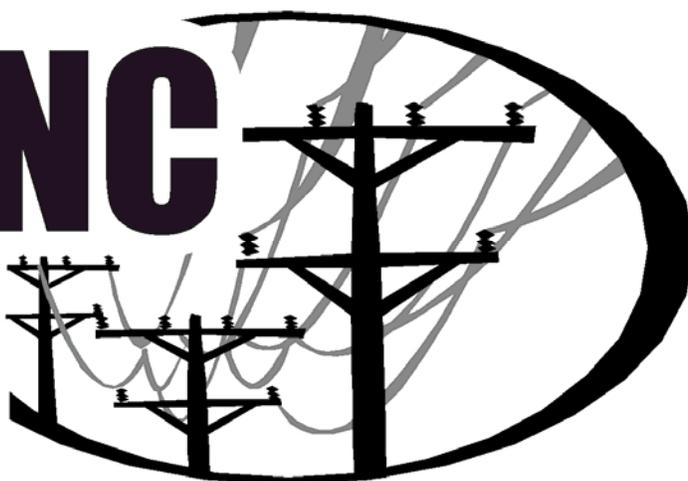


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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:

Spring has sprung! Gentlemen start your engines! Whatever gets your motor going, it's time to crawl out of our winter caves and have some fun. We have a great opportunity to get together for some food, fellowship, company insights and FUN!

We have moved the venue for our Spring meeting to The Club. Many thanks to our Arrangements Chair, Doris Hardy, for pulling this together. I'm sure we will have a memorable meeting, thanks in part to the speakers secured by our Programs Chair, Amy Houston. Did I mention FUN?

I sincerely hope that you will be in town and able to join us. You are welcome to bring your spouse or a guest. Be sure to RSVP, with your deposit, to Dora Brandt. You should have received an invitation with all the details.

Whatever your plans for this Spring and Summer may be, please stay safe and enjoy time with the people you love.

Jim Blackmon

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

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

## Memorial Day



Remember Our Fallen Soldiers

It's easy to forget what Memorial Day actually means while you're sitting by the pool and looking ahead at summer vacation—but the day signifies much more than just a three-day weekend. Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American armed forces. The holiday, originally known as Decoration Day, started after the Civil War to honor the Union and Confederate dead.

In the years following the Civil War, Memorial Day celebrations were scattered and, perhaps unsurprisingly, took root differently in the North and South. It wasn't until after World War II that the holiday gained a strong following and national identity, and it wasn't officially named Memorial Day until 1967.

The final event that cemented the modern culture of Memorial Day in America was in 1968 when Congress passed the Uniform Holiday Act, designating Memorial Day as the last Monday in May rather than May 30, as it had previously been observed. This ensured a three-day weekend and gave the day its current status as the unofficial beginning of summer, mixing serious reflection with more lighthearted fun.

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**MAY-JUNE SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST**

**May**

2 Michael Eidson  
3 Jane Tingle  
4 Bill Burmeister  
4 Kenneth Burr  
4 Jim Corbitt  
4 Norma Young  
6 Jeffrey A. Morrow  
7 Jo Benson  
7 Cary Martin  
8 Rhonda McGill  
9 Dale Wyatt  
10 Wandra Wyatt  
11 Mary Knobeloch  
11 Rosanne Powers  
12 Donna Folker  
12 Faye Patterson  
13 Rick Graham  
13 Judy Irvin  
13 Mary Sue Ludwig  
13 Robert Markham  
14 Ricky Allen Jr.  
14 Victor Doss  
15 Douglas Farris  
15 John Morrow  
16 Dianne McCoy  
16 Cindy Patton  
17 Margaret O'Brien  
17 Gary Vincent  
18 Elaine Chambers  
19 Linda Griggs  
19 Judy King  
21 George Hairston III  
21 Roy Shanlever  
23 Gene Byars  
24 Felisa Hsu  
24 Pam McCleod  
25 George McCoy  
26 Sam Bowman  
27 Helen Robin  
27 Stephen B. Smith  
28 Steve Leonard  
29 Joe Katz, Jr.  
30 Jim Black  
30 Marcia Edmundson  
30 Robin Posey  
31 Bob Gilbert

