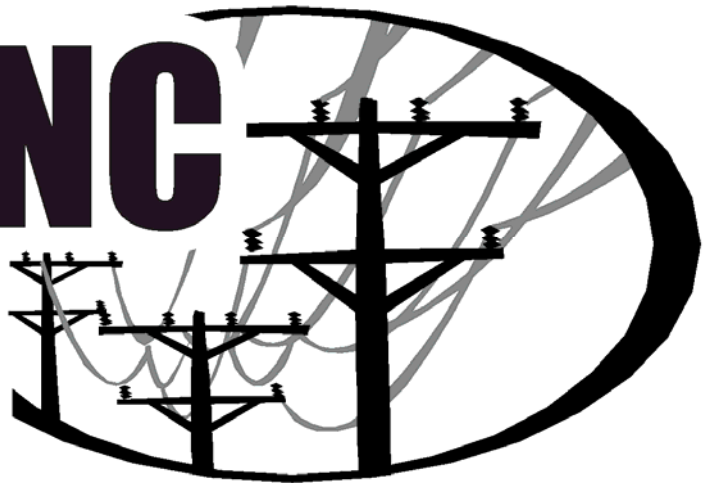


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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might improve our meetings, please make them known. See you in March!

— Lou Long

## PREZ SEZ

SCS/SNC Retirees, we begin our year with the President and CEO of Southern Nuclear, Steve Kuczynski, as the featured speaker. To accommodate his schedule, we will meet Monday, March 12, at **12noon** in room 130 Inverness Building 42, Note that this is not our customary meeting time. The Board will meet at 10:30.

Steve's visit is extremely timely. Southern has just received approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by a 5-0 vote for a Combined Operating License to Vogtle Units 3 and 4. These will be the first nuclear units to receive permission for construction in over 30 years. The units are based on the standard Westinghouse AP-1000 plant, a new "passive" safety design that relies on gravity cooling rather than active pumps and valves. Steve's insight into the management of this \$14 billion first-of-a-kind program should be enlightening!

The officers, directors, and committee chairs will strive to provide provocative speakers throughout the year. We want you to attend our meetings. It is your presence that allows us to keep connected to remember and celebrate the many years that we spent together. If you have any suggestions that

## MEET THE SPEAKER

Lou has already mentioned in **Prez Sez** that our March program is being presented by Stephen Kuczynski, Chairman, President and CEO or Southern Nuclear. Kuczynski is new to the job, having been elected to these three offices just 9 months ago. However, he comes to the task with over 27 years experience in the operation and management of nuclear plants, including oversight of operational functions for all 6 of Exelon Nuclear's Illinois operating facilities.

Kuczynski holds a BSEE degree and is a licensed Senior Reactor Operator. He holds or has held several positions as a member of the National Nuclear Accrediting Board of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, including being involved with the Fukushima response team.

## REMINDER

**If you have not already done so, please return your membership form and dues check payable to SCS/SNC Retirees. Mail to  
Mike Griggs, Treasurer,  
SCS/SNC Retirees  
277 Shades Crest Road  
Birmingham, AL 35226**

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**MEMBER CARE REPORT**

**Jim Anchors** is back in the hospital. Doctors thought he had a heart attack and installed a stent, but that did not seem to reduce his symptoms. This is in addition to earlier kidney failure problems.

**Tom Greene's** wife, Beth, has recently been moved to palliative care at UAB. They are trying several things to remove fluid build-up to make her more comfortable.

**Lee Wetzel** was moved January 12 from Arbor Springs Rehab Facility to his home in Auburn. He is in very good shape physically, has lost some weight and is exercising twice a day. He walks with no walker or cane and is mostly steady on his feet. He can walk up and down stairs and rides an exercise bike every day. He continues to not talk very much, but is able to say short sentences. They are planning to continue speech therapy at Auburn University. Doctors continue to try to resolve a few small physical issues. Glenn has encouraged retirees to continue to send cards or notes to Lee and Nell Wetzel, 1583 Oakhill Ct., Auburn, AL 36832-6798.

— Liz Winter

**JANUARY ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at the January 9 SCS/SNC Retirees membership meeting was 41.

Science cannot answer the deepest questions. As soon as you ask why there is something instead of nothing, you have gone beyond science. I find it quite improbable that such order came out of chaos. There has to be some organizing principle. God, to me, is the explanation for the miracle of existence-why there is something instead of nothing.

— Cosmologist Allan R. Sandage

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### Getting a Retiree Badge

If you would like to obtain a Southern Company retiree badge, please contact Dan Calvert or Lorean McAdoo, Inverness Building 42, Room 150.

