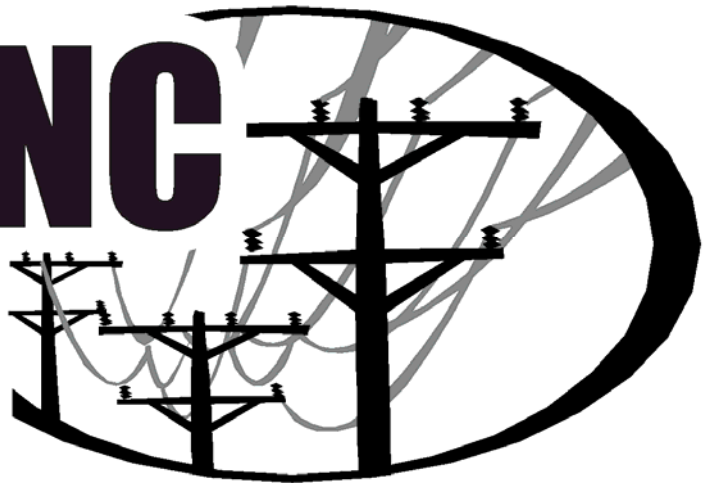


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PREZ SEZ

Our July 14 meeting presentation by **Brian Whitley, Regulatory Affairs Director at Southern Nuclear**, was very informative. His comments and update on the construction at Vogtle Units 3 and 4 were well received by so many of us who have a vital interest in the continuing success of Southern Nuclear and the Southern Company.

Whether we like it or not, SCS/SNC Retirees must accept that we are now in the age of electronic communications where a great deal of our information will come to us through the e-mails and websites. We are fortunate to have **Cary Campbell** providing and maintaining our website at www.scsretirees.com so we can access the latest news, including Member Care information. I encourage you to use this resource for information about our organization and its activities.

The **Nominating Committee**, Chaired by **Gray Murray**, will be reviewing our membership in the next few weeks for potential officers, Board Members, committee members, etc. for next year. When I look at our membership list, I see retirees who contributed to the success of our respective companies. SCS/SNC Retirees needs your help to not only carry us into the next year, but to ensure the organization stays viable.

Please join us on **September 8, 2014, Room 130 Building 42 at SCS Inverness at 1:00 PM** for our next meeting. Our featured guest speaker will be **George Marling, Benefits at Southern Company Services**. This is a great opportunity to get an update and ask any questions you may have on insurance issues, particularly as it relates to the latest laws and regulations.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our September 8 meeting for fellowship with friends and coworkers, and to hear an update on benefits. Hope everyone has had a great summer.

— H. Ray Bailey

SPOTLIGHTING OUR FOUNDERS SAM BOWMAN

Past Spotlight features have been written and edited from notes provided by the honoree. This time our honoree provided a first-person narrative that is so well written We decided to print it just as received.

Dora and Dan

I graduated from high school in May 1949 and enlisted in the U. S. Navy on June 1st. After my discharge from the navy I moved to South Bend, Indiana. After a year and a half attending college and working at a steel fabricating shop as a machine operator, welder and lay-out man, I took a trip back to Mississippi, where I renewed a relationship with a young lady I had first met in third grade. She had grown up to be a popular beauty queen. Somehow I

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convinced her to marry me, leave her family, and go 800 miles north.

This was in the early 50's, so that was another world for her. As we settled into a small apartment, she went about becoming a wonderful wife. I recall our first visit to the local grocery store. A female employee asked if she could help us. Pat answered in her best southern english - "where do y'all keep your okra?" The lady called to her co-worker, "Hey Vern, come here. Lady, would you repeat that (LAUGHING)?" Pat's response was, well, you don't want to know. We traded there for a long while, having no more trouble being understood.

In 1955 I was employed at the U. S. Rubber Co. as a designer; designing drives for conveyors, extruders and other plant equipment. Unbeknownst to me, this was preparing me for my future career at SCS.

While there, I made the company's fast pitch softball team. It was fun. I had played sports in high school and had missed it for several years.