**June**

1 Diane Adams  
1 Karen Edwards  
1 Rebecca Harris  
1 Janice Luster  
3 Warren Glover  
3 Theda Griffith  
3 Joyce Hickman  
3 Wayne H. Roper  
4 William Newman  
6 Cary Campbell  
6 Linda Shepard  
7 Alvin Joel Connor  
7 Peggy Howard  
8 John Brandt  
9 Jakki Herrin  
9 Jim Newton  
10 Mark Kuester  
10 Michael Nelson  
10 Preston Willis  
11 Catherine Heinzerling  
11 Jerry Smith  
12 John Adrian  
12 Mary Dougherty  
12 Candace Rayfield  
13 Mitchell Amick  
13 Malek Barroody  
14 Anna Garlington  
14 William Marlar  
14 John Thies  
14 Bob Winter  
15 Miriam Durden  
16 Mike Burns  
16 Alvin Harris  
17 Adel Alapour  
17 Joe Powell  
17 Alice Wells  
20 Charles F. Barefield  
20 Keith Calhoun  
20 Diane Cocherell  
20 Nell Larson  
20 Wayne Walton

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**June Birthday's (Continued)**

21 John Heatherly  
21 Charley Long  
21 Lakshmi Reddy  
22 Ray Bailey  
23 Keith Fowler  
23 Jack Woodward  
24 Clarence Fleck  
25 Richard W. Patton  
25 Julie Polke  
26 Nancy Adrian  
26 Jeri Corbitt  
26 Donald Mooney  
27 Gary Chambers  
27 Kate Newman  
28 Ron G. Cocherell  
29 Judy Coggin  
29 Janet Thompson  
30 Sue Burmeister  
30 Gayle Busby  
30 Marty Turnage

**OBITUARIES**

**Elizabeth Travis Chastain**, 62, passed away at her home in Birmingham on Sunday, March 4. She was predeceased by her parents William W. Travis and Anne Gardner Travis. She is survived by her husband (Ben) and her brother Bill Travis (Linda), her stepsons Ted Chastain and Jonathan Chastain (Connie), and grandchildren Julianne, Ava, and Wyatt Chastain.

**Bernice Fowler Hill**, wife of SCS Retiree Bill Hill, passed away on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. She is predeceased by her parents Ernest Hobson Fowler and Annie Turner Fowler and her husband William R. Hill. She is survived by her son Tim Morris and countless friends that she considered family.

**Janice Stephens Adams**, 65, of Birmingham (former SCS employee) passed away on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Robert

Harrison Adams Jr.; four children, Melissa Saddler (Latham), Harrison (Michelle), Nicholas and Caroline; as well as 3 grandchildren, Ramona, Latham "Bubba" and Noura; brothers and sisters, Lorraine Dabney (Al), Hixie Stephens (Karen), Barbara Williams (Bobby), Robert Stephens. Jr. (Suzi) and sister in-law, Jenny Stephens. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Gloria (Pharo) Stephens and her brother, Deacon Joe Stephens

**James Edward Arrington, "Jim"**, age 90 of Leeds, AL passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Edna Arrington; son, Brent Arrington (Carol); grandchildren, Amy Arrington Truelove (Brandon) and Dan Arrington; and great-grandchild, Will Truelove.

**From Families and Friends:**

Our Retirees' Group received heart-felt "Thank You's" from the following friends and families:

- From the family of Clem Matlock – donation to Clem's church
- From Brodie Croyle – donation to Big Oak Ranch
- From the family of Geoff Huddleston – donation to Geoff's church
- Donation to Oak Mountain Mission – Harvest of Hope Luncheon
- Donation to Brother Bryan Mission in memory of Bennie R. Williams
- Donation to Alabama Symphony Orchestra in memory of Mike Griggs

**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 Evans at (205) 991-7900.

We also like to hear good news.

