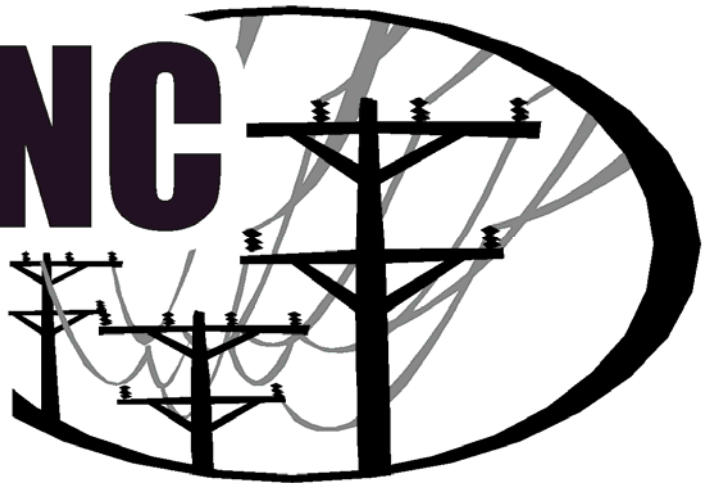


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PREZ SEZ

As we begin 2014, I want to start this year as I did last year and wish each of you the best of health and rich blessings this year. I was extremely privileged and honored to serve you this past year as President. As we enter our 28th year, I am mindful and thankful for the example set by a long line of leaders of the SCS/SNC Retiree Organization, dating back to its founding in 1987. I hope you have enjoyed the Spotlight on some of our charter members included in SCS/SNC Outside this past year. This organization exists only because of the volunteer leadership efforts of its members, **particularly** our committee chairmen who make the organization tick like a well oiled clock. A good example of this is the many years of sacrifice and hard work that Dan and Myrna Wise (entering their **17th year** – a record for a committee chairmanship position) have put into publishing the newsletter to better communicate with all of our members. Other examples of sacrificial leadership go to Liz Winter (completed 9 years as Sunshine/Member Care Chairman, 1 year on the Board of Directors, 1 year as Vice President, 2 years as Secretary, and one year as Chairman of the Nominating Committee), Dora Brandt (completed 5 years as Membership Chairman, 3 years as Arrangements Chairman, and

3 years as Vice President), John Brandt (who has served 2 years as Membership Chairman, 1 year as President, and 4 years on the Board of Directors), Joe Leamon (7 years as fellowship chairman and 4 years on the Board of Directors), and my mentor and former boss, Fred Ehrensperger (2 years nominating committee chairman, 2 years program committee chairman, 5 years on the Board of Directors, and one year each as President, Vice President, and Secretary). Other examples of active members who have excelled in their commitment to leadership of our organization in the past until they had to “retire” due to health reasons are Henry Garrett (1 year President, 1 year Vice President, 4 years on the Board of Directors, and 11 years as Treasurer, 1 year Program Committee Chairman and 5 years Finance Committee Chairman) and Jay Dorrance (6 years Arrangements Chairman, 1 year as President, 1 year on the Board of Directors, and 3 years as Program Chairman).

I wanted to give these examples both to formally recognize their efforts and to challenge each of you to get more involved in the organization. It is challenging to ask or beg the same people to continue to serve over and over again. However, they do it because they appreciate the organization and what it represents, they enjoy the fellowship and building of relationships, and because they have a “lead by example” mentality. We need much more participation in our leadership to give these a break and to get new ideas to continue to improve the fellowship experiences and meet the original objectives of the organization.

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

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If you would consider serving in an office or a committee chairman position (or even assisting as a committee member), please take the initiative and mention it to me, Ray Bailey, or any of the officers. We want to get you involved; however, we will not ask you to serve in any capacity that you might not be comfortable in. Any help you can give will lighten the load of others and it will benefit you in building and growing relationships with others. I have gotten to know many of my former fellow employees on a more personal basis through my experience on the board of directors and as Vice President and President and it has been a special experience as I have seen the strong character and personality traits of these special people.

