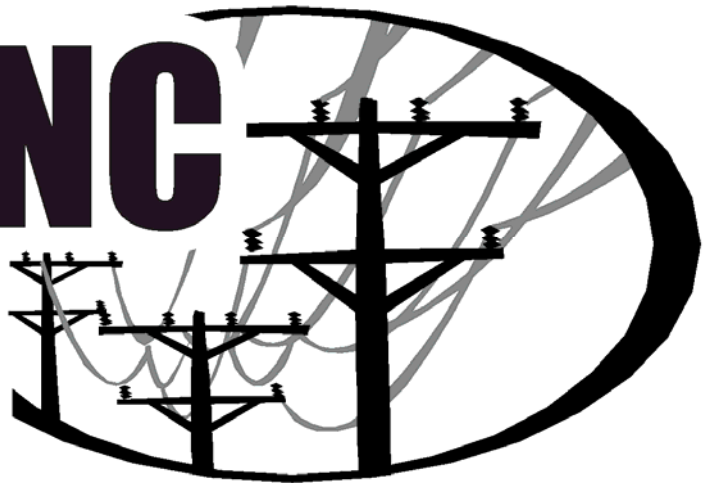


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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## PREZ SEZ

Happy Spring everyone! I think we are all glad to say goodbye to the chilly and snowy Southern winter of 2013/2014. I hope you had the chance to read our March “Outside” newsletter, but in case you missed it, our “Spotlight” section featured Mr. Robert (Bob) Hart, who was one of the founders of our SCS/SNC Retirees organization. Mr. Hart had an interesting and successful career at Alabama Power and Southern Company Services. The article is posted at [www.scsretirees.com](http://www.scsretirees.com). This newsletter “Spotlight” showcases Jay Dorrance so be sure to check out this article.

For those of you who missed our March meeting, Horace Waugh of the Alabama Power Energizers presented a travel program with an overview of upcoming trips offered by the Energizers. He featured a trip for this coming August to the Elbe River (Germany and the Czech Republic). There are many other trips available for SCS Retirees to consider. Several of our members who have traveled with the Energizers spoke of the quality and wonderful accommodations of the trips. Feel free to contact Horace Waugh at 205-243-7720 or [energizerstvl@gmail.com](mailto:energizerstvl@gmail.com) for further trip information or to sign up for a trip of a lifetime.

Please join us on **Monday, May 5, 2014** at the Pelham Civic Center for our annual Spring luncheon meeting. Our featured guest speaker will be **Kimberly (Kim) Greene**, former President and CEO of Southern Company Services who was recently appointed Chief Operating Officer and Executive V.P. of Southern Company. In her new position, she is responsible for the Southern system’s operations, including generation, transmission, engineering and construction services, research and environmental affairs, as well as Southern Power and Southern Wholesale Energy. Here is a great opportunity for each one of us to hear the issues and challenges facing Southern Company in our current economic and regulatory climate.

You will notice there is a \$5.00 per person registration fee this year to attend the Spring luncheon. This fee will be reimbursed to you at the meeting upon claiming your name tag. If you make a reservation and fail to show up, the fee will be used to offset the cost to Southern Company Services for the unclaimed meal. Unfortunately, in the past two years, we have experienced 40 to 45 “no shows” each year, resulting in as many unclaimed prepared meals, an expense Southern Company Services should not have to shoulder.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy Spring—  
— H. Ray Bailey

**PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY DATE  
MAY 5**

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

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### MARCH ATTENDANCE

Glenda James reports that attendance at the March general membership meeting was 39.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

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

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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

**I was visiting with a friend in Utah. One morning we went for a walk in the mountains and came upon an irregular outcropping of rock with a small plateau on top. Rounded boulders, veined in color, rested among the trees, and dark-green plants thrust their way up through the snow to frame a series of waterfalls. "It looks as though it had been professionally landscaped," I gasped.**

