5. She has held a wide variety of jobs - a house parent at a halfway house for juvenile delinquents, a blues DJ, an au pair in Paris, a computer sales representative, a cookbook copy editor, an acting teacher, and a Cajun dance teacher.

Dolores has appeared at our Retirees meetings twice before, but it has been on the order of ten years since she was last with us. We look forward to a very interesting and entertaining program; and Dolores never disappoints.

— Fred Ehrensperger

The human capacity to fight back will always astonish doctors and philosophers. It seems, indeed, that there are no circumstances so bad and no obstacles so big that man cannot conquer them.

— Jean Tetreau

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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
VESTAVIA HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Sign in / Social Hour

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Board of Directors meeting

12 Noon

Seated Luncheon will be served

Menu:

Chef's Tossed Salad

**Almond Crusted Breast of Chicken with
Tangerine Butter Sauce,**

**Served with Risotto Parmesan, Steamed Fall
Vegetables**

Pumpkin Roulage with Caramel Sauce

12:40 p.m.

Program: Dolores Hydock, Story Teller

1:15 p.m.

**Business Meeting / Election and Installation of
2012 Officers**

1:45 p.m.

Door Prizes and Adjournment

Make check payable to SCS/ SNC Retirees and mail to Dora Brandt at 1616 Heritage Place, Birmingham, Al 35210 **on or before November 1**. Cancellation no later than November 4 by calling Dora Brandt at 956-0502. After that date, no exceptions, except in case of family emergency. Please note this is a firm reservation.

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

True Thanksgiving Is More

At the end of the first harvest in the New World, the Pilgrims, along with Chief Massasoit and a party of 90 friendly Indians, joined in a celebratory act that consisted of “three days of prayer and feasting.”

The *Mayflower* passengers that signed the agreement that became known as the “Mayflower Compact” stated they had come to the New World to escape religious persecution and “for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian faith.” They endured a stormy voyage across the Atlantic Ocean at the worst possible time of year and later participated in that festival to give thanks to Almighty God. The Pilgrims were thankful they had survived a stormy voyage, endured a terrible winter, and had been blessed with a good harvest that provided them with food.

Food was scarce during that terrible winter, their first in the New World. Hezekiah Butterworth, an American author of the last half of the nineteenth century, passed on information that the daily ration of food was five grains of parched corn. During that winter, 47 members of the original 102 died, and at any one time, only “six or seven were in proper condition to attend the sick and bury the dead” on Cole’s Hill. Yet, in spite of the hardships they endured and the sufferings they experienced, those sturdy Pilgrims at Plymouth, after inviting the friendly natives to join them, paused to celebrate and to give thanks to God for his providential care.

Lest we forget, this is the heritage the Pilgrims passed on to us.

A national holiday, celebrated with a festive turkey feast, commemorates it, but the heritage of those sturdy Pilgrims reminds us that true thanksgiving is more. While surrounded by an abundance of things which are the accouterments of an affluent society, we must not forget that back of these things there is the providential care of Almighty God, and like the Pilgrims, we are recipients of that care.

To see life from this perspective is to see that God’s mercies, new every morning and fresh every

Someone who makes you laugh is a comedian. Someone who makes you think and then laugh is a humorist.

— George Burns

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evening, are more than we can number. So, gratitude rises in the heart, and we are thankful.

— W. Howard Coop
The Scottish Rite Journal,
November/December 2010

As if by Magic

Magicians have one rule. They never tell anybody how they did it.

Well, I am an amateur magician, and I am going to break the rule. I am going to tell you how I performed the best trick I ever did.

In the mid-1980s, I was a columnist for the Birmingham News. On the side, using vacation days, I did workshops for newspapers as a writing consultant. Frankly, I was pretty dull.

Trouble was, there were thousands of writing consultants and I was just one of the pack. I decided to use magic to make me different from all the rest.

It worked. Stallworth the Magician/Writing Consultant became a hit. I did workshops for more than 100 daily newspapers, and maybe 500 workshops over 20 years and 46 states for press associations.

My reputation as an amateur magician even came to Birmingham. I was invited by a civic club to make a speech down at the Harbert Center on Fourth Avenue North.

I walked down the street to the Harbert Center, and arrived a little early. I looked at my watch and took time to go to the men's room before I spoke.

As I sat in a stall (no, this isn't about Senator Craig), I noticed a wallet lying on the floor in the stall next to mine. It had dropped out of someone's pocket, obviously.

I picked it up and looked inside. It had about \$217, and all of the pieces of someone's life—credit cards, driver's license, medical insurance cards, a picture of some kids walking on a beach, a small portrait of a pretty lady, gazing solemnly through the plastic.

I washed up and took the wallet to the office of the Harbert Center. They had a record of all the clubs that met there, and they quickly found the man's name.

He was a member of the club I was going to speak to...ok, the club to which I was going to speak.

I told them I would return the wallet, and if he didn't show up at the meeting, I would bring it back to them. That was fine and I went into the meeting.

I did my magic tricks—tearing up a newspaper and putting it back together again, pouring a soft drink into a bottle floating in the air, and told them some stories from my books about Alabama history.

At the end, I held up my right hand, and a sheet of flame burst out—which is a great way to make a point.

I told them to do whatever they did with some feeling, with some passion even, with some FIRE! And FLASH! Mouths came open, heads snapped back.

And now for the closer.

I looked in the wallet sitting on the podium. I could see it, but the audience could not. Let us say that the man's name was Jack Smith.

"Is Mr. Jack Smith in the audience today?" I asked. I knew he was, the president of the club had pointed him out to me.

A middle-aged man in the middle of the audience looked surprised, shrugged at his neighbor, and held up his hand. "Here," he said.

"Mr. Smith, I would like to ask a favor of you," I said. "Is that all right?"

"Sure," he said. "Go ahead."

"All right," I said. "I want you to look in your wallet and tell these people how much money you are carrying."

He reached around to his backside with his right hand, and an alarmed look came over his face.

"It's gone," he said. "My wallet's gone."

"I can tell you how much money is in your wallet," I said. "I have that magic power."

He looked stunned and didn't say anything. "You have \$217 in your wallet," I told him.

He looked stunned, with his mouth open.

"Mr. Smith, would you come up and get your wallet," I said, and I held up the wallet.

He got up, his mouth still open, and came up and got his wallet.

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He turned as he was going back to his seat, and looked at me.

“How did you...” He began.

“Magic,” I said.

Need a speaker?

— Clarke Stallworth
Senior Living
November 2007

Ed. Note: I almost left that late sentence out of this article, which was written before Mr. Stallworth's death. But then I decided to leave it in. Knowing Clarke Stallworth, he might just be able to fill a future booking.

Just the Way It should Be

After Thanksgiving dinner, the adults gathered in the living room to exchange reminiscences, while the children went into the family room to play. Suddenly our hostess noticed that an elderly relative was missing. “Where's Aunt Florence?” she asked.

From across the room came a masculine drawl, “Oh, she's with the kids, bridging the generation gap.

— Florence M Mortimer
Reader's Digest, Nov. 1985

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MEETING DETAILS:

When: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Where: See Page 4 for details

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What is so rare as a day in June—except the thirty-second of October.

— Churchy La Femme, a.k.a. Ol' Turkle
In the comic strip Pogo.