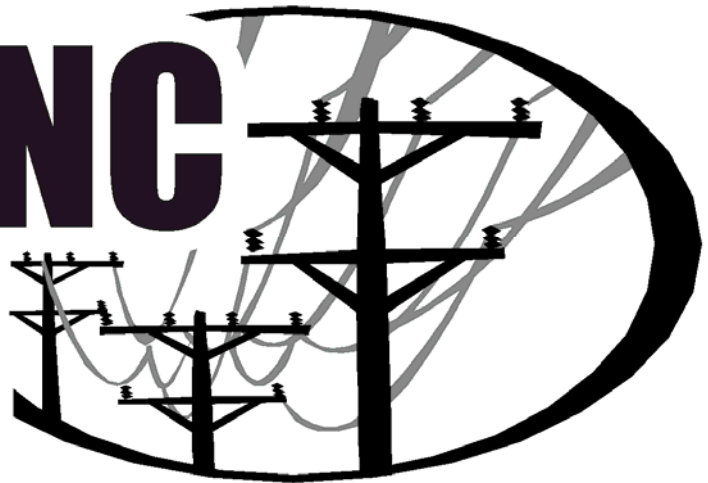


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Word from the editor:

Remember that this is your newsletter. Make sure information you have that is relevant to all gets to me to be included in the newsletter.

Prez Sez

Greetings everyone. For those of you who were able to attend, I hope that you enjoyed the November Holiday Luncheon at the Vestavia Country Club as much as I did. That said, my experience was obviously different from most in attendance. I had the pleasure of dining with some of the recipients of the charitable donations provided by our organization. I was able to ask questions and get a feel for their passion in what they do. I'm sure most of you agree that the times we reach out to help others generally becomes a blessing for us and for them. I'm glad there are those who dedicate a lot of their time and resources to be a blessing to others. We all should take advantage of every opportunity we can to be a blessing to those around us.

As we close out 2017, I want to thank all of you, our members, for making our organization, SCS/SNC Retirees, a success through your attendance at our meetings. It has been a pleasure to serve as your president. And I especially want to thank the 2017 officers, board members and committee chairs for their service and dedication to the tasks associated with each position. Even though all positions weren't officially filled this past year, we managed to keep the ship afloat by everyone working together to get things accomplished. Again, thanks for all that each of you have done this past year.

And I look forward to what 2018 holds for our organization. I'm excited that we have a new president, Jim Blackmon, who has already worked to fill all vacant committee positions before 2017 has ended. As of this writing, the only position open is Audit, but I'm sure that will be filled soon, maybe by the time you read this newsletter. As a board member for 2018, I look forward to working with the 2018 leadership team, it should be a good year. Hope to see many of you at the January 8 meeting in Inverness.

John McCoy

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

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SCS/SNC Members
Birthday List

January

2 Mollie Midlik
2 Dennis Rickertsen
4 H. D. Burnum, Jr.
4 Evelyn Myers
5 Gary W. Boulter
5 Betty Ramsey
6 Robert Folker
6 Bob Haubein
6 Bernard Moore
6 Marion Price
6 Frederick D. Ratliff
7 Elsie Graham
7 Wayne Jones
8 F. Willard Brooks, Jr.
8 Arthur F. Ellis
8 Jim Garner
9 William Allen
9 Doug Boylan
9 Carla Johnson
10 Marcella Wallace
11 Paul Brashier
11 Rena Coleman
11 Ronnie Ellis
11 Richard J. Vatovec
13 Charles Crane
13 Tom Massengale
13 Jack Myers
14 Dwight Hostetter
15 Jan Stowe
16 Edward Knobeloch
16 Anthony W. Lowman
16 Judy M. Reagan
16 Thelma Walker
17 Bobby Jones
17 Stan Smith
17 Karen Sumerlin
18 Derek Ackley
18 Gaye Aultman

18 Alison Edmonson
18 David Strack
19 Randy Lee
19 Don Thornburgh
20 Reed Edwards
20 Janine C. Hagan
24 Elizabeth Oedamer
24 Joyce Studinka
24 Peter Webb
25 Jane Webb
26 Karen Johnston
26 David W. Morris
27 Charles Craig
27 Nanette Mayfield
27 Gray Murray
27 Deborah Rouse
28 Jackie Imbusch
28 Bob Smith
29 Dan Bush
29 Betty Morgan
29 Janice Welliver
30 Charles Goodman
30 Clyde Price
31 Linda Lenier Brantley
31 Sidney Hoover
31 Skip Kitchens
31 Barbara Quinn
31 Perry Stowe
31 Nina Wilson

February

2 Linda Glass
2 Homer Glen Scott
3 Oliver Crumpton
3 Alan Wayne Sorensen
4 Betsy Black
4 James O. Chaffin
4 Shirley East
5 Howard Lindley Jr.
6 Paul Brown
7 Dot Kachelhofer
7 David Slovensky
8 John Hester
8 John Tackett
9 John Quinn

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10 James Sutley
10 Judy Yance
11 Sherion Freeman
11 Bill Ramsey
12 Russell Hoover
12 William Midlik
12 Donald Smaha
12 Keith Stumpf
12 Roger Allen Watts
13 Becky Cheatwood
14 Michael Eidson
15 James Bryan
15 Willie E. Davenport
15 Michael Laborde
16 George Imbusch
16 R. T. Jones
16 Mike Moore
16 Charlotte Shanlever
16 Donna Read
17 Dennis S. Read
17 Robert Talmadge
18 Walt Dean
20 Don Charles Hagan
20 Betty Sue Prince
20 Myrna Wise
20 Rocky Wright
21 Veva Naramore
22 Judi Morris
23 Richard Lewis Bullock
23 Ken Carr
23 Patrick Gordon
23 Shirley Herrin
23 Thomas Shepherd
24 Kenneth W. Boyd
24 Doby Hanks
24 Carolyn Smith
24 Wayne Troulias
25 Gale Dougherty
25 Charles Foster
25 Paul Herrmann
25 Joe Leamon
27 Carolyn Calhoun
27 Rhudine Davenport
28 John Hargett