Memorial Day weekend 1956, we visited our folks in Mississippi. My mother-in-law insisted that we re-locate closer to home. I interviewed with Mr. Adolph Mergenthaler at Southern Services, Inc. Two weeks later I received a written confirmation for a job offer. I started my career there on September 24, 1956. I worked under several great project engineers, designing fossil-fired power plants (electrical plant layout), and retro-fitting older plants, balanced draft conversions, etc.

I enjoyed my work and some extracurricular activities I was blessed to participate in. I coached little league football and baseball, and also enjoyed playing church league softball and basketball. At age forty-five, my friend Joe Spears convinced me that I should play golf. He taught me the basics, and off I went. After about a month, I broke ninety, and had decided that golf was a piece of cake. I play until this day, and I'm still trying to consistently break ninety!

In 1979, I transferred to Cost Engineering. In 1981 I transferred to Nuclear Support, Plant Hatch. I was supervisor of Electrical Design, Drafting, and Technical Services. I, along with 136 fellow employees retired August 31, 1986.

Pat and I were blessed with three children: Pam, Eddie and Diana. We have three grandchildren: Marijke, Madesta and Stephen. We also have three great-grandchildren: Devin, JazLynn, and Kaleigh.

I really appreciate the pioneers who started SCS/SNC, the retirees, along with those who have kept it going through the years. It is such a blessing to be able to fellowship with many of the people we spent a great part of our lives with. It's also good to listen to those who have leadership positions in our company today. We love our company and feel that its future will be even better than its past.

BIRTHDAYS

July

1-Glen W. Barr & Janak Doshi; 2-Lyn Brown & Sonia Garnem; 3-Elliene Jackson; 4-Brenda Akridge, Mohinder Ghuman & Carolyn Muglach; 5-Ann Garrett & Billie D. Williams; 6-Dorothy Bailey & Debbie Evans 8-Ella Burr, Jeanne Plaxco, Lucianne Pugh & Eulala Woodall; 9-Lee Haubein; 11-Darrell L. Moore; 12-Ralph Phillips; 13-Larry Posey; 14-Sandra McCoy, Sherry Runyans & George Russell, Jr.; 15-Chris Anderson & Peggy Brashier; 16-William E. Boyd, Jr.; 18-Jack Faulkner & Virgil Wilkerson; 20-Daniel Wise; 21-Dennis Runyans & Rosemary Wright; 22-Jo Ann Stallings; 24-Sandra Morgan & David Searcy; 27-Carter Leonard; 28-Kerry Adams, Wayne J, Gambel & Bill Hinton; 30-Betty Davidson, John Garlington & Mary Koski; 31-Mary Ann Glover & Susan Lefoy

August

1-Anne Baldwin, John E. Morris, Ruth Shepherd & Margaret Xanders; 2-Hubert Pair & Mona Gail Rollins; 3-Jim Coleman & Ronald Mitchell; 4-Willard Payne & Vincent E. Polito; 5-Gary Hollis, Nancy Hunt & Angela Pappas; 6-Robert Beason & Barbara Colby; 7-Gwen Garrett; 8-Donald East; 10-Deborah Bush, 0 Jim Gordy & Jean Horton; 12-Jim Rooker & Allen N. White; 13-Fouzia Ahmed, Alice Lawrence, Arthur Lawrence, Phyllis Lawrence, Nancy Mooney & Barbara Murphy; 14-Ed Muglach 16-Margaret Carter & Mary Love Dearman; 17-

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John Naramore & William Reed; 19-Nancy Moore & John Schmith; 20-Peggy Case, Linda J. Hill & Don Welliver; 21-Janet Nebrig; 22-Gina Kitchens & Geoff Huddleston; 25-Lee Rayburn; 26-Lamar Sumerlin; 27-Jay Dorrance, Anne Fucich, Barbara C. Goodwin & James Jarrell; 29-Jerrilyn Harrison, Barbara Maluff, Charles David Pugh & Ty Robin, Jr.; 30-Jerry N. Patrick; 31-Charles Bidy & Fran Goforth