If you join us for our next meeting, you may find it convenient to contact them before or after the meeting.

— Dora Brandt

## OBITUARIES

### In Memoriam

**Paul Moor McCullough**, of Birmingham, Alabama, ended his struggle with Dementia on Christmas Day 2011. He was a lifelong member of the Ruhama Baptist Church in East Lake. He was a U.S. Navy vet, worked for APCo and retired from SCS. Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Frances "Bonnie" Minyard.

**Kenneth S. Jones**, 63, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, passed away on Friday, February 3, 2012. He retired from Southern Nuclear Operating Company. Ken is survived by Bobbie, his wife of 42 years, a daughter, two grandchildren and his mother.

**Jerry A. Carr**, 78, of Vidalia, Georgia, passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2012. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and is a retiree of Southern Company Services. Jerry is survived by his wife, Nancy, six daughters, eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and a former wife, Peggy, plus several other relatives.

### Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to SCS Retiree **Carol Yeager** and her family in the death of Carol's sister, George Ann Langston Morgan, 78, of Lebanon, Tennessee, who died on Saturday, December 31, 2011.

We extend our sympathy to SCS Retiree **W.C. (Clem) Matlock** and his family in the death of Clem's wife, Joan Matlock, 64, of Clay, Alabama who died on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

We also extend our sympathy to Southern Company Retiree **Joan Neyman** and her family in the death of Joan's mother, who died on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in Lebanon, Tennessee.

— Jay Dorrance

## BIRTHDAYS

### March

2-Marion Andrew Godley & Tom Posey; 3-David Busby & Pat Goodman; 4-Rita Townsend & Jimmy Russell Williams; 5-Albert Stallings; 6-Kenneth Horton; 7-Clara Posey; 10-Diane Long; 11-Bill Nicholson & Mary Sue Thornburgh; 12-George Knight, John Troha & Sid Varagona; 13-Linda Meier; 16-Martha Cook & James Ewing; 18-Iris Gilbert, Donald W. Mcallister & Paul Walker; 19-John Meier; 21-Robert M. Moore; 22-Thomas G. Ryan & Woody Woodruff; 23-Peggy Burdeshaw & Larry R. White; 24-Daniel Blackwood; 25-Scott V. Myers; 26-Roy Lynn Henderson; 28-Joe Romano; 30-Gene Watkins

### April

1-Shirley Rutherford; 3-R. Mahal Khan & William J. Porteous, Jr.; 5-Jim Cofield; 6-James Swartzwelder; 7-Gayas Ahmed, Jeanette Crane &

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Shirley Dickson; 8-Gloria Andrews, Lodema Evans, Robin Jones, Ken Kopecky, Ann Micklewright, Stokely Morgan, Curtis D. Peters & Jerry Ray; 10-Tony Koski & Keith Legg; 11-Nancy Carr, Henry Garrett & Suzan Goertz; 14-Ken Damsgard; 15-Judy S. Cleveland & Jerilynn Sansom; 16-Robert Milstead & Lewis Williams; 17-Mark Alan Friedman; 18-Jack Goertz; 21-William Martin Brown & Judy Sanford; 22-Richard W. Colby, Jr, Lou Ann Kaster & William Rowe; 23-Don Walker; 24-Joseph Friedrich; 26-Joan Neyman; 27-Robin Miner & Gary Reeves; 28-Ken Mooney; 29-Judith Heatherly; 30-Joyce Ehrensperger & Patricia Jarrell  
— Dora Brandt

### **A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT**

#### **Gonna Be a Bear**

In this life I'm a woman. In my next life, I'd like to come back as a bear. When you're a bear, you get to hibernate. You do nothing but sleep for six months. I could deal with that.

Before you hibernate, you're supposed to eat yourself stupid. I could deal with that too.

When you're a girl bear, you birth your children (who are the size of walnuts) while you're sleeping and wake to partially grown, cute, cuddly cubs. I could definitely deal with that.

If you're a mama bear, everyone knows you mean business. You swat anyone who bothers your cubs. If the cubs get out of line, you swat them too. I could deal with that.

If you're a bear, your mate *expects* you to wake up growling. He *expects* that you will have hairy legs and excess body fat.

Yup, gonna be a bear.

— Unattributed  
*Senior Living*, February 2005

*The first day of Spring is one thing, and the first Spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.*  
— Henry Van Dyke

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

### **MEETING DETAILS:**

**When: Monday, March 12, 2012**

**⇒Time: 12 Noon←**

### **NOTE THIS SPECIAL TIME**

**Where: Room 130, Building 42**

**Board meets at 10:30 a.m.**

**Also note that because of the special meeting time, lunch in the cafeteria may not be possible.**