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PREZ SEZ

All who came to our March meeting were treated to a tremendous presentation from Steve Kuczynski, President and CEO of Southern Nuclear. Steve gave us his candid insights into the challenges of building the first nuclear units in the United States since the late 1970s while maintaining the performance of the existing fleet of nuclear units.

In our May meeting, Susan Story, President and CEO of Southern Company Services will be our featured speaker. Susan began her career working on the Farley Nuclear Plant, advanced to President of Gulf Power Company and now heads Southern Company Services. She is a dynamic person with a gift for communication and a personal friend. You will find her both engaging and informative as she speaks to the state of the Company.

Your officers and committee chairs are continuing to work to make each meeting one to remem-ber. Please take advantage of this opportunity in May to hear from Susan.

— Lou Long

Oh, the summer night has a smile of light, and she sits on a sapphire throne.

B. W. Procter

MAY PROGRAM

As Lou noted, our May program will be presented by Susan N. Story, formerly president and CEO of the company's Gulf Power subsidiary, has been named president and CEO of Southern Company Services and, in that role, oversees numerous functional areas, including human resources, information technology, procurement and supply chain management, and marketing services. as well as the company's wireless subsidiary, SouthernLINC Wireless, among others. In addition, Story oversees Southern Company's evolving strategy around the development and deployment of "smart" technologies. She has taken on a leadership role in the company's multiple efforts to deploy new and emerging technologies as it seeks to transform traditional generation sources, develop new renewable sources and enhance energy efficiency programs.

JUST A LITTLE REMINDER

The SCS/SNC Retirees Spring Luncheon invitation has been mailed to all Alabama retirees. The luncheon will take place at the Pelham Civic Complex, 600 Amphitheater Road in Pelham on Monday, May 14, 2012 from 10:30 a. m. til 2 p.m. and a reservation must be made to attend this event.

If you have not received your invitation, please contact Dora Brandt at 205-956-0502.

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BIRTHDAYS

May

1-Barbara Mohon; 3-Ann Damsgard, Richard Locke, & Jane Tingle; 5-Robert Conry; 6-Andy Dearman, Bermelida Morrison, & Dominick Viruleg, Sr.; 7-Virginia Burnum & Donald Mansfield; 8-Edith Goodner & Brenda Warren; 9-Robert Walker & Dale Wyatt; 10-Carlyn Welch & Wandra Wyatt; 13-Judy Irvin; 14-Ricky Allen; 15-Dean Koch; 17-Rachel Hubbard & Margaret O'Brien; 18-Bob Hart & Linda Knight; 19-Linda Griggs; 20 Betty Bradshaw & Cathy Corbin; 21-Roy Shanlever; 22-Corinne Hart; 23-Gene Byars; 25-Bill Guthrie & Larry Washington; 26-Stephen Ashworth & Betty Mikell; 27-Harold Jones & Helen Robin; 29-Joe Katz, Jr.; 30-James Black & Marcia Edmundson; 31-Earl Parsons, Jr.

June

1-Diane Adams, Debi Lacher & Tony Niemzak; 3-Warren Glover, Theda Griffith & Joyce Hickman; 4-William Newman; 5-Joyce Hickman; 6-Wade Warren; 7-Eunice Draper, Peggy Howard & Angeline Walker; 8-John Brandt & Cheryl L. Garner; 9-Jim Newton; 11-Catherine Bailey & Jerry Smith; 12-John Adrian; 13-Malek Barroody; 14-Ann Batum, Bill Coughlin, Jr., Anna Garlington, John Thies & Bob Winter; 15-Glenn Brothers; 16-Michael Burns & Peggy Hinton; 17-Adel Alapour & Clyde Howard; 20-Keith Calhoun, Dewana Green, Nell Larson & Wayne Walton; 21-James Hartin, John Heatherly & Elbert Pittman, Jr.; 22-Ray Bailey, Ethel Hale & Betty Jackson; 23-Joyce Steele; 26-Nancy Adrian; 27-Kate Newman & Alice Wells; 28-Mike Griggs; 29-Judy Coggin & Cheryl Locke; 30-Gayle Busby

MEMBER CARE

Congratulations to **Jay and Martha Dorrance** on the birth of a new great granddaughter, Peyton Boles, born on April 6. Peyton weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Natalie and John Boles.