Murray; 22-Ernestine Craig & Beth Heerten; 23-Louis Heerten Jr. & Hal Miner; 24-Don Burdeshaw; 25-Raymond Garnem; 26-Bill Edmundson Mindy Long & Ivette Williams; 27-at Cofield & John J. Mitchell; 29-Robert Dale Galbraith; 30-Stan Riley
— Dora Brandt

OBITUARIES

September

1-Ruth Campbell; 2-Yvonne Colvin; 3-Linda Chastain; 4-Carol Newton & Roy R. Robson, Jr.; 6-Larry Weaver; 7-John L. Gwin & Lawrence Kilgore; 8-Alfred Mikell, Jeane Rayburn, Mary Ross Searcy & Karen Viruleg; 9-Rebecca Farris & Rodney Miller; 10-Wayne Carr & Gisela Hancock; 11-Jan Fridrichsen, Gene Kachelhofer & Bill Ponder; 12-Virginia Bidy, Fred Ehrensperger, John Hall & Rick Kaster; 13-Donald Clevenger, Steve Dickson, Betsy Kopecky, Grady Luster, Brahma Sani & Carol Yeager; 15-Linda Bryant; 16-Joseph Colvin; 17-Juanita Leonard & Sarah Tackett; 18-Byron Rex Yance; 19-Carolyn Garner; John Schmith & Dewey Yeager; 20-Jim Lofe; 21-Richard C. Forrester, Jr.; 22-Jamie Anderson; 23-Mrs. Farook Chandiwala; 24-Mary Varagona; 25-Bryan Baldwin, Jerry E. Hatfield & Michael Mizerany; 26-Liz Winter; 27-Robert Oedamer; 28-Ralph L. Jarvis, Percy Mohon & Bill Thurman; 29-Mark Orr & Gerald Prince; 30-Martha Dorrance, Jerry Hall & Jerry Vandegrift

October

1-Rosemary Green, Bill Hanks, Jr. & Sandy Watkins; 2-Mary Alice Thurman; 4-Bennie R. Williams; 5-Ajit K. Bhuman; 6-Glenda Beason & William T. Owen, Jr.; 7-Carole Allen, Eldridge Cook & Mary Weaver; 8-Pa; ul P. Harlos; 9-Luverne Blackwood & Terry Howell; 10-Dean Vandegrift; 12-Shirley Shipman & William L. Snider, Jr.; 13-Gayle Price; 14-Brenda Hall; 15-William E. Burns & Ann Huddleston; 18-Billie Ewing, Nettie Hartin & James Ludwig; 19-Bonnie Russell; 20-Rhonda Cook, Glenn Evans, Sr. & Stephen D. Price; 21-Robert E. Elliott & Dianne

Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy to Retiree Barbara Aldred and her family in the death of Barbara's husband Don Aldred, 58, of Hoover, Alabama, who died on Monday, June 9, 2014 after a long courageous battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. A Celebration of Life service was held for Mr. Aldred on Thursday, June 12 at the Riverchase UMC with Rev. Dr. Jim Savage, senior minister officiating.

In Memoriam

James Frank Rutherford, 73, of Pell City, Alabama, died Thursday, June 19, 2014. He retired from SCS July 1, 1996 as a Mechanical Design Engineer with 30 years service. Frank is survived by his wife Shirley and a daughter. Funeral services were held for Mr. Rutherford on Monday, June 30 at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home in Trussville, Alabama.

Ralph Tribble, Jr., 95, of Leeds, Alabama, died Tuesday, August 5, 2014. He retired from Southern Company Services Hatch Nuclear Plant Support on February 1, 1989. He served in the U.S. Force during WWII and Korea and was proud to be remembered as a Pearl Harbor survivor. Ralph was preceded in death by his two wives Faye and Jimmie. He is survived a son Mike, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Chapel services were held for Mr. Tribble at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home in Trussville, Alabama, on Saturday, August 9.

— Jay Dorrance

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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT



The 1960's musical revue runs chronologically from beehive hairdos and miniskirts to freeflowing hair and hippie fashion. The music shifts dramatically as well, from early girl groups like the Chiffons, the Shirelles, the Supremes to the solo work of Janis Joplin, Tina Turner and Aretha Franklin.

