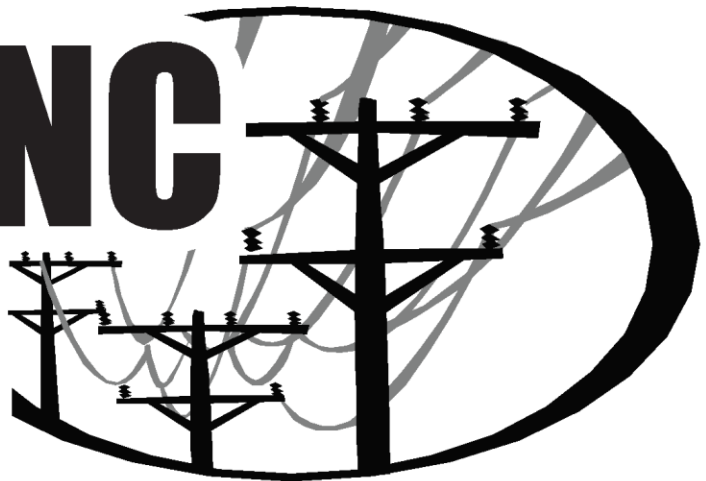


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## PREZ SEZ

Greetings everyone and thanks to all of you who attended the spring luncheon at the Pelham Civic Complex. We had an awesome turnout, out of 210 reservations received, we had 194 in attendance. Doesn't matter who we get to speak, you are the ones who make these events a big success by your attendance. Of course, you anticipate having a good speaker and John Trawick, Senior Vice President of Commercial Operations and Planning, delivered. He did a fantastic job, bringing us up to date on Southern Company's current business initiatives and giving us a glimpse of how the company sees the industry changing and how the company is positioning itself to stay at the forefront of the industry. I appreciate the feedback I got from some of you after the meeting and I had an opportunity the following week to share with John some of the feedback and how much we enjoyed his presentation. I expect most of you agree that it was nice to enjoy a delicious meal and an informative presentation, but I'm sure all of you will agree that it takes a lot of effort to pull off an event such as this.

There are a handful of folks who worked to make it happen. But as I pointed out in the meeting, Dora Brandt and Glenda James deserve a big thank you for making the job easier for the rest of us involved.

Thinking back on it, basically all I had to do was show up.

Our July meeting will be held on July 11 at 1:00 PM in the Horizons Conference Room, Building 42 Inverness. Our speaker will be Deidra Garrett, Southern Nuclear Company, Fleet, Projects. Deidra will be sharing with us about the logistics of the upcoming relocation of the Inverness employees to the Colonnade. During my many years with SCS, I recall packing up and moving on six different occasions to a new building and a new drive to work— well, seven if I count moving home at retirement. Traffic was a lot easier to manage with the last one. All kidding aside, this move will be a big event affecting a large number of employees in the near future. For our organization, it will also affect where we hold our regular meetings. So come join us on July 11 at Inverness for what I believe will be an interesting and informative discussion.

It is mid-June as I am writing this article and I don't know how many of you have noticed, but the weather has been a little warm these days— actually it has been downright hot. I plant a garden every year and have for the last 46 years, with the exception of one year during that time. My wife loves to can what we grow and I love to eat what we grow throughout the year. I mention this because I've noticed this season that I am not as tolerant of the heat as I used to be. I have more time these days to work my garden, but I need more breaks and more Gatorade to get it done. And most of you are a lot smarter than I am, but please be careful not to overdo and get too hot. I pushed the envelope a little more than I should have earlier this week just

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<http://www.scsretirees.com>

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so I could get finished with one task and I felt wiped out most of the day. So during the heat, stay cool and keep safe. Hope to see a good many of you at our July meeting.

John McCoy

### 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

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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 at 992-6551 between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to make an appointment. They are located in Inverness Building 42, Room 150.

If you join us for our next meeting, you may find it convenient to contact them before the meeting.

— Dora Brandt

### MEETING ATTENDANCE

Dora Brandt reports that attendance at the annual luncheon at the Pelham Civic Center meeting was 194 members and guests.

**Q: What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?**

**A: I don't know and I don't care.**

— Daily Telegraph

### SCS RETIREE LEADERSHIP FOR 2016

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**Chicken Little on Wall Street: "The sky is making a technical correction!"**

— Current Comedy

## BIRTHDAYS

## OBITUARIES

**July**

1-Ping Hsu & Frank C. Jones; 2-Sonia Garnem; 4-Mohinder Ghuman; 5-Ann Garrett & Donna Mueller; 6-Dorothy Bailey & Kathy Rickertsen; 7-Alfred Hester Jr. & Diane Walker; 8-Ella Burr, Robin Dyle & Jeanne Plaxco; 9-Lee Haubein, Rhonda Powell & Marvin D. Salter; 11-Elaine Chambless; 12-Pat Redwine; 13-Gerri Monosky & Larry Posey; 14-Sandra McCoy, Sherry Runyans & George Russell, Jr. 15-Chris Anderson & Peggy Brashier; 18-Jack Faulkner, Robert Hinds & Virgil Wilkerson; 20-Glen Robert Summerall & Daniel Wise; 21-Dennis Runyans, E. Dennis Teat & Rosemary Wright; 23-Loretta Adkins & Theresa Reed; 24-Sandra Morgan; 25-Gerald Aultman; 27-Carter Leonard; 28-Kerry Adams & Mark Tate 30 John Garlington; 30-Mary Koski; 31-Annette Dean, Mary Ann Glover & Susan Lefoy