Jim Anchors remains in St. Vincent's Hospital, Room 404 South.

Bill Thurman is now at home recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

Liz Winter

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 1-888-678-6787and select Option 3. You will get a contact person who will transfer you to the right Hewitt benefit person.

- Dora Brandt

MARCH MEETING NOTES

Jay Dorrance reports that 49 members and guests attended the March meeting

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Daniel Kremer, 59, of Birmingham, Alabama, died suddenly on Tuesday afternoon March 20, 2012, from a heart attack. He was a long time employee of Rust International and more recently The Southern Company. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer and their two sons.

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Keep smiling. It makes people wonder what you've been up to.

SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP FOR 2012

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Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of SNC Retiree **Tom Greene** in the death of his wife of over 41 years, Rita Ratterree Greene of Birmingham, Alabama, who died on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the age of 65.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to the family of SCS Retiree **Charlsie Smith** in the death of her husband of 56 years, Charles E. Smith, Sr.,78, of Birmingham, Alabama who died on Monday, March 5, 2012.

Jay Dorrance

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

Let Fathers Be Fathers

One childhood memory is etched indelibly on my mind. I would slip my small feet into the large shoes of my father and, with some difficulty and to the amusement of others, walk clumsily around the house. Children are, by nature, imitators. From early childhood, they follow the lead of the adults around them. Sons imitate their fathers; daughters reflect their mothers. This gives real meaning to the familiar and often-quoted proverbs, "Like father, like son," "Like mother, like daughter," and "The apple does not fall far from the tree."

That their children may be mirrors of their lives places an awesome responsibility upon the shoulders of both mothers and fathers. Through the example they set, both parents can be a positive force for good in the lives of their children and, in a larger measure, a redeeming influence in human society. Father's Day, observed on the third Sunday in June, affords an opportunity for everyone to recognize the awesome duties of being a parent.

Yet we are constantly pressured by many sources to blur the conventional lines between accepted paternal roles and proper standards of right and wrong. Givng in to this accumulating avalanche results in societal acceptance of much that was once accepted as wrong.

Could there be any doubt, then, that we have a widespread moral crisis on our hands, a crisis of

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sufficient proportions that, if allowed to continue, will ultimately alter the course of our nation?

The Judeo-Christian tradition is at the core of our American heritage. For millennia, it has been a tremendous force for good in our society. Centered on the role of the father, this cultural force has given permanence to the home, stability to the family and strength to American society. In this tradition, fathers generally acted responsibly. They did not abdicate their responsibility to various agencies developed by the state to engage in social engineering.

As we observe Father's Day this year, let us remember and return to our religious heritage that gives all fathers a major role in the moral and spiritual development of their sons and daughters. Let fathers be more than mere biological progenitors. Let them be strong and able teachers, willingly assuming responsibility for instilling principles of right and wrong in their children. As a

direct result, families will be stronger, and society will be better.

Let fathers be fathers.

W. Howard Coop Scottish Rite Journal, May-June 2004

It Comes with Age

Our friend, who had turned 60, was doing some spring planting, with the help of his 91-year-old father. When the older man began to put up beanpoles in straight lines, the son suggested that stacking them teepee-style was better. A disagreement arose.

"Dad," our friend finally said, sighing, "this is my garden, and I want to use the teepees."

The father threw down his hoe and stomped off toward the house. "You kids!" he snorted over his shoulder. "Turn sixty and you think you know everything!"

— <u>Reader's Digest</u>, May 1985

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

MEETING DETAILS:

When:Monday, May 14, 2012 Where: Pelham Civic Complex

Registration and

Social Hour: 10:30 - 12:00

Board meeting: 11 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00

Program: Susan Story, SCS CEO