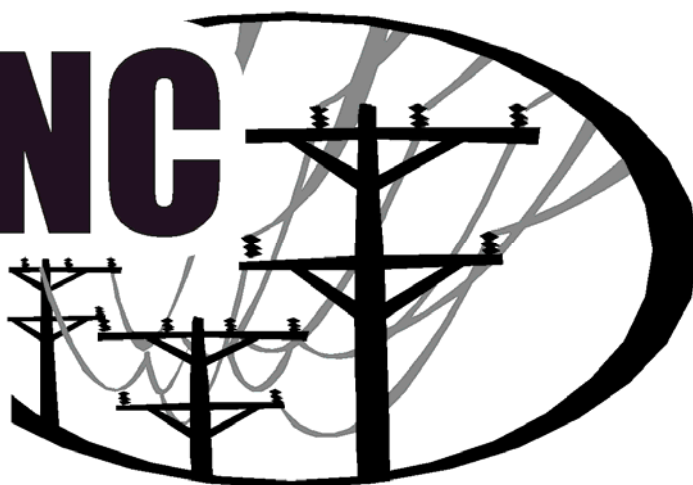


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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:

What a great “kickoff” we had to the new year! The January meeting on National Championship day featured this man, UAB Assistant Coach Jack Crowe, as our speaker/entertainer. The room was decorated with UAB colors and tailgating snacks. Among other themes, Coach Crowe challenged us to examine **Expectations** in our personal lives as championship teams do in their winning programs.



What are your personal expectations for 2018?

- Another year of blessings?
- Travel to an interesting destination?
- Check-off another bucket list item?
- A calm, quiet year with no drama?
- Give more of my time and resources to family or charity?

In our upcoming meetings this year, we are planning programs that may help guide your **Expectations** in these or other areas. We already learned in our last meeting about Fitness for a Lifetime, thanks to Laurie Walker of Lifetime Fitness. This coming meeting, we will hear about issues in Washington affecting Southern Company and the population, in general. We will also get a preview of how the new Tax Law may affect each of us.

By now, you have received your membership registration form for 2018. Please send in your check for \$15 before you lose the form in a pile of junk mail. If you retired in 2017, this will be your first year to contribute and keep your “trial membership” active. I highly encourage you to do so and join us at every opportunity. We plan to have **FUN** this year and we want to have it with **YOU!** If you are receiving this Newsletter but have not been active for a year or more, consider rejoining us. You

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

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will reconnect with your friends in person, not just on social media.

See you in March! That's my hope and **EXPECTATION.**

Jim Blackmon



**MARCH-APRIL 2018 SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST**

**March**

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Pam Carr             | 12 Sid Varagona             |
| 1 C. Polke Jr.         | 14 Robert K. Haynes         |
| 2 Glenn Ray Jones      | 14 Shellie Fred Hollis, Jr. |
| 2 Ann White            | 14 Kerry D. Kline           |
| 3 David Busby          | 15 Phillip McCullough       |
| 3 Pat Goodman          | 16 Robert Conry             |
| 3 John Grund;          | 16 Martha Cook              |
| 4 Bobby Joe Durr       | 16 William Herrin           |
| 4 John Jansen          | 16 Karen Mayer              |
| 4 Rita Townsend        | 16 Randy Odom               |
| 4 Daniel Warren        | 17-Pat Clark                |
| 4 Rusty Williams;      | 17 Barry Lumsden            |
| 6 Kenneth Horton       | 18 Janice M. Poole          |
| 7 Linda Katz           | 18 Patsy Smith              |
| 7 Clara Pierce Posey   | 19-Pat Bowman               |
| 8 Robert Berryhill     | 19 Priscilla Ingram         |
| 8 Nancy Redd           | 20-Julie A. Collier         |
| 9 John W. Jones        | 21-Perry W. Griffin         |
| 9 Steven Sparks        | 21 Robert M. Moore          |
| 10 Yvette J. Maddox;   | 22-Glenda Cumbee,           |
| 11 Bill Nicholson      | 22 Eddy Ingram              |
| 11 Mary Sue Thornburgh | 23 Peggy Burdeshaw          |
| 12-Harry Durden, Jr.   | 23 Anne Campbell            |
| 12 Billy Goforth, Jr.  | 23 Larry White              |
| 12 Bruce Thomas        | 24 Daniel Blackwood         |
|                        | 26 Roger Golden             |
|                        | 27 Cecilia Cook             |

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**March Birthday's (Cont'd)**