**August**

1-Ruth Shepherd & Margaret Xanders; 2-Robert H. Jackson & Hubert Pair; 3-Amy Armstrong; 4-Willard Payne, Jerry Wilson & Donald Yessick; 5-Nancy Hunt & Angela Pappas; 6-Robert Beason, Barbara Colby & Judy Martin; 7-Andy Patko; 8-Jim Coleman & Donald East; 10-Jim Gordy & Jean Horton; 12-Deborah Javorka, Jim Rooker & Allen N. White; 13-Alice Lawrence, Arthur Lawrence, Phyllis Lawrence & Nancy Mooney; 15-Genia Doyle; 16-Fouzia Ahmed & Margaret Carter; 17-John Naramore & William Reed; 18-Juan Blanco 19-Nancy Moore; & Peggy Case; 20-Donna Shell; 21-Janet Nebrig; 22-Geoff Huddleston & Gina Kitchens; 23-Susan Hinds; 24-Lana Thompson; 25-Lee Rayburn; 26-Lamar Sumerlin; 27-Jay Dorrance, Anne Fucich, Barbara Goodwin & James Jarrell; 29-Thomas Atkinson, Lisa Golden, Barbara Maluff, Charles David Pugh & Ty Robin, Jr. 30-Mary Romano; 31-Charles Bidy & Fran Goforth

**Golfer: "What's your handicap?"**

**Second golfer: "Honesty."**

— Executive Speechwriter Newsletter

Edward Price has been in contact with **Al Mikell's** son, who lives in Oklahoma and sadly notified Ed that his mother, Betty, passed away in 2015 and his father, Al, passed away in Oklahoma in January 2016.

**MEMBER CARE**

Patsey Evans reports hearing that Jay Dorrance's wife has been undergoing physical therapy. Jay has not yet provided any further details.

**A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT****Papa and the Livestock**

My husband's grandfather, Dault McAnnally, owned a large amount of land around the vicinity of Garden City and Hanceville, Alabama. He was a merchant, owning and operating a general store and the rolling store in Garden City, but he also loved to farm, usually cotton, corn, hay and sorghum. Before he got his first tractor, he plowed with horses or mules, and he was particularly attentive to the animals because he saw them as making a huge contribution to his livelihood.

Papa was about 5 feet 6 inches tall, a little bow legged, and wore little round gold wire glasses. He had fine, wispy white hair, and usually wore an old felt hat to the fields when he worked. He was sometimes a crusty little man but had a great sense of humor and was very tender hearted when it came to his animals. One time he bought a blind mule that had been worked in the mines because he felt sorry for it. My husband remembers Papa using the mule to clear fields, and he was one of the best Papa ever owned.

Papa really loved a particular pair of Belgium horses that he owned that were named Shorty and Nell. They were both a beautiful deep red color, with Shorty having a white star on his forehead, and Nell a white blaze on hers. Every day he would bring them into the barn, remove all the tack and harnesses, and would wipe them down and begin

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an inspection of their feet and skin that would sometimes take an hour. If there was any place abraded, he doctored it with salves, and would always inspect the equipment to correct whatever caused the abrasion. It was rather funny to watch this, my husband recalled, because they were so big, and Papa so short he had to use a stepladder and stool to take care of them. He never ate supper before he finished feeding and inspecting them because he said they worked hard for him and he felt like they deserved to be fed first.

When the time came for him to buy a tractor and sell the horses, he didn't want just anybody having them. So it was that he scouted the countryside, talking with people about the horses, and surreptitiously checking out the way they took care of their animals. A man from Georgia learned about the sale and Papa agreed for him to come see the horses, but not before Papa checked him out and talked with him at length. Now these horses were so well trained that Papa really didn't have to use the reins, but could plow with them on voice command only. When the man arrived, my husband was with Papa

in the yard. He had brought them out with all their tack but no reins. Papa said, "Oh shoot! I forgot the reins!" But to the man's surprise, he said, "Oh well, I'll just see what I can do without them." After he led them to the field, he hooked up the plow, then said "On up now, Shorty and Nell," to which they immediately responded by beginning to pull the plow. They went all the way to the end of the row, turned perfectly, then came back, all on voice commands only. The man was astonished! Papa said, "Why don't you try them?" and the man tentatively took the plow handles and gave them the command. When he came back, he was grinning from ear to ear. He bought them on the spot with no dickering about the price.

The man plowed one more round in the field and, after Papa had admonished him to treat the horses with the same kindness and good care he had given them, the man left happy and satisfied that he had just bought the best pair of draft/plow horses in the world.

— Becki McAnnally  
Senior Living, September 2012

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### ***MEETING DETAILS:***

***When: Monday July 11, 2016***

***Where: Inverness 42, Room 130***

***Board meeting: 11 a.m.***

***Dutch Lunch: 12:00 noon***

***General Meeting: 1 p.m.***