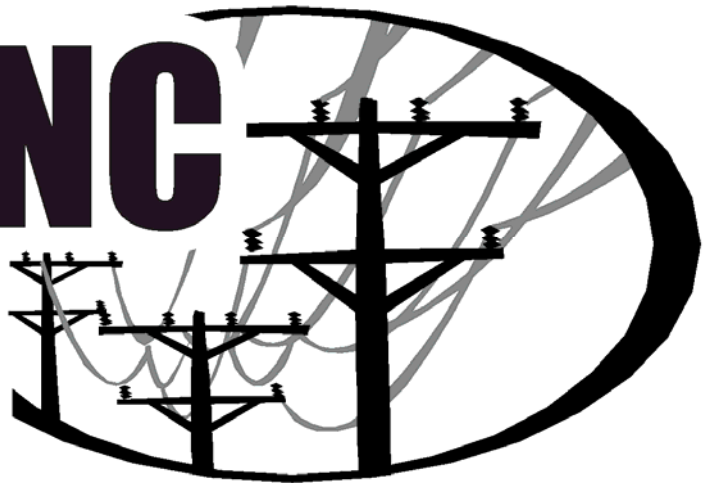


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PREZ SEZ

As we leave a wonderful summer behind and move into fall, we have some very important dates on the calendar for SCS/SNC Retirees. This year is speeding by when I realize our next meeting is scheduled for **12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the Vestavia Country Club Ballroom A in Vestavia Hills, Alabama.**

This fall meeting is always a very special meeting for our retiree group. **Gray Murray, Nominating Committee Chairman**, will present the new slate of officers for the upcoming year. **Jackie Imbusch and the Program Committee** have arranged entertainment from **Surprise Package Quartet**, bringing us a variety of popular songs. The luncheon meals served by Vestavia CC have been outstanding in our prior meetings there and I believe the menu planned by **Glenda James, Arrangement Chairperson**, may be our best yet. Please mark your calendar.

Another very important date for all of us in SCS/SNC Retirees, the State, and the country is **November 2, 2014**. I trust all of you will take an active role in voting and encouraging and helping others to do so. I doubt that any one group will have more at stake in this election than seniors and retirees. Healthcare, taxation, and pensions are only

a few of the important issues that will impact us not only as individuals but for our country's future. Leadership at all levels hinges on our voting to select appropriate people to fill positions supporting seniors and retirees.

Speaking of healthcare, our last SCS/SNC Retirees meeting featured representatives from **SCS Human Resources**. They addressed several questions about our existing company-provided supplemental health coverage. We are grateful for their information and the candid comments about the uncertain issues of future coverage and costs.

I invite you to visit our website at **www.scsretirees.com** to keep abreast of the latest news within our SCS/SNC Retirees organization. **Cary Campbell** keeps us informed on member care, Southern Nuclear news releases, and many other items in this excellent website.

So join us at **11:00 AM, on November 19, 2014, in Ballroom A, Vestavia Country Club** for our fall meeting. There is time set aside for **sign in and socializing beginning at 11:00 AM**. Please join us!

— H. Ray Bailey

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

Glenda James reports that attendance at the March general membership meeting was 63.

It's not the voting that's democracy; it's the counting.

— Tom Stoppard

Want to keep up with what's happening? Got a computer? Visit the SCS Retiree Website.

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

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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

Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET

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

On a beautiful October day, my husband and I were taking a drive through the Georgia mountains. When traffic slowed to a snail's pace, we assumed there was road construction or an accident ahead.

My husband reached for the CB radio and asked, "Can anyone tell me when traffic returns to normal?"

Came the reply: "When the leaves are gone."

— Janette F. Ford, Smyrna, Georgia
Reader's Digest, October 1993

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BIRTHDAYS

November

2-Guohai Liu; 5-H. Neal Allen & James C. Thompson, Jr.; 7-Nan Altizer, Betty Ponder & Linda Sanders; 8-Robert Pugh & Edwin L. Vernon; 9-Ronnie Green; 10-Dennis Kendrick & Mary Jane Maple; 11-Charles Hickman 12-Angie Campisi, Robert Fucich & Thomas Sanford; 14-Dora Brandt 15-Renee Gwin, David H. Lollar, Jr., Michael Earl Perry & Jim Redwine; 16-Bruce Hunt & Dilip Ray; 17-Michael D. Moore; 18-Sherry Baldone, Theresa Burns & Beverly A. Lisenby; 19-Billy Walker & Margaret Williams; 20-John Ives; 21-Mike Altizer; 22-Robert Michael Akridge & Sharon Stephens; 23-Kathy L. Ham, Christopher M. Hobson, James Shivers & John M. Wheless; 25-Michael Belford & Martha Gail Pugh; 26-Belinda Nucholls & David A. Williams; 28-Donald C. Beck, Tom Greene & Dot Legg; 29-James O'Brien & Charlsie Smith; 30-Peggy Kline & Sondra Smaha