The fast paced show will feature more than 40 great tunes including "Respect", "Downtown", "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow", "Where Did Our Love Go", "It's My Party", "Proud Mary", and many more memorable hits tied together with bits of information about each era.

Join the SCS/SNC Retirees for fellowship on Sunday September 21st

**Luncheon at Vestavia Country Club 12:30 - 2:00
VST Theater performance 2:30 PM**

**Luncheon and theater tickets \$50 PP
(limited seating)**

**Reservation checks payable to SCS Retirees by
Sept 7th and mailed to:
Joe Leamon
404 Yorkshire Drive
Homewood, AL 35209**

Call 913-3412 for questions

JULY MEETING REPORT

Glenda James reports that 33 members and guests attended this regularly scheduled meeting.

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. *From My experience you may have to repeat entering *0# a few times before you are connected to a live representative.--DW*

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

POINT TO PONDER

S. I. Hayakawa, on the great task that effective communication performs:

It enables us to feel how others felt even if they lived thousands of miles away and centuries ago. It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish.

— *Language of Thought and Action*,
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich

The sky is the daily bread of the eyes.

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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We did not receive a report from Patsy Evans for this issue. We have to assume that all is well for the moment.—DW

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

Speaking of Communication

The Minnesota Twins 1980 program explains the game of baseball:

Each man that's on the side that's in goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.

When three men are out the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in out.

Sometimes you can get men still in and not out.

When both sides have been and out nine times, including the not outs, that's the end of the game.

— Carl Anderson

Henning, Minnesota *Advocate*

Old Fashioned Playtime

I was observing little children at play the other day and noticed the coloring books they were using to color in. The pages contained large simple black drawings of objects that children see in everyday life: flowers; animals; sun, moon and stars; and even Bible characters.

This brought back memories of my childhood playtime. Most Sunday afternoons, if the sun was shining brightly, you would find me standing, holding up the Sunday funny paper cartoons to the windowpane. In one hand I had a plain piece of paper on top of the funny paper. This was how I traced a cartoon character onto my my paper with my pencil.

After making some mistakes, I was satisfied with my tracings and began to look for my crayons to color in the cartoon characters on my paper. After a while I had collections of various cartoon characters.

Another fun thing to do was a night time activity involving a light and hand shadows. First my parent

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would make the room dark and then turn on a single table lamp. Then they began to hold their hand and fingers in such a way that the shadows on the wall made funny characters. This made me laugh. The bunny rabbit shadow was my favorite.

My grandmother had a fun time with me when she took just ordinary twine, and with both hands made different objects using the twine as she thatthreaded through her knobby fingers. Two I recall were called “A Cat in the Cradle” and “Jacob’s Ladder.”

— Jean Butterworth
Senior Living. February 2012

Message in a Bottle

Bottles come in many shapes and sizes just like people.

Some people, like bottles are transparent, and you can see light through them.

Others are opaque and you never quite know what’s going on inside. Some bottles (and people)

are made of glass and are highly breakable while others are made of plastic and can absorb severe blows and come out unscathed. My bottles come free with my groceries. They require some cleaning after I use up the contents, but most are quite ready to be recycled using some “goo” label remover and detergent with a bottle brush to clean it thoroughly. Sometimes a trip through the dishwasher is all it takes. I shop with bottle shapes in mind. If I find two similar products I always buy the one with the most interesting bottle shape. These recycled bottles are perfect for holding flowers from my yard. My favorite flower is the zinnia because they are so easy to grow and a lot like people and bottles, they are all so amazingly different.

Some of the best small bottles originally hold olive oil, fancy vinegar, syrup, or even individual wine, juice or yogurt drinks. Save a few, and you will always have a thoughtful gift on hand.

Whatever your message it, it always brings a smile.

— Senior Living, June 2012

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MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, September 8, 2014

Where: Inverness 42, Room 130

Board meeting: 11 a.m.

Dutch Lunch: 12:00 noon

General Meeting: 1 p.m.