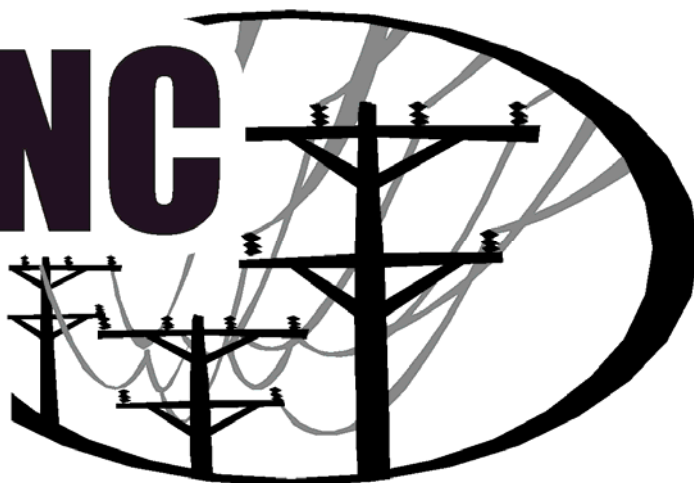


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know this is a topic we are all very interest in, so make plans to attend.

— Al Nebrig

PREZ SEZ

I hope everyone enjoyed our program in July. The reports I received on the program were very favorable. I am sorry I missed it, but a family emergency kept me from attending. My son and grandson who were involved in an electrocution and near drowning accident have recovered and are doing well. I would like to thank John McCoy and Gray Murray for stepping in and helping me out with very little advance warning.

I would like to thank our friends at Southern Nuclear for recently agreeing to provide financial support for our November Holiday Luncheon. We appreciate Southern Nuclear and Southern Company Services support to help make our retiree group possible.

We are starting our recruitment of officers for 2016. Anyone who would like to get more involved in the retiree group is encouraged to contact John Edmundson at 205-919-0065 or jtedmundson@bellsouth.net.

There are a lot of committees that could use your help.

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14 where we will hear from Stacy Kilcoyne of the SCS benefits department concerning any changes they are anticipating to our retiree health coverage. I

SPOTLIGHTING OUR FOUNDERS

The Spotlight is is on vacation for this issue. Look for it again in future issues.

BIRTHDAYS

September

2-Yvonne Colvin & Keith Tenney; 3-Linda Chastain; 4-Carol Newton; 6-Larry Weaver; 7-John L. Gwin; 8-Jeane Rayburn; 9-Rebecca Farris; 10-Wayne Carr; 11-Gene Kachelhofer, Bob Patrick & Bill Ponder; 12-Virginia Bidby, Fred Ehrensperger, John Hall, Rick Kaster & Nancy L. Wilson; 13-Donald Clevenger, Steve Dickson, Jean Franks, Grady Luster, Dorothy Price & Carol Yeager; 14-Fred Justice; 16-Joseph Colvin; 17-Juanita Leonard & Sarah Tackett; 18-Byron Rex Yance; 19-Janice S. Martin, John Schmith & Dewey Yeager; 20-Jim Lofe; 22-Jamie Anderson; 24-Mary Varagona; 25-Bryan Baldwin; 26-James Wilson, Jr. & Liz Winter; 27-Robert Oedamer; 28- Percy Mohon, Bill Thurman & James O. Welch; 29-Garry H. Moore, Mark Orr & Gerald Prince; 30-Martha Dorrance, Jerry Hall & Jerry Vandegrift

October

1-Rosemary Green, Bill Hanks, Jr. & Sandy Watkins; 2-Tricia Logan & Mary Alice Thurman;

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

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4-Bennie R. Williams 5-Ajit K. Ghuman & Gerald Grainger; 7-Eldridge Cook & Mary Weaver; 9-Luverne Blackwood & Don Franks; 10-Dean Vandegrift; 11-Patty Vanlandingham; 14-Brenda Hall & Rhonda Talmadge; 15-Ann Huddleston & David Moman; 16 Robert Dunn, Judy Grainger, Frank Studinka & Ivette Williams; 18-Billie Ewing, Nettie Hartin & James Ludwig; 19-Bonnie Russell; 20-Rhonda Cook, Glenn Evans, Sr. & Wallis Harrison; 21-Robert E. Elliott & Dianne Murray; 22-Ernestine Craig & Jane Salter; 23-Hal Miner; 24-Don Burdeshaw & Nell Smith; 25-Raymond Garnem; 26-Bill Edmundson, Mindy Long & Ken Turnage; 27-Pat Cofield, James R. Cornelison, Grace Miller Prigmore & John J. Mitchell; 29-Larry C. Dawkins; 30-Jeanne H. Otts & Stan Riley
— Dora Brandt

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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

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Nominating	OPEN
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OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

Donna T. Ellison, 67, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2015. She was the SCS telephone switchboard operator for many years and retired from the Southern Company in 1997. Donna is survived by David, her husband for 45 years, and a daughter.