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**SUMMARY OF LAST MONTH'S MEETING:**



Congressman Gary Palmer spoke to a packed room at our March 12 meeting. He represents Alabama's 6th Congressional District where many of our retirees live. He stressed his frequent weekend trips home to Alabama to talk personally to his constituents sharing successes and listening to concerns after which he gave his remarks and then addressed several questions from the audience. He stayed after the meeting to talk individually with attendees.

Congressman Palmer spoke about the recent tax bill's reduction of individual and corporate rates and positive military efforts against terrorism. He attributes current economic growth to deregulation as well as the reduction of corporate income tax rates, which he believes made it difficult for new businesses to form and to locate within the U.S. He noted groundbreaking for a new business to occur in June that he predicts will be a big boost to our local area.

He believes past gerrymandering has led to polarization of districts on both sides of the political spectrum, making it difficult for centrist candidates to prevail and also hampering bipartisan efforts. He noted the need to maintain strong separation of powers of government (Congress versus executive agencies) as defined in the Constitution.

He mentioned his spirituality as a guide to his desire to work with others with differing beliefs, expressing his goal to be "at peace with everyone" as far as it depends on him, tempering his natural inclinations as a former football player on a Bear Bryant team to "hit back" if attacked.

He noted that his past private sector work in engineering construction firms BE&K and Rust aids in his ability to apply analytical skills and data review. This enables him to draw conclusions leading him to develop and communicate effective policy. He reviewed his current work on the budget committee and governmental investigations, as well as his previous role on several governors' commissions in Alabama and his leadership of a policy "think tank".

We greatly appreciate Congressman Palmer's investment of time in talking with our retirees, to both educate us as well as to learn from us!

**MAY MEETING DETAILS:**

Our much-anticipated Executive Update will take place on May 14 when we will have an opportunity to hear the latest information on SoCo happenings from keynote speaker SCS Executive Vice President Paula Marino. Retirees and their guests will fellowship over a delicious meal in a beautiful setting overlooking the city (The Club atop Red Mountain).

While utility companies may be considered staid and unchanging, Southern Company has been anything but! As energy consumption and markets change, Southern has boldly been in the forefront of new technologies and product offerings. The merger with the gas company and the resulting integration of the two companies, the new nuclear construction at Vogtle, operation of Plant Kemper, new products such as electric vehicles, new technology in customer service for consumers to manage consumption, and recent tax changes all impact Southern Company's growth and its stock price. Local news about the SNC/SCS move from the Inverness buildings to the Colonnade, and benefits such as health care and pensions are of interest to retirees. These items and other late-breaking changes are potential topics of discussion, along with YOUR questions from the audience.

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luncheon, and is also available locally at Little Professor Book Center in Homewood, \*at the Bluff Park Hardware store, and via Amazon link at:

<https://www.amazon.com/Aunt-Sister-Julia-Harwell-Segars/dp/0692946330>

**Retiree Lifestyles Segment – May 14, 2018:**

To kick off the meeting we will have our Retiree Lifestyle Segment update on “Life After Southern” from retired Alabama Power Vice President Julia Segars, speaking about her second career as an award-winning columnist and author of the book Aunt Sister.



What is retiree life “Post-Southern”? Some start a second career! Julia Harwell Segars, who grew up in the Bluff Park community in what is now Hoover and graduated from W.A. Berry High School, has returned to creative pursuits. A former journalist, she joined Alabama Power public relations and rose through leadership to vice president and regional chief information officer (responsible for Alabama Power and Southern Nuclear), before moving to Anniston, AL, as division vice president of customer service operations. She is the owner of Segars Creative, LLC. She and her husband, Frank (also a retiree of Southern Company), reside in Anniston. They have four children, four grandchildren and three dogs.

Segars began writing anonymously as Aunt Sister to keep her avocation separate from her executive career. She revealed her true identity after retiring in July 2017 after 31 years with Southern Company. She describes her alter-ego as “a Southern Lady who was raised right, but overcame it, bless her heart.”