Life is really about personal relationships and what we do with them, both our personal relationship with our Creator and our personal relationships with our fellow man. As I write this and celebrate the Christmas holidays, I look at the example of Jesus Christ and see his top priority was building personal relationships built on trust and faith and keeping a “servant” heart. That is something we can all seek to imitate. While it may come at a cost, it is vital to our well being. I have several new relationships and new friends as a result of my service with the organization and I am thankful to you for giving me this opportunity.

— Gray Murray

JANUARY MEETING PROGRAM

We have a great program for our January meeting. Mr. Steve Shaw will tell us everything we want to know about officiating football in the SEC and some of the “behind the scenes” stories that we normally don’t hear. Steve, whose father is an SCS retiree, has spoken to our group before and multiple members have requested a repeat performance. Steve is the coordinator of SEC officiating and does a great job making sure that everything works smoothly and the SEC officials are at the top of their game through training and monitoring programs. If you miss this meeting you will “kick yourself” when you see an SEC game and have

questions about the officiating. Bring all of your questions and be prepared for being informed and entertained.

— Keith Calhoun

SPOTLIGHTING OUR FOUNDERS ANGIE CAMPISI

Angie Campisi started working with Alabama Power, in the accounting department. She was married and after having her first child she left the company.

One day while talking to Frances Saia, who worked for SCS, she was asked to come to work for Southern Company Services. She worked in the Procurement (Purchasing) Department as an Administrative Assistant (Secretary) for Houston Welch. She worked on bids for the system companies and remembers that she greeted many vendors.

She fondly remembers that everybody was so nice and she enjoyed working at SCS. Angie has continued to be an active member of our organization since her retirement in 1986.

One of the things she enjoys and loves the most since her retirement has been as a singer with the Hoover Songbirds Choir who perform 45-minute programs in retirement homes in the Birmingham area. She also was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Choir and in 1993 and 1996 they were the featured choir at the Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome when John Paul was the Pope.

She enjoys cooking and getting together with her family.

Besides going to Italy (The Vatican), she also has been to the Bahamas and Aruba. She has visited many places in the USA, including Hawaii, California, Oregon, New York, New Jersey, Nevada, Florida and Alabama beaches.

She has a daughter and a son, five grandchildren, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Let’s give a tip of the hat and a round of applause to **Angie Campisi**.

— Dora Brandt and Dan Wise

BIRTHDAYS

January

1-Gladys Bailey & John Whitted; 2-Mollie Midlik & Dennis Rickertsen; 4-Denson Burnum, Jr.; 5-Betty Ramsey & Frank Rutherford; 6-Bob Haubein & Bernard Moore; 7-Phyllis Carlisle, Elsie Graham & Wayne Jones; 8-Mrs. James M. Triplett; 9-Doug Boylan & Earl Ray Olive; 10-Lane Garrett; 11-Paul Brashier, Rena Coleman, Richard Duane Hill Jr. & Brenda Nichols; 13-Charles Crane, James Crane & Ralph Tribble, Jr.; 14-Dwight Hostetter; 15-Terri Hartsfield & Jan Stowe; 16-Lois Dowdle & Thelma Walker; 17-Stan Smith & Karen Sumerlin; 18-Susan Clevenger & Charlie Micklewright; 19-Don Thornburgh; 24-Nelda Finney, Elizabeth Oedamer, Mary Rowe & Peter Webb; 25-Judy Hickman, Trudy Huguet & Jane Webb; 26-Reggie Stephens; 27-Beth Antone, Charles Craig & Gray Murray; 28-Kathy Elliott, Jackie Imbusch & Bob Smith; 29-Dan Bush; 30-Charles Goodman; 31-Skip Kitchens, Barbara Quinn & Perry Stowe

