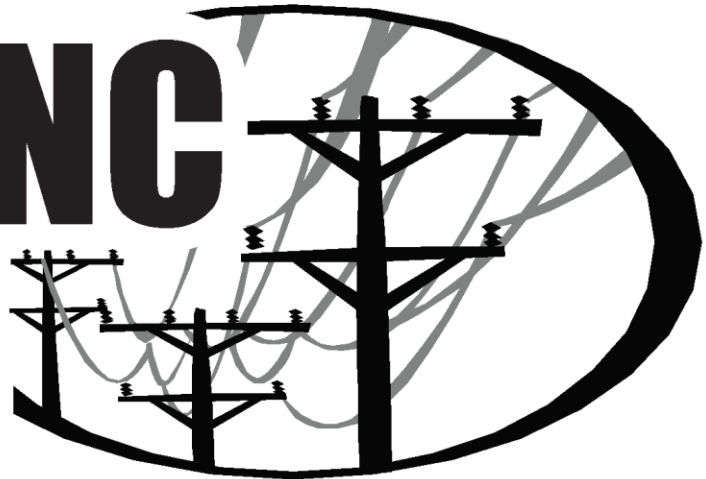


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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:

As my time as your President ends, I would like to express how very much I appreciate each of you.

We've had a great year, wouldn't you agree? With the completion of the Southern Company relocation from Inverness to the Energy Center you bared with us through the North tower's requirement for escorts to and from the security desk. A big thank you to Gail Hicks for smoothing the way for us. Because of the burden that soon became, we moved to the South tower which is where we now have our meetings. Nonetheless, please remember we still need escorts as we go to and from the cafeteria.

Thanks to Amy Houston, we had a great opportunity at the Club during our May luncheon to hear from Mr. Tom Fanning, Chairman, President and CEO of Southern Company. WOW! (And they said it couldn't be done!) We had one of the largest attendances of any meeting and I'm sure you enjoyed his candid conversation about the future of our company as much as I did. With his leadership it's easy to understand why we have one of the most respected utility companies in the nation.

We heard from an astronaut, a mayor, an executive with Milo's and Archivist at Birmingham Botanical Gardens Archives and Rare Book Room just to name a few of the great speakers. If you missed our very first "See you in September" lemonade social at the Heart of Dixie Harley-Davidson Dealership in Pelham, in the HOG Chapter room, you missed a treat! We had wonderful food and the opportunity to sing and dance with "Jay and the Elders". We danced and sang tunes from Elvis to the Eagles.

To everyone I've served with this year, I say thank you. Without your willingness to go above and beyond we would not have had such an exciting year. Again, thank you to each one of you for showing up, participating and lending a helping hand whenever asked. It's not surprising that the retirees of Southern Company Services and Southern Nuclear continue to, "Be a citizen wherever serve".

I hope to see each of you at the November luncheon which will be held at the Vestavia Country Club, so make sure Ms. Dora has you on the list. Our organization will make contributions this year to three wonderful charities nominated by you.

Thank you for letting me serve this year.

**Teresa**

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

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**November – December SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST**

**November Birthdays:**

1 Shelton Morrow  
1 Shelia Noland  
2 Billy Ely  
2 Richard M. Gordie  
2 Charlotte Graham  
3 Susan Evely  
3 Rosalou Maxwell  
4 Tom Austin  
4 Michael