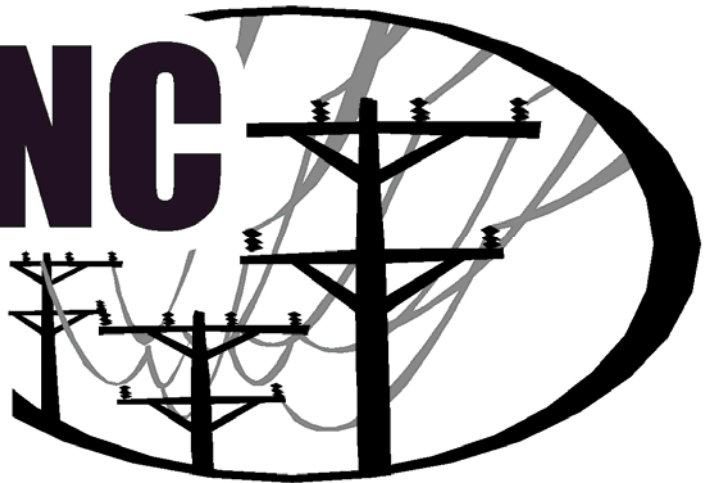


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## PREZ SEZ

Our September meeting focused on the upcoming November election in Alabama and the nation. Zeke Smith, EVP of External Affairs, gave a comprehensive analysis of the most recent polling data on the presidential race and Alabama state issues. Our November meeting will be one day after the November 6 election day. Be sure to exercise your right to vote for your elected representatives!

The November meeting will be our traditional Holiday Luncheon at Vestavia Country Club and election and installation of 2013 officers. The Hoover High School Jazz Band will serenade us with music from the big band era, a reminder of the legacy of “The Greatest Generation,”

For me, this meeting always begins the holiday season, a time of thanksgiving and celebration. Please put this event on your calendar and join your former coworkers in the festivities.

— Lou Long

## MEMBER CARE REPORT

Dr. Charles Goodman had cysts removed from his spine in September and is recuperating at home. His activities are limited for about six weeks.

Janice Thies had colon surgery during the first week of October. The results of her surgery determined that she has colon cancer. She will be receiving chemo treatments for four to six months every three weeks.

Members who have recently lost family members are:

Carol Yeager, sister-in-law

Sid Varagona, sister

Henry Garrett, sister

— Liz Winter

## SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Jay Dorrance reports that attendance at the September retirees meeting, was 35.

## IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE

If you did not turn in your reservation for this luncheon by October 31, it is too late for you to make a new reservation now. However, there may still be room for you if you are interested in coming. Every year we seem to have a few members who find at the last minute that they cannot attend even though they made a reservation. You can contact Dora Brandt to let her know of your interest and she can put you on a waiting list for cancellations.

**You can easily judge the character of a man by  
How he treats those who can do nothing for him.**

— John D. Miles

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 2012**

<b>Officers</b>	
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Vice President	Gray Murray 871-5194
Secretary	Peggy Burdeshaw 608-9636
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Ray Bailey	988-3032
Patsy Evans	991-7900
Jim Gordy	290-2186
John Meier	967-4498
Don Welliver	733-1684
Wandra Wyatt	587-6492
Wayne Walton (ex-officio)	822-1875
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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	Charles Goodman 823-5187
Program	Lou Long 936-6765
Website	Charles Hickman 823-4597

**HELPFUL INFORMATION**

**Contacting Hewitt When You Don't Know Your  
Password or ID number**

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.

**Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET**  
Call Hewitt 1-888-435-7563 - when they answer and after they ask for your ID key in \*0# ( star, zero, pound). Someone will answer

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

**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

**BIRTHDAYS**

**November**

6-Anthony S. Matthews & Donald E. Rhodes; 7-Emma Laura Patrick & Betty Ponder; 8-Betty Hendricks; 9-Ronnie Green & Grady Smith; 10-Jean Guthrie, Dennis Kendrick & Mrs. Earl Parsons, Jr.; 11-Charles Hickman; 12-Angie Campisi, Robert S. Fucich & Thomas Sanford; 14-Dora Brandt; 15-Renee Gwin, Glenn Jones, Judith M. Lewis, Linda Pugh & James Redwine; 16-Bruce Hunt, James H. Jones & Dilip Ray; 17-Beverly Teat; 18-Theresa Burns & Rosemary Tenney; 19-Sharon Jones, Billy Walker & Margaret Williams; 21-James A. McDonald; 22-Sharon Stephens; 25-Michael Belford; 28-Thomas Victor Greene, Jr., 28-Dot Legg; 29-John Evans, James O'Brien &

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Charslie Smith; 30-Martha Gail Pugh, Cindy L. Shaw & Sondra Smaha