**"It was, my friend replied. Then, seeing my puzzled look, she added, "The same guy designed the whole thing.**

— E. K. Harley, Readers Digest, Jan. 1985

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**BIRTHDAYS****March**

1-Robert Harold Culp, Jr. & Betty Swann; 2-Tom Posey; 3-David Busby & Pat Goodman; 4-Rita Townsend; 6-Kenneth Horton; 7-Linda Katz & Clara Posey; 10-Diane Long & Joyce Neher; 11-Bill Nicholson & Mary Sue Thornburgh; 12-George Knight, Joseph Limbaugh & Sid Varagona; 13-Naran Delwadia & John Howser; 14-James D. Russell; 16-Martha Cook, James Ewing & Cynthia L. Tully; 18-Clarece Clark; 19-Pat Bowman; 20-Ronnie Antone; 21-Robert M. Moore, Doyle Shaw & Vickie Wright; 22-Woody Woodruff; 23-Peggy Burdeshaw, Anne Campbell, James Howard Danford, Daryl Hallmark & Larry White; 24-Daniel Blackwood & Vernor Keith Burns; 25-Mason Dove; 26-George Kilpatrick; 28-Bernice Hill & Joseph Romano; 29-Barbara Jones; 30-Gene Watkins

**April**

1-Shirley Rutherford; 2-Gene Limbaugh; 3-Mahal Khan, Mrs. Dean Koch & William Porteous, Jr.; 4-Shirley Dickson & Vicky Garner; 5-Jim Cofield & Jean Shaw; 6-Roger Brown; 7-Gayas Ahmed, Jeanette Crane & Charles M. Matthews; 8-Lodema Evans, Larry Thomas Hancock, Ken Kopecky, Ann Micklewright, Stokely Morgan & Jerry Ray; 9-Jeff Germany & William Ollinger; 10-Tony Koski & Keith Legg; 11-Willie J. Ballard, Nancy Carr, Henry Garrett & Suzan Goertz; 12-John McCoy III & Al Nebrig, Jr.; 14-Ken Damsgard; 15-Charles Henderson & Jerry Maple; 16-Robert Milstead & Lewis Williams; 18-Jack Goertz; 19-Glenda James; 20-Herman Earl Spooner; 21-Judy Sanford; 22-Walter Bet-Sayad, Richard W. Colby, Jr., Don Irvin, Lou Ann Kaster & William Rowe; 23-Lawrence Whatley; 24-Joe James; 26-Joan Neyman; 27-James Baldone & Robin Miner; 28-Ken Mooney; 29-Janice Marie Crumpton, Judith Heatherly & Mary Jane Marcus; 30-Joyce Ehrensperger, Bill Garner, Patricia Jarrell, Edward Moreland, Jr. & Marguerite Rome

**May**

1-Barbara Mohon; 2-Wilbur Matlock & Trina Diane Thompson; 3-Ann Damsgard, Patricia Phillips & Jane Tingle; 4-William (Bill) Burmeister, Kenneth Burr, James Corbitt & Norma Young; 5-Robert Conry; 6-Andy Dearman, Bermelida Morrison & Dominick Viruleg, Sr.; 7-Virginia Burnum & Donald Mansfield; 8-Rhonda McGill & Brenda Warren; 9-John G. Adkins, Bob Shaw Robert Walker & Dale Wyatt; 10-Carol Britain & Wanda Wyatt; 12-Paul Boehme & Faye Patterson; 13-Judith Irvin & Mary Sue Ludwig; 14-Ricky Allen & Ray D. Baker; 15-Agnes Elaine Chambers, Douglas Farris, Dean Koch & Robert Murphy; 16-James Busbin Jr.; 17-Rachel Hubbard, Margaret O'Brien & Larry David Smith; 18-Bob Hart & Linda Knight; 19-Linda Griggs & Joyce House; 20-Betty Bradshaw; 21-Gordon Pattillo Burkhalter & Roy Shanlever; 22-Corinne Hart; 23-Lyndall Ulch; 25-Farook Chandiwala; 26-Sam Bowman & Betty Mikell; 27-Sue Dalton Duckworth, Harold Jones & Helen Robin; 29-Joe Katz, Jr.; 30-James Black, Marcia Edmundson, Robin Posey & David Willingham; 31-Robert Gilbert Jr. & Mckensley House