29 Amy Houston  
29 Barbara Jones  
29 Dale Lecroy  
30-Steve Logan

**April**

3 William Porteous, Jr.,  
3 Ken Turner;  
4 Vicky Garner;  
5 Jim Cofield,  
5 Patricia Kimble  
5 Ramachandra Reddy  
5 Jean Shaw  
7 Gayas Ahmed  
7 Shirley Dickson  
7 Terry Patko  
8 Jan Dyle  
8 Ken Kopecky  
8 Ann Micklewright  
8 Stokely Morgan  
8 Jerry Ray,  
8 Johnny A. Willis  
10 Keith Legg  
10 Tony Koski  
10 Devida Moore  
10 Kevin A. Shaw  
11-Henry Garrett  
11 Suzan Goertz  
12-Judith Grant  
12 John McCoy III  
12 Al Nebrig, Jr.  
13 Carl Watts  
14 Karen D. Pody  
15 Tommy Collin;  
16 Lewis Williams  
17 Danny K. Burnette  
18 Jack Goertz  
18 James Mintz;  
19 Glenda James  
19 Brenda Kyle  
21 Walter Lee Appling  
21 Judy Sanford  
22 Alice Bruno

22 Richard W. Colby, Jr,  
22 Don Irvin  
22 Lou Ann Kaster  
23 Brad Burke  
23 Cathy Murray  
24 Joe James  
26 Rachel Adkinson  
27 James Baldone,  
27 Robin Miner  
28-Ken Mooney  
28 Robert John Nelso;  
30 Joyce Ehrensperger  
30 Bill Garner  
30 Patricia Jarrell.

**OBITUARIES**

**Joyce McBride Steele**, of Birmingham, passed away on December 10, 2017, at the age of 86. Joyce was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Ed, and her 2 brothers, Marvin and Rick McBride. She is survived by her son, Andy Steele (Sue); daughter, Lisa Williams, (Al); 4 grandchildren, Jennifer Rush (Jody), Stuart Williams (Haley), Daniel Steele, and Amy Gonzalez (Danny); 3 great grandchildren, Kate and Emily Williams and Daxton Gonzalez; and a brother, Don McBride.

**Bennie R. Williams** died at his home in Gardendale, Alabama, on Monday, December 11, 2017, at the age of 86. He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 60 years, Mary Evelyn Johnson. his son, Charles (Chuck) his parents, Therman and Alice and his twin sisters Mary and Sue. He is survived by his daughters Paula and Carol, Rod (who he called his son) and his brother T. J., Jr.

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**E. Marjorie Beadlescomb** passed away on December 17, 2017. She is survived by one sister and nieces and nephews.

**Ed Williamson** passed away on December 24, 2017, in Pensacola, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Ester, siblings, Roland and Charles and an infant brother, and his wives, Mary Agnes Jones and Betty Jo Bradley Givens. He is survived by brothers Jack (Janet) Williamson of Clinton, Utah, and Frank Williamson of Crestview, FL and his daughter, Rebecca Ann (Dr. Tino) Ballesteros, Jr. of Celebration, FL.

**Robert Harold Jackson, Sr. 77**, died Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at his home in Oneonta, AL. He was preceded in death by his brother, John Michael. Bob is survived by his wife Betty (Grissom) Jackson, son Robert Harold Jackson, Jr., and Julie (Webb), daughter Joshlyn (Jackson) Winn and Scott, and grandchildren John Daniel Jackson and Claire (Hovater) Jackson, Erin Virginia Jackson, Samuel Jackson Winn, and Nancy Jane Winn.

**Wilbur Clemmer “Clem” Matlock, 72**, passed away, January 23, 2018. He was preceded in death by his wife Joan, his parents, Wilbur and Irene Matlock and his sister Myra Lee Adams. Clem is survived by his children, Jane (Derek), Jimmy (Janet), and Jennifer (David), his grandchildren Kyle (Whitney), Nicole, Ryan, Noah, Daniel, Rachel, and great-granddaughter Madison. He is also survived by his sister Ruth (Milton) and a host of nieces and nephews..

**Member Updates**

**Ann Micklewright** is recuperating from recent hip surgery and is doing well. She has been transferred to the Trussville Health & Rehab, located at 119 Watterson Parkway in Trussville, AL, room 513. Please keep Ann in your prayers.

**Henry Garrett** has been at St. Vincent’s Hospital for several days after having health problems, including pneumonia. He has improved and was transferred to St. Martin-in-the-Pines, Assisted Living. Please keep Henry and his wife Anne in your prayers.

**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!

**MARCH MEETING DETAILS:**

Are you staying informed on vital issues of today? Our Monday March 12 meeting will cover two hot topics, politics and taxes!

National governmental policies affect Southern Company and its retirees. Energy policy, nuclear power, environmental issues, health care, tax reform, global allies / foes, cyber security, mid-term elections—the daily news touches on so many crucial events impacting us!