### December

1-John Edmundson; 3-William Holcombe & Evelyn Mansfield; 4-Gail Kendrick & Lou Payne; 8-Al Larson; 9-Linda Henry; 12-Jerry Nichols; 13-Betty Jo Allen, Jerry Sappington & Jackie Walton; 17-John Sechrist; 18-James Bailey & Glenda Massengale; 19-Patsy Evans; 20-Pat Moore, Wanda F. Lisenby, Jane Rooker & Stephen Wells; 22-Joan Brooks, Gerald Wayne Bush, Lee Niemzak & Doug Shelton; 23-Richard Chastain & Malcolm Garner; 24-Dale Washington; 25-Tallulah DeMarco, Ken Folk & Glenda Maxwell; 26-Peggy Byars, Melanie Crane, Betty Headley Latta, Mary Dean Shelton & Jack Townsend; 27 Edward Price; 28-Deborah Hostetter, William R. Moody, Jr. & Katherine Sechrist; 29-Ronald Ray Campbell, John Plaxco & Zehra Stockli; 30 Lucille Belford, Sandi Boylan & William Lambert, Jr.; 31-Buddy Coggin, Jack Jones & Billy Latta

— Dora Brandt

## OBITUARIES

### In Memoriam

**John M. Troha**, 74, of Hoover, Alabama passed away Sunday, August 26, 2012. John was a U.S. Navy veteran. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering after which he earned a MBA from UAB. He had a distinguished career of some 30 years divided between Alabama Power Co. and Southern Company Services from which he retired in January 1995.

John is survived by Julie Vail Troha, his loving wife of 46 years, two sons and two grandchildren, three sisters and a brother. A Funeral Mass was held for Mr. Troha at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church Wednesday morning, August 29, followed by burial in the Southern Heritage Cemetery, Pelham, Alabama.

**Roderick "Rod" Wildman**, 71, of Hueytown, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, September

19, 2012. He retired from Southern Company Services in October 1996 with 15 years of service. Rod is survived by his wife of 36 years, Lanee Wildman, His mother, Lillian Wildman and several nieces, nephews and cousins. A funeral service was held for Mr. Wildman on Saturday, September 22 at the First United Methodist Church of Hueytown followed by burial in the Valhalla Cemetery.

— Jay Dorrance

## A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

### GETTING AN EXPERT OPINION

#### In a Lather

**Question:** Di I really have to shampoo twice?

**Answer:** Of course not. Soaps are really efficient; one washing removes about 99% of the oil. But initially, that dirt and oil prevent the shampoo from forming nice firm bubbles, which together make up lather. In fact, the only point of reapplying shampoo is that it's psychologically pleasing. (from *Why Things Are*, Vol. II, by Joel Achenbach)

#### Pol Position

**Question:** How did "left" and "right" come to represent the ends of the political spectrum?

**Answer:** According to the *Oxford English dictionary*: This use originated in the French National assembly of 1789, in which the nobles as a body took the position of honor on the President's right, and the Third Estate sat on his left. The significance of these positions, which was at first merely ceremonial, soon became political. (From *return of the Straight Dope*, by Cecil Adams)

#### Eau de Car

**Question:** What exactly is that "new car smell"?

**Answer:** There's nothing quite like it and all attempts to reproduce it artificially for colognes and air fresheners have fallen short. It is a combination of scents from things one wouldn't normally smell voluntarily, condensed in intensity by the size of the relatively airtight passenger compartment. The odor components that go into it include fresh primer ad

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paint, plastic, leather, vinyl, rubber, glues, sealers, and carpeting. The smell fades with time, as residual solvents leach away from exposure to light, heat and air. (From *Just Curious, Jeeves*, by Jack Mingo and Erin Barrett)

#### **Concrete Jungle**

**Question:** How do city street trees survive with only foot-square holes in the pavement?

**Answer:** Actually, many of them don't. The average life of a street tree surrounded by concrete and asphalt is only 7 to 15 years—compared to 30 to 40 years of similar trees in the wild. Why? Tree roots are very superficial, occupying only the top three feet of soil—they spread out, not down. When the soil gets so compacted that the roots can't get in, the tree dies. But if the roots can get into the soil (or sewer), the tree has a decent chance of getting the water and nutrients needed to survive. People can help street trees by watering during dry periods and protecting them from dogs, bicycle chains (which

can rub the thin bark that covers the tree's growth layers), bleach water from the scrub bucket, and motor oil. (From *The New York Times Book of Science Questions & Answers*, by C.Claiborne Ray)

#### **Apples and Oranges**

**Question:** What's the difference between horns and antlers?

**Answer:** The horns of antelopes and the antlers of deer, although comparable in function, differ considerably in structure. Horns, usually possessed by both sexes, are permanent features that continue to grow throughout the animal's life. They are bony projections from the skull, covered with keratin, which is tougher than bone. Antlers, by contrast, are pure bone and are formed and shed every year. They are normally grown only by male deer, with the exception of reindeer and caribou, whose female members have them as well. (From *Can Elephants Swim?*, by Robert M. Jones)

— Uncle John's All-purpose Bathroom reader, Vol 13

## **SCS RETIREES**

**P.O. BOX 2625**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL 35202**

### **MEETING DETAILS:**

**When: Wednesday, November 7, 2012**

**Where: Vestavia Hills Country Club**

**Sign in and Social Hour at 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch: 12 noon**

**Entertainment and Election of officers to follow**