**June**

1-Diane Adams, Janice Luster & Tony Niemzak; 3-Warren Glover, Theda Griffith & Mrs. Bill Marlar; 4-William Newman & Charles Anthony Tarpley; 5-Joyce Hickman; 6-Cary Campbell, Linda Shepard & Wade Warren; 7-Alvin Joel Connor, Sam Hart, Peggy Howard & Angeline Walker; 8-John Brandt & Jim Newton; 10-Preston Willis; 11-Catherine Heinzerling, Terry Frutiger, Carrie H. Phillips & Jerry Smith; 12-John Adrian; 13-Malek Barroody & Gary Philip Crone; 14-Ann Batum, Bill Coughlin, Jr., Anna Garlington, William Marlar, John Thies & Bob Winter; 15-Glenn Brothers; 16-Mike Burns & Beverly Robinson; 17-Adel Alapour, Clyde Howard & Alice Wells; 18-Deborah O'Rear Olive; 20-Keith Calhoun, Dewana Green, Nell Larson & Wayne Walton; 21-James Hartin, John Heatherly & Charley Long; 22-Ray Bailey & Lauren Edmundson; 23-Joyce Steele & Jack Woodward; 24-Sheila Sprayberry & David Lynn Teat; 25-Robert M.

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## OBITUARIES

### In Memoriam

**Jeffery F. Booker**, 65, of Kennesaw, Georgia, died on Saturday, February 22, 2014. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He retired in June 2013 as Resource Manager after 39 years of service with the Southern Company. Jeff is survived by his wife, Denise, a daughter and a son as well as other family members.

**William M. Hungerford**, 69, of Trussville, Alabama died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, February 22, 2014. He was a corporate analyst for the Southern Company before retiring in 2012. Bill is survived by his wife, Beverly, a daughter, a son and several grand and great grandchildren. A graveside service was held for Mr. Hungerford on Saturday, March 1 at the Oakland Cemetery in Waycross, Georgia.

**Jerry F. Maple**, 69, of Trussville, Alabama died unexpectedly on Friday, March 7, 2014 having just successfully completed treatment for multiple myeloma in preparation for a stem cell transplant. Jerry retired from SCS after nearly 35 years of service during which time he met and married his wife, Mary Jane, who survives him along with their children as well as several grandchildren. A Memorial Service and Mass was held for Mr. Maple at high noon on Wednesday, March 12 at Holy Infant of Prague Catholic Church in Trussville, Alabama.

**James E. Ewing**, 88, of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. He retired from Southern Company Services with 38 years of service. James was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran having participated in the battle of Iwo Jima. He is survived by his wife, Billie, 2 sons and other relatives. Funeral services were held for Mr. Ewing on Saturday, March 29 at the Jefferson

Memorial Funeral Home followed by burial in the Jefferson Memorial Gardens East in Trussville, Alabama.

**Stephen A. McArdle, Jr.**, 86, of Birmingham, Alabama left us to mourn the loss of his passing Thursday, April 10, 2014. He was a Korean War veteran and a 1986 Retiree of Southern Company Services with 27 years of service. Steve is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jo, a daughter, 3 sons and a number of grand and great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held for Mr. McArdle on Saturday, April 12 at 12 noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with burial to be on Monday, April 14 at 11 am in the Alabama National Cemetery Montevallo, Alabama.

### Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy to Retiree **Jim Lyons** and his family in the passing away of Jim's wife, Barbara Anne Lyons, 69, of Hoover, Alabama, who died on Sunday, February 16, 2014. A funeral service was held for Mrs. Lyons on Wednesday, February 19 at Johns - Ridout's Elmwood Chapel followed by interment in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.

— Jay Dorrance

## MEMBER CARE

We offer our deepest sympathy to **Stan Smith** in the loss of his mother-in-law Helen Archer on January 11.