December

1-Philip M. Amison, Amal Barroody & John Edmundson; 2-Jo Ellen Ives; 3-Paula Blevins-Russell & Evelyn Mansfield; 4-Treasia Ann Bennett, Gail Kendrick & Lou Payne; 6-James Berry; 7-Micah K. Avant; 8-Ernest S. Bailey & William A. Hough; 9-David R. Andrews, Linda Henry & Phillis Kirk; 11-Mrs. W. Porteous, Jr.; 13-Lynward Earl Blair, Jerry Sappington & Jackie Walton; 14-Marvin L. Dent, Jr.; 17-John Sechrist; 18-James Bailey, Glenda Massengale & James Shepard; 19-Patsy Evans & Henri J. Seefeld; 20-Geoffrey Charles Bull, Dan L. Lane, Pat Moore, Jane Rooker & Stephen Wells; 22-Joan Brooks, Wayne Bush, Lee Niemzak & Doug Shelton; 23-Richard Chastain & Malcolm Garner; 25-Tallulah DeMarco & William R. May; 26-Betty Headley Latta, Mary Dean Shelton & Jack Townsend; 27-Jerry Fields, Edward Price & Mary Willis; 28-Deborah Hostetter, Krishna Ray & Katherine Sechrist; 29-Ronald Campbell & John Plaxco; 30-Lucille Belford, Sandi Boylan, William Lambert, Jr. & James Maughn, Jr.; 31-Buddy Coggin, Jack Jones, 31-Billy Latta & Dave Lisenby

In Memoriam

Clarence Albert Brasher, 90, of Homewood, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 25, 2014. He retired after a career with NASA's Manned Space Flight program in Huntsville before coming to Southern Company Services from which he also retired. Al is preceded in death by his first wife of 52 years, Thelma, his second wife of 10 years, Pauline, and a son, David. He is survived by 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren plus a host of other family members. A visitation was held for Mr. Brasher at Ridout's Gardendale Chapel on Monday, September 29 with a funeral service that followed in Oakwood Memorial Gardens Mausoleum Chapel in Gardendale, Alabama.

Condolences

We extend our sincere sympathy to SCS Retiree **Bob Hart** and his family in the death of Bob's wife of 67 years, Corinne, 89, of Vestavia Hills who passed away Friday, August 22, 2014, surrounded by her loving family. The Hart family received friends at Elmwood Chapel on Monday, August 25, followed by a funeral service and burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama.

— Jay Dorrance

**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.

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(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...

TONY NIEMZAK

When Tony retired from SCS in 1986 he was working in the Computer Section of Civil Engineering. He has been an active member of our organization since retirement and was a Director in 1997 and 1998 and also served on the Arrangements committee in 1998.

The following are the highlights of his career in his own words:

As an “Ole timer” I was asked to write my experience, especially, my thirty-odd years with SCS. I will write this as I presently remember.

In 1951 I graduated from the University of Alabama in civil engineering. My first job was with TVA in Knoxville, Tenn. where I worked for about five years. This job taught me the basics of making, checking and designing in concrete and steel.

My first two children were born in Knoxville. At that time, I developed a liking for the outdoors since we were close to the Smoky Mountains, and I started camping with the family. Through the years our family made many camping trips throughout the United States. While we have traveled abroad, our traveling has mostly been based in the USA and Canada.

In 1955 I applied for a job with SCS and I was accepted and placed in the Civil Engineering Department. Our third child was born in Birmingham. After working at SCS for a few years I read an article in the paper about computer applications in engineering. I was interested and took a course at night at UAB and learned the Fortran (formula translation) language that was used to instruct computers what to do.

The process for running a program was quite different in 1970 as compared to today. As time went on, design engineering at SCS wanted access to programs that private engineering companies were offering. Management did permit a few programs to be obtained. When nuclear work started, outside programs were used. Later management decided that we should use computer-aided drafting. There are many advantages to this decision. The goal was to draw a line one time and other disciplines would use it as needed. When other sections placed their input on the existing drawing, interference could be detected.