Obituaries

Geoffrey Edwin Huddleston, age 71, passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2017. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Ann Huddleston; son, John Huddleston (Clare); daughter, Krissy Smith (Andy); granddaughters, Anna Clare and Elizabeth Huddleston; brother, Preston Huddleston (JoAnn); nephew, David Huddleston (Melissa) and niece Jennifer Cotney (Scott) and many other cousins, relatives and friends.

Micheal "Mike" Griggs, of Hoover, passed away Sunday, November 26, 2017 at the age of 66. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Mary Nell Griggs; and his brother, David. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Linda Vanstrum Griggs; 2 brothers, Tillman Griggs (Judy) and Marc Griggs; and several nieces and nephews.

Claudia R. Herrmann, age 64 of Hoover, wife, of Paul A. Herrmann, passed away on November 16, 2017. She was preceded in death by her parents, Owen and Inez Roberts. Claudia is survived by her husband, Paul A. Herrmann, III; daughter, Cathy (Laura) Frederick; brothers, William F. Roberts and Owen E. (Pam) Roberts, Jr.

MEMBER CARE

If you know of any member who is sick or has a death in his or her family that you would like to share, please contact Patsy at (205) 991-7900. We also like to hear good news!

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT

In life always give 100%, unless you're donating blood.

Bill Murray

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Anonymous

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RETIREE LEADERSHIP
For 2018

As President-elect of our retirees' association for 2018, I am honored to announce our dynamite Leadership Team and am excited about the plans already in the making for the coming year. Please engage with us this year and enjoy the fellowship we will continue to provide. We are all proud to have worked for Southern Company and treasure our lasting friendships. Social media is great, but nothing compares to a warm handshake or hug and face-to-face conversations, smiles and laughter. We promise all of the above. If you have any questions or suggestions on how we can better serve you, I invite you to contact me or the appropriate leader below. Happy New Year!

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January Meeting Details:

Coach Jack Crowe will share his insights on winning programs, including the status of UAB football. He will also discuss how retirees can emphasize the importance of character in winning to the younger generation. Former Jacksonville State University head football coach Jack Crowe is recognized as an accomplished college football coach for forty years serving and winning championships at Auburn, Clemson, Arkansas (where he served as Head Coach), and Baylor universities. He is now heading the Coach Safety program at UAB.

He is past Executive Director of the American Sports Medicine Institute (ASMI) where he worked with Dr James R. Andrews in education and research of sports injury prevention. His academic background is in the basic human sciences and as an instructor in kinesiology and care and prevention of injuries, with a Master's degree in counseling.

PLUS Added Bonus to Each of our Meetings:

A "Retirement Lifestyles Segment" will be presented for the first 10 minutes of each meeting. To facilitate January resolutions to get fit and healthy, Laurie Walker of Lifetime Fitness will speak on the "Fit for a Life time" program for ages 50+, along with several our retirees who have become fitness devotees. Laurie will describe this complete healthy-aging Group Fitness program combining physical, mental, social, and emotional elements into one comprehensive class experience.



New Year's Traditions

In many countries, New Year's celebrations begin on the evening of December 31—New Year's Eve—and continue into the early hours of January 1. Revelers often enjoy meals and snacks thought to bestow good luck in the coming year. In Spain and several other Spanish-speaking countries, people bolt down a dozen grapes—symbolizing their hopes for the months ahead—right before midnight. In many parts of the world, traditional New Year's dishes feature legumes, which are thought to resemble coins and herald future financial success; examples include lentils in Italy and black-eyed peas in the southern United States. Because pigs represent progress and prosperity in some cultures, pork appears on the New Year's Eve table in Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Portugal and other countries. Ring-shaped cakes and pastries, a sign that the year has come full circle, round out the feast in the Netherlands, Mexico, Greece and elsewhere. In Sweden and Norway, meanwhile, rice pudding with an almond hidden inside is served on New Year's Eve; it is said that whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune.

Other customs that are common worldwide include watching fireworks and singing songs to welcome the new year, including the ever-popular “Auld

Lang Syne” in many English-speaking countries. The practice of making resolutions for the new year is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians, who made promises in order to earn the favor of the gods and start the year off on the right foot. (They would reportedly vow to pay off debts and return borrowed farm equipment.) In the United States, the most iconic New Year's tradition is the dropping of a giant ball in New York City's Times Square at the stroke of midnight. Millions of people around the world watch the event, which has taken place almost every year since 1907. Over time, the ball itself has ballooned from a 700-pound iron-and-wood orb to a brightly patterned sphere 12 feet in diameter and weighing in at nearly 12,000 pounds. Various towns and cities across America have developed their own versions of the Times Square ritual, organizing public drops of items ranging from pickles (Dillsburg, Pennsylvania) to Giant Moon Pie (Mobile, AL).



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MEETING DETAILS:

When: January 8, 2018

Where: Inverness 42, Room 130
42 Inverness Center Parkway

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Topic: "What Makes a Winning Program"
(same date as the College Football
Playoff National Championship)