February

1-Dan Finney & Danny Huguet; 2-Rex Walker & Shah Khan; 4-William Azbell, Betsy Black & Shirley East; 6-Paul Brown & Dot Kachelhofer; 8-Michael Adkins & Wendell Kirk; 9-Dennis Cole, Van McClurkin, John Quinn & Dennis Swann; 10-Judy Yance; 11-William Rex Dillahunty & Bill Ramsey; 12-William Midlik & Donald Smaha; 13-Becky Cheatwood; 14-Steve Allen Brannon, Mary Sue McClurkin & William Rodgers; 16-Corrie S. Cammack, Darryl Howard, George Imbusch, Charlotte Shanlever & Donna Read; 17-Christopher Ian Mclean, Sarah Raykes & Dennis S. Read; 18-Shari Boehme; 20-Indu Patel, Betty Sue Prince, Frances Williamson, Myrna Wise & William (Rocky)Wright; 21-Glenda Holsombeck, Veva Naramore, Beatrice Ollinger & Louis Long; 22-David Shiphorst; 23-Thomas Shepherd & Frances Williamson; 24-Doby Hanks; 25-Joe Leamon & Bob T. Wood III; 27-Thomas George Blindauer & Carolyn Calhoun; 28-James Andrew Edwards, Shyamoli Ghosal & John Hargett

— Dora Brandt

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

– Dora Brandt

OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Howard T. Hubbard, 87, of Mountain Brook, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 28, 2013. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in Civil Engineering and was employed by Southern Company Services for 38 years, retiring as Chief Instrument and Control Engineer. He also served in several positions of The Instrument Society of America and was listed in the Who's Who for Industry and Science.

Howard is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rachel, a daughter, Gina, and a sister. A private burial was held for Mr. Hubbard on December 2, preceded by a memorial service at the Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Mountain Brook, Alabama.

Monroe C. Smith, 90, of Birmingham, Alabama, died on Friday, November 29, 2013. He was known to his family and friends as "Buddy." Buddy grew up in East Lake, graduating from Woodlawn High School, followed by a 1951 graduation from API now Auburn University. Later he served in the

U.S. Navy as a pilot, retiring with the rank of Commander. He also was a retiree from the Architectural Department of SCS where he worked as an architect. Buddy was predeceased by his wife of 46 years, Betty, and his granddaughter Grace Hudson. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Gary Hudson and two of their sons.

A funeral service was held for Mr. Smith on December 2 at Ridout's Southern Heritage Funeral Home followed by burial in the Southern Heritage Cemetery, Pelham, Alabama.

James A. Anchors, 83, of Birmingham, Alabama died peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Jim served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Industrial Engineering and was a member of the Engineering Honor Society Alpha Pi Mu. He worked for GE, SCS and retired from BE&K. Jim is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary, four of their children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held for Mr. Anchors on Saturday, December 7 at the Southern Heritage Funeral Home followed by a Military Graveside Service in the Southern Heritage Cemetery, Pelham, Alabama

Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to SCS Retiree **Peggy Burdeshaw** of Gardendale, Alabama in the death of her mother, Dorothy Jones, who died on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 in Phenix City, Alabama.

— Jay Dorrance

RETIREEES AND LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED ON IN THE PAST YEAR

Retirees

Bill Guthrie, 79, Dec. 12, 2012, Al Stallings, 80, Feb. 2, 2013, Evelyn Borden, 74, Feb. 5, Bill Moody, 55, Feb.6, Gary Argo, 72, Mar. 6, Frank Sciarabba, 78, May 9, Gene Johnston, (?), May (?), Jerry Nichols, 75, May 26, Henry Vincent, 84, June 8, Claude Poe, 72, June 17, David Blaylock, 57,

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July 12, Stanley Vasa, 62, July 29, Jim Tillery, 75, July 30, Marvin Richter, 90, Aug. 19, David DeMeis, 63, Sept. 5, Scott Herron, 89, Oct. 3, Howard Hubbard, 87, Nov. 28, Monroe Smith, 90, Nov. 29 and Jim Anchors, 83, Dec. 4.