A visitation for Mrs. Ellison was held on Tuesday evening, July 14 at the Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home with a graveside service the following day at the Jefferson Memorial Gardens East in Trussville, Alabama.

Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is extended to former SCS employee **Villeta Williams Layton** and her family in the death of Villeta's husband Douglas William Layton, 81, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, who passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 after a valiant two and a half year battle with cancer. Doug was for nearly 30 years, the color analyst along with play-by-play announcer John Forney with him in the broadcast booth and Jerry Duncan on the playing field, the radio voice of the University of Alabama football team. He also did a morning drive time radio show with Birmingham radio legend Tommy Charles as well as other radio spots for which he will be remembered. Doug was the oldest of six siblings and is survived by three of them, his wife, his son, daughter, granddaughter and a great grandson.

A celebration service of Mr. Layton's life was held on Monday morning, July 20th at the Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church followed by a time of visitation with friends and family in the church sanctuary after the service.

JULY MEETING REPORT

Faye Patterson reports that 39 members and guests were present at the March 16 meeting.

Once again, Patsy Evans reports that she has had no reports of illness or other problems from any of the membership. Nor has she received any reports of occasions that cause smiles or cheers.

If you have news concerning yourself or another member of your family that you believe would be of interest to other members, be sure to pass it along to Patsy. Her phone number is listed in the leadership table in each issue.

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT**Made in Switzerland**

If you've ever owned a Swiss Army knife, chances are you've asked yourself these two questions: Is there a Swiss Army? And if so, do they really use these knives? The short answer is yes and yes. The long answer is...

Background. In 1891 Karl Elsner, owner of a company that made surgical instruments, got a rude shock—he found out that the pocket knives used by the Swiss Army were made in Germany. Outraged, he founded the Association of Swiss Master Cutlers. Their purpose: Swiss knives for Swiss soldiers

Elsner designed a wood-handled knife that also contained a screwdriver, a punch, and a can opener. He called it "the Soldier's Knife," and sold it to the Swiss Army.

But Elsner wasn't done yet—he also wanted to develop a better knife for officers. It took five years, but he finally found a way to put blades on both sides of the handle, using the same spring to hold them in place—something no one had done before. This made it possible to put roughly twice as many features on the knife. Elsner replaced the wood handle with red fiber (which lasted longer), then added a second blade and a corkscrew.

Changes. Elsner had the market all to himself until 1908. Then a preacher named Theodore Wenger, from the French-speaking region of the country, started selling a similar product. The Swiss government, sensitive to regional favoritism, started buying half their pocket knives from him, and they

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still do. Today, the two companies are rivals. Elsner's company, Victorinox (after his mother, Victoria) calls the knife the "original" Swiss Army Knife. The Wegner Company calls its knife the "genuine" Swiss Army Knife. Each is allowed to put the Swiss White Cross on its knife—but no other company is.

Swiss Army knives became popular in the United States after World War II; returning GI's brought them home by the thousands. Today, the U.S. is the world's largest market for them. And, ironically, Victorinox, founded to prevent the Swiss Army from buying German pocket knives, is now the official supplier of pocket knives to the German army.

— Uncle John's All-purpose
Extra Strength Bathroom Reader,
Bathroom Readers' Press,
Ashland, Oregon, 2000

**Forgiveness is the sweetest
revenge.**

— **Anonymous**

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REGULAR MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, September 14, 2015

Where: Inverness Building 42

Board meeting: 11 a.m.

Meeting: 1p.m., Room 130

***Dutch lunch in the Inverness cafeteria at
noon.***

Short Answers

A teacher asked a student to sum up Socrates' life in four lines. Here's what he said:

1. Socrates lived long ago.
2. He was very intelligent
3. Socrates gave long speeches.
4. His friends poisoned him.

— Good Stuff, Malvern, PA, 2007

Which Side Were You On?

Despite the fact that I relocated to Georgia from Michigan 17 years ago, I am constantly reminded of my "Yankee" status. At a gathering, friends and I were discussing our forebears. Proudly I told them, "One of my ancestors was a Hessian during the Revolutionary War, and my great-grandfather was a Union soldier during the Civil War.

There was a silence, and then a native Southerner spoke up. "Didn't anyone in your family fight for the right side?" he asked.

— Pat Lanier
Reader's digest, June 1989