One of her columns placed first in the Alabama Press Association’s 2017 Better Newspapers Contest for humor. It tells the tale of the “Leven Dollar” store -- a bait shop, gas station and convenience store -- where most all purchases end up costing \$11, because the clerk “can’t do take-aways.” The book Aunt Sister is a collection of her columns. It will be available for purchase at our

**Executive Update – May 14, 2018:**

As executive vice president of Southern Company’s engineering and construction services (E&CS) organization, Paula Marino is responsible for leading approximately 1,700 individuals across the areas of new generation and environmental strategy development, major project design and construction execution, technology due diligence and O&M support. Marino began her Southern Company career in 1993 and progressed through various roles in distribution, transmission, fossil-hydro generation and nuclear generation.

Marino earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in electrical engineering from Auburn University and is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Florida. In addition to being named “Outstanding Alumna from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering” in the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University, Marino is also the recipient of the Engineering Council of Birmingham (ECOB) 2012 Engineer of the Year and the 2015 Engineering Leadership Award. Paula is married to Sal Marino, Transmission Control Center Support Manager at Alabama Power. They are the parents of three daughters.



## May 13

### Mother's Day Facts:

- In the United States and Canada Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May, but in other parts of the world it is sometimes celebrated in March, as well as in other months.
- The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis who honored her mother Ann Jarvis with a memorial.
- Mother's Day became a recognized holiday in 1914 in the United States and then was adopted by many countries.
- Approximately 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day in the United States.
- The most common flower for Mother's Day is the carnation; pink and red for mothers who are alive and white for those who have passed away.
- A legend states that carnations were made from the tears of Jesus' mother when she wept at his feet when he was crucified.
- The amount of money spent on Mother's Day in the U.S. is approximately \$14 billion.
- Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.



## June 17

### Father's Day Facts:

There are a range of events, which may have inspired the idea of Father's Day. One of these was the start of the Mother's Day tradition in the first decade of the 20th century. Another was a memorial service held in 1908 for a large group of men, many of them fathers, who were killed in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in December 1907.

A woman called Sonora Smart Dodd was an influential figure in the establishment of Father's Day. Her father raised six children by himself after the death of their mother. This was uncommon at that time, as many widowers placed their children in the care of others or quickly married again.

In 1966, Lyndon B. Johnson, through an executive order, designated the third Sunday in June as the official day to celebrate Father's Day. However, it wasn't until 1972, during the Nixon administration, that Father's Day was officially recognized as a national holiday.



### Fun Facts

- ❖ The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over a lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
- ❖ The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable."

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**Fun Facts (Cont'd)**

- ❖ "Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed using only the left hand.
- ❖ "Skepticisms" is the longest word that alternates hands when typing.
- ❖ The sun is 330,330 times larger than the earth.
- ❖ 40% of all people who come to a party in your home snoop in your medicine cabinet.
- ❖ Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil.
- ❖ If you spent a million dollars every day since the day Jesus was born, you still would not have spent a trillion dollars today.
- ❖ LASER is an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.
- ❖ Liquid paper was invented by Bette Nesmith Graham in 1951. She also happens to be the mother of Mike Nesmith (of the Monkees).
- ❖ If you toss a penny 10,000 times, it will not be heads 5,000 times, but more like 4,950. The heads picture weighs more, so it ends up on the bottom.
- ❖ There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.

**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

**Benefits Reference List (Cont'd)**

APCo Emp, Credit Union	1-800-249-2726 or 205-226-6800
VIVA Health	1-877-320-7504
CVS /Caremark	1-800-843-5670
Delta Dental	1-866-823-4616

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**P.O. BOX 2625**  
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**MEETING DETAILS:**

**When:** May 14, 2018

**Where:** The Club, atop Red Mountain  
(in the Ballroom)

1 Robert S. Smith Drive, Homewood

**Time:** Check-In/Social Time: 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon Begins at: 12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** Executive Update given by Paula  
Marino, Executive VP, E&CS