Loved Ones

Linda Gable, 68, Jan. 27, 2013, Wife of Roy Gable, Walter McCullers, 83, May 1, Husband of Edna McCullers, Mack Townsend, 88, June 1, Brother of Jack Townsend, Brenda Ehrensperger, 58, Sept. 7, Daughter-in-law of Fred Ehrensperger, Janice Thies, 79, Oct. 7, Wife of John Thies, Al Larson, 88, Oct. 21, Husband of Nell Larson, Tracy Jones, 51, Oct. 14, Daughter-in-law of Barbara Jones and Dorothy Jones, Nov. 20, Mother of Peggy Burdeshaw.

— jay Dorrance

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

Glenda James reports that 114 members and guests enjoyed the November meeting at the Vestavia Country Club.

MEMBER CARE

Bill Coughlin has recently been hospitalized for several weeks. He has now been moved to Room C342, Spain Rehabilitation Center with a compression fracture in his L2 vertebra. He is having daily therapy and has been improving.

— Liz Winter

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

New Year's Day Around the World

Tet Nguyen Dan is the word for New Year's Day in Vietnam. They believe that there is a god in every home, that he travels to heaven at the beginning of the new year, and he will say how good or bad each member of the family has been during the past year. The Vietnamese also believe

that the first person to enter their house at the new year will bring good or bad luck.

To keep out evil spirits, the Japanese hang a rope of straw across the front of their houses which stands for happiness and good luck. At the moment the new year begins they start laughing—this is supposed to bring them good luck for a year.

At the time of the new moon, the Chinese celebrate Yuan Tan with street processions called the festival of Lanterns. They believe that there are evil spirits around the first of the year, and that firecrackers will frighten the spirits away.

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, and is a holy time when people think of things they have done wrong and promise to do better in the future. Special services are held in synagogues and a Shofer (made from a ram's horn) is played.

Children get new clothes, loaves of bread are baked and fruit is eaten to remind people of harvest time.

In India the Hindus celebrate in different ways and at different times, depending on the part of India where they live. In northern India, people wear flowers and use flowers in colors of pink, red, purple or white. Women wear yellow, the color of spring. In southern India, mothers put food, flowers and little gifts on a special tray. Children keep their eyes closed until they are led to the tray. In central India, orange flags are flown from buildings. In western India, the Indian Festival of Diwali is celebrated and small oil lights are lit on the rooftops of buildings. Lakshmi is the Hindu goddess of wealth.

In the west floats, parades, bands and football are all part of New Year's Day celebrations. At midnight on New Year's Eve, *Auld Lang Syne* can be heard at parties in homes and eating establishments in every part of the United States.

— Senior Living,
January 2010

Editor's Note: And let's not forget the Southern custom of dining on hog jowl and blackeye peas on New Year's Day. My father, raised in the Midwest, insisted that the family have a snack of smoked fish and cabbage for good luck on that day. I'm sure there are other New Year traditions in your home.

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If Dogs Were Your Teachers

Think about what you could learn from your dog:

- ☺ When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- ☺ Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- ♦ When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- ♣ Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- ☺ Take naps and stretch before rising.
- ♥ Run, romp, and play daily.
- ☺ Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- ♣ Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- ♥ On warm days stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- ♦ On hot days drink lots of water and lay under a shade tree.
- ☺ When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

☺ No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.

— Origin Unknown

Grandma's House

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny, wait until we say our prayer," mother said.

"I don't have to," the boy replied.

"Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

— Senior Living,
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SCS RETIREES

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MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, January 13, 2014

Where: Inverness 42, Room 130

Board meeting: 11 a.m.

Dutch Lunch: 12:00 noon

General Meeting: 1 p.m.