We are delighted to have as our featured speaker nationally-known BGR Group Chairman **Ed Rogers**, who will be covering current events and topical political climate from

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a Republican viewpoint. Ed served in the White House during the Reagan and Bush administrations, prior to co-founding BGR Group providing bipartisan support for Governmental Affairs, strategic communication, and business solutions. Since 2011, Ed has been an opinion writer for the Washington Post, where he writes about politics and the current state of affairs in Washington, D.C. Ed received his JD from the University of Alabama, where he serves on the President's Cabinet and is a visiting professor. He is married to Patti Guthrie Rogers.

Ed has been involved in political campaigns, lobbying initiatives, private commercial transactions and various legal, media and market access challenges in the U.S. and in various international markets since the mid-'90s. Prior to co-founding BGR Group in 1991, Ed served in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Ed also served as Senior Deputy to Bush-Quayle Campaign Manager Lee Atwater from 1987 through the general election in 1988. From 1985 through February of 1987, Ed worked in the Reagan White House in the Office of Political Affairs, where he served as Haley Barbour's deputy as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the Office of Political Affairs. Since 2011 Ed has been an opinion writer for the Washington Post, where he writes about politics and the current state of affairs in Washington, D.C., from a Republican point of view. At BGR Group, he regularly assembles teams of lobbyists, lawyers, PR specialists, investment professionals and private investigators to secure opportunities, solve problems, manage adversarial situations, and achieve positive results for clients. Ed is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also a member of the International

Council of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is a member of the Alabama and Washington, D.C. bars.

**Retiree Lifestyles Segment:**

All of us know the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act became law last December and will affect all taxpayers in 2018. How will it affect you, personally? For our "**Retiree Lifestyles Segment**" closing out the meeting, **John Fullerton** from H&R Block will present a short segment on how Southern Company retirees are most likely to be affected. He will clarify changes to tax rates, investment income, deductions, exclusions, charitable contributions, home equity interest, alimony, medical deductions and even those contributions you may make to Tide Pride to secure season tickets.

John is a senior tax analyst and office manager with H&R Block. He received his B.A. degree from Allegheny College, and his M.S.A from The George Washington University. He is Commander (Ret), US Navy 1971-1991, and a former Naval Flight Officer. He worked 21 years with ServiceMaster Corp where he was a Six Sigma Continuous Improvement Leader. He has been with H&R Block for 4 years. He is a native of Rochester, NY and enjoys cycling and fishing.



**Laughter – The Best Medicine**

A dog walks into a butcher shop and the butcher asks, “What do you want?” The dog points to steak in a glass case. “How many pounds?” The dog barks twice. “Anything else?” The dog points to some pork chops and barks four times. So the butcher wraps up a two-pound steak and four pork chops, and places the bag in the dog’s mouth. He then takes money from a purse tied around the dog’s neck and sees him out.

A customer, who has been watching in amazement, follows the dog to a house several blocks away, where it rings the doorbell to be let in. As the owner appears at the door, the customer says, “What a remarkable dog!”

“Remarkable?” snorts the owner. “This is the second time this week he’s forgotten his keys.”

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Tonight I dreamt of a beautiful walk on a sandy beach.

At least that explains the footprints I found in the cat litter box this morning.

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What do you get when you cross-breed a shark and a cow?

I have no idea but I wouldn’t try milking it.

**REMINDER FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 11!!**



**Don’t Forget to Spring Ahead!**

**Below are some facts you may not know about Daylight Saving Time!!**

- (1) It’s “daylight saving time,” not “daylight savings time.”
- (2) Though in favor of maximizing daylight waking hours, Benjamin Franklin did not originate the idea of moving clocks forward.
- (3) Englishman William Willett led the first campaign to implement daylight saving time.
- (4) Germany was the first country to enact daylight saving time.
- (5) Daylight saving time in the United States was not intended to benefit farmers, as many people think.
- (6) For decades, daylight saving in the United States was very confusing. Localities could start and end whenever they wanted to. Time Magazine referred to it as “a chaos of clocks”.

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**Daylight Savings Time Facts (Cont'd)**

- (7) Not everyone in the United States springs forward and falls back.
- (8) Evidence does not conclusively point to energy conservation as a result of daylight saving.

**BENEFITS REFERENCE LIST**

Hewlett Service Center	1-888-435-7563
Blue Cross Blue Shield	1-800-232-3973
VIVA Health	1-877-320-7504
CVS /Caremark	1-800-843-5670
Delta Dental	1-866-823-4616
Expanded coverage for Preventative Vaccinations	1-800-843-5670
Merrill Lynch	1-800-369-9890
Computershare – Shareowner Services	1-800-554-7626
APCo Emp, Credit Union	1-800-249-2726 or 205-226-6800

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**MEETING DETAILS:**

**When:** March 12, 2018

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

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Topic:** “Current Events and the Topical  
Political Climate from a Republican  
Viewpoint”