My time now is spent on “honey do” jobs, gardening, travel and writing the final chapter. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience, and I’m glad to have been a part of it.

SCS/SNC RETIREES ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON VESTAVIA HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

11:00 a.m. – Sign in / Social Hour

**11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Noon — Seated Luncheon

**12:40 p.m. — Program:
“The Surprise Package Quartet”
1:15 p.m. Business Meeting / Election
and Installation of 2015 Officers
Door Prizes and Adjournment**

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A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

A Spooky Tale

*I know you will probably be reading this newsletter after Halloween is past, but I thought a bit of “ghostliness” might still hit the spot. And speaking of spots, if you are ever in Chicago, you might want to visit **The Red Lion Pub**.*

When John Cordwell opened this English pub in Chicago, he decided it would be a good opportunity to do something in memory of his father. The senior John Cordwell never had a headstone on his grave back in their homeland of England. John had installed a stained glass window over the landing, halfway up to the second floor of the pub. Beneath it he placed a brass plaque honoring his father. He felt that the elder Cordwell would be pleased with the gesture. The numerous spirits of the Red Lion Pub took it as an invitation to come out and play. They’ve been there ever since.

John has had many experiences with the spirits. He’s felt taps on his shoulder and heard someone speaking to him as clearly as any human voice. When he’s turned, no one is ever there. If he’s imagining things, then so are plenty of his customers and employees who have experienced the same things.

Not long after John bought the building in 1964, he had the second floor converted from living space to restaurant space. On slow days the upstairs would be closed, yet people on the first floor could hear footsteps overhead. Employees would go up to find out who was there, but no one ever was.

One evening near closing time, the bartender closed the upstairs and came back down. Two police officers had dropped in for coffee and another bartender was working. No one else was in the building. All four jumped when they heard a crash upstairs that sounded as if a window had been broken. The officers unholstered their guns and proceeded upstairs. What they found was one barstool upside down. Everything else was in perfect order and no one was around. The women’s restroom upstairs seems to have a great deal of

ghostly activity. There have been reports of screaming coming from inside. One evening an off-duty police officer was in the bar and heard the screaming. He tried to open the door, but even though it had no lock, it wouldn’t budge. The officer finally kicked the door in, only to find the bathroom empty. There are also reports of women stuck in the bathroom. One waitress worked on the door for 15 minutes, unable to get out, when suddenly the door opened by itself.

John Cordwell’s father may be one of the ghosts who make the Red Lion Pub their home, but others have been around a long time. The previous owner used to invite other business owners in the area to come over and meet his invisible friends. A carpenter who lived on the second floor fifteen or twenty years earlier tried renovating the place. He would lock his tools behind the upstairs door whenever he left, but when he came back the padlocks were opened and the day’s work was undone. Nails were pulled from boards and dropped on the floor. No one was ever around.

The building dates from 1882 and has had quite a checkered past. The ghosts may come from any one of the building’s incarnations—bookie joint, a western saloon, apartments or a day care facility. Whoever they are, they don’t seem to mean any harm and they sure make for an interesting evening.

The pub is located at 2446 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. They are open from noon until 1:00 a.m. daily. To get there, take I-94 to Fullerton. Exit and head east on Fullerton to Lincoln. Then west on Lincoln 1 ½ miles to the Red Lion Pub. You might want to call ahead though, just in case they happen to be closed for some reason. The phone number is (773) 348-2695.

— Ellen Robson and Dianne Freeman
*Haunted Highway: The Spirit
Of Route 66,*
American Traveler Press, 1999

Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better.
— Sidney J. Harris

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Message in a Bottle

Bottles come in many shapes and sizes just like people.

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

Others are opaque and you never quite know what's going on inside. Some bottles (and people) are made of glass and highly breakable. While others are made of plastic and can absorb severe blows and come up 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 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.

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REMEMBER

**Wednesday
November 19, 2014**

Make your reservation today!

Some of the best small bottles originally hold olive oil, fancy vinegar, juice or yogurt drinks. Save a few, and you will always have a thoughtful gift on hand. Whatever your message is, it always brings a smile.

— Author unknown
Senior Living, June 2012

A Little Bit of Humor(?)

The pun is considered the lowest form of humor. According to Bennet Cerf, a really good pun should be met with a groan rather than laughter, or maybe a small groan followed by a polite chuckle. So here are a couple of puns. Groan all you want to.

Rabbit is a favorite dish in Paris. They raise them in the hutch back of Notre Dame.

It is a little-known fact that many lighthouse keepers raise hens. Apparently they like to have eggs with their beacon.