**Bill Coughlin** has been ill with pneumonia. We hope he is on the mend now and will be back to normal soon.

**Sam Bowman** has had open heart surgery and is at home in Fairhope, AL recuperating.

Jerry Vandegrift has been in the hospital for treatment of a torn esophagus and profuse bleeding. He is recuperating.

If you have news of a member, including good news, please give me a phone call at the number given elsewhere in this newsletter or contact me by e-mail at [patsyevans409@gmail.com](mailto:patsyevans409@gmail.com).

## SPOTLIGHTING OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS

*Editor's Note: As noted in a previous issue of Outside, some of the members of the retiree Class of 1986 got together and formed the nucleus of this retiree organization. It is our intention to bring to your attention these pioneers, their histories, and their accomplishments. For the record, here are the individuals from that 1986 membership roster who are still with us today.*

*Sam Bowman, Angie Campisi, Margaret Carter, Bill Coughlin, Jay Dorrance, Jack Faulkner, Henry Garrett, John Hargett, Samuel R. Hart, James Hartin, William Hinton, William R. Lambert Jr. (1984) Alfred T. Mikell, Grace Miller Prigmore, Tony Niemzak, John Plaxco, William Rowe, George Russell, Jr., Jack Townsend Jerry Vandegrift, Henry Vincent, Billy J. Walker Robert C. Walker, James O. Welch, and Richard Woodruff (1978).*

*This month we have in the spotlight...*

### BOB HART

Samuel Robert Hart Jr. (Bob) began his career with Alabama Power Company as a Junior Engineer in July 1949 one month after graduating from the University of Alabama with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He remained with the Southern Company System until his retirement in 1986 as the Vice President of Research and Environmental Affairs at Southern Company Services.

Bob was born in Birmingham in May 1927 and graduated from Ensley High School in the midst of World War II. After a stint in the US Army he returned to marry his high school sweetheart Corinne Donnelly in 1947. Bob held various positions within the Southern Company system such as Assistant to the President of Alabama Power (1963), Vice President of Engineering at APC (1967) and Vice President of Transmission and System Operations for APC in 1975. In June 1977 he moved over to SCS and became the Vice President of R&EA.

One of Bob and Corinne's most memorable assignments during his 37 year career was in 1954

and 1955 when they lived and worked in Schenectady, New York and Bob completed the General Electric Power Engineering Course which was like a master's degree for those in the power engineering field at that time. It was there that Bob and Corinne met other industry folks like Frank and Francis Stuart from Dallas, Texas. Frank had a long career with Dallas Power and Light and they remained friends throughout the years visiting one another until Frank's death in 2013.

Outside of the Southern Company, Bob devoted many hours to community service and received the Vulcan Award from the Boy Scouts of American in 1966 for his outstanding work in Scouting and also received the Bomar Award in 1959 for his outstanding service to the Birmingham Area Jaycees. As anyone who is around Bob Hart for any length of time will learn, he loves the University of Alabama School of Engineering and is a huge fan of Alabama Football. From 1972 to 1975, Bob helped found and Chair the UA Capstone Engineering Society, a national organization for alumni and friends of the College of Engineering to provide industry guidance and fundraising for the College. In 1979 and in 2002, he was given the Outstanding Engineering Alumnus Award by the University of Alabama. In the past few years, Bob continues to show his support for the UA College of Engineering through a recently endowed Engineering scholarship.

Bob has two grown children Gary (Marcia) and Lisa Hart Reynolds (Preston) and three of the most wonderful grandchildren in the world. They are: Leigh Hart (30); Ashley Reynolds Nail (28) and Leslie Reynolds (25). All three are graduates of the University of Alabama. They all reside in the Birmingham area and are the delight of their grandparents. In 1967 Bob secured one of the Alabama Power "lease lots" on Lay Lake (back when the lake level was raised) and there the family constructed a modest lake house that served as the base for many hours of family fun over the years.

Upon retirement, Bob and Corinne traveled to Europe and took a number of cruises and today they have now "downsized" from their house in Vestavia and live in an apartment near Vestavia High School.

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They remain active in Shades Mountain Baptist Church and now await a second grandchild's wedding as their oldest grandchild Leigh is to be married in June 2014.

### **JAY DORRANCE**

Jay Dorrance has been a very active member of our organization. He was President in 2000 and Ex-officio in 2001. He also served as Chair of the Program Committee in 1999, 2000 and 2001, and was Arrangements Chair in 2000, 2001, and 2007 through 2011.

When he retired in 1986, Jay was working in the Administration and Procurement – Electrical Design. At that time the big project was Plant Vogtle. Other than that, he worked on all their major projects.

He is also a retired Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church. He and Martha at the present time are members of the Riverchase Presbyterian Church. They deliver Meals on Wheels out of the Heardmont Senior Center.

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Shelby County Economic & Industrial Development Authority and before that he was Chairman of the Shelby County Industrial Development Board and served two terms as Chairman of the Shelby County Board of Equalization Rights.

Jay also taught one class of general math and two classes of Algebra at Kingwood Christian High School. He taught a Safe Driving course for AARP and UAB. After teaching school he worked two years for Moore-Handley Planning Department and five years for Process Equipment, both located in Pelham, Al.

In 1997 he served a term in the Alabama Silver-Haired Legislature. This senior citizens group meets in Montgomery and after the Bills were passed they were forwarded to the regular Alabama Legislature for their consideration.

Jay and Martha traveled to many places in the USA, including the Gulf Coast, Grand Canyon,

Niagara Falls, Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Boston, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and Alaska. They took a trip up through Michigan to the Canadian border then back down through Wisconsin and St. Louis. Yes, they did stay in the Grande Hotel on Mackinaw Island, Michigan.

Jay and Martha will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary September 4. They have four children and they all live in Alabama. They have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

**SOUTHERN COMPANY SERVICES AND**

**SOUTHERN NUCLEAR RETIREES**

**SPRING LUNCHEON**

*MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014*

**TO BE HELD AT THE PELHAM CIVIC  
COMPLEX**

**600 Amphitheater Road, Pelham,  
Alabama**

**SCHEDULE**

**10:30 a.m. - Check-in of Retirees,  
spouse and/or guest and Social Time**

**11:00 a.m. - SCS/SNC Retirees Board  
Meeting**

**12 Noon - A plated meal will be served**

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## A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

### Our Merry Oldsmobile

Well, it wasn't exactly an Oldsmobile. It was a Model T Ford and the stories my dad and sister told about that car circulated throughout my life until they passed on. I'm sure they're telling the same stories "up there" as they "did "down here." And now it is not only my turn to tell them, to keep them alive, I feel it is my duty.

The story that stands out most clearly concerns corn dumplings. Corn dumplings? You ask. Yes, corn dumplings. It seems that every time my mother cooked corn dumplings (dumplings made with corn meal instead of flour) and chicken, something happened to some one in the Model T.

Mother was cooking them for our supper one morning when my older sister, then in third grade, was asked by my father to sit behind the wheel and work the choke while he cranked. This was our routine; she had done this many times before. She choked, he cranked and when the engine turned over, he would jump in the car and do whatever was needed to get the car going to take her to school.

"I always put a block under the left front wheel," he said, "but on this particular morning when the engine started, the car jumped the block and started off down the road., but then turned right to cross the croquet court and head for the woods." There was also an old abandoned swimming pool in a small clearing empty of water and dotted with the rotting stumps of cut trees.

Daddy chased the car screaming instructions to my sister who still sat beneath the wheel, but daddy said she soon opened the door and jumped out, my middle sister had climbed out onto the running board trying to get up the courage to jump, and I (about two years old) sat in the back seat laughing and clapping my hands, having a grand time according to my running-board sister. Daddy said the car was about fifty feet from the empty pool ready to fall in, which probably would have killed Margaret and I [sic] unless she had gotten the nerve to jump. Daddy said the car hit a stump, but up until then had dodged every tree. The car swerved around and it killed the motor. Just like the Keystone Cops,

he said. Just like in the movies, he said. Everyone laughed except Mama.

The next time Mama made corn dumplings she was riding in the car with my aunt and Margaret in their Packard, which was my uncle's favorite brand of car. Always, black Packards. My mother didn't notice my sister playing with the door handle because, she said, she was instructing my uncle not to drive so fast (forty miles an hour).

They were going down a hill in heavy traffic when *swoosh* out the door fell three-year-old Margaret. She was eating an ice cream cone and wasn't hurt at all, but crying, not from fear or injury, but because she lost the strawberry ice cream out of the cone. She said that she remembered how important she felt to have stopped traffic.

The next time (the third time) Mama cooked corm dumplings I had been brought home from school by the lady who picked us up each day because Mama didn't want us to ride the school bus. "They're not safe," she said.

I came from behind the car parked across the road from our house and saw my beautiful, dear, beloved mother on her knees in the kitchen garden picking turnip greens for supper.

It was a bright winter day, I remember, because I wore a little gray coat which I really loved. But when Mama saw me coming, she stood up and waved the boiler to me. I can still see those turnip greens falling like green rain around her red hair. I ran to get to her and that's all I remember. A car hit me. When I opened my eyes I saw the red and blue and yellow stripes of my mother's apron and felt her arms around me. And then I remember the man who hit me putting me into his car and Margaret saying she wanted to come, too, and I [sic] telling her not to cry, it was a dream and we would wake up soon.

Mama never cooked corn dumplings again, nor would she teach my sisters Mary and Margaret how to make them. I understood completely. I'm glad she didn't. She got the message wherever it came from. The message in corn? I don't know, but I'll never believe all that was coincidence.

Then there was the time Mama and Mary (oldest sister) were riding somewhere with Daddy in the

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Model T. Mary was about nine months old and, of course, Mama had her on her lap. Daddy was going down a fairly long hill on a dirt road when he lost his brakes, which I understand was a common occurrence in Model Ts. Again, under instruction from Mama, she told him if he didn't stop the car immediately she would jump out.

"Don't jump," he shouted, "we'll just coast to the bottom and the car will stop on its own and I can get out and fix the brakes."

Mama said she would not take that advice, and then she jumped. The car really did coast finally to a stop and Daddy said when he got to them, Mama was stretched flat out and moaning. Mary was sitting there playing with the gravel. Mary was fine, not hurt at all, but Mama had to spend about a week in bed all bruised and a sprained ankle. Funny. We never talked about it, but Mama hadn't cooked corn dumplings that day, or maybe she cooked them four times and I thought that it was only three.

I have many more car stories, but this [is the] last one. A modern-day one.

We were living in Columbus, Georgia. Clarke had taken a Managing editor's job with the *Enquirer* for a year before we came back to Birmingham for him to work for the Birmingham *News*. We were on our way to Jessup, Georgia for a long weekend and a tire blew out. The right front, as I remember it, and Clarke said that was a good tire

to blow because when you had a blowout [on] the right side you would pull off the road rather than into oncoming traffic. That was a good tip to have for future use, I thought. Keep your best tires on the left side of the car. Clarke knew things like that.

Our daughter, Carole, was in second grade and still had on her Brownie uniform from school. It was drizzling rain, and Clarke jacked up the car and the grass was wet.

Stand back, Annie," he said sternly. "The car might slip off the jack because the tire is wet and you could get hurt." He was solicitous that way.

I got back in the car and then through the windshield saw Carole kneeling in the headlights, her head raised toward heaven, hands clasped in prayerful attitude, eyes closed. And I thought I didn't know she was so afraid of these blowouts. She had never said a word, never expressed her fear. I went to bring her into the car and comfort her. And I vowed Clarke and I would make sure the car was in good shape before we started a trip in the future. Hmm...I thought. Blowouts don't have to be routine. What a revelation.

As I said, I have more stories, but I'll save them for another time. Or maybe just for me to remember.

— Anne Nall Stallworth  
Senior Living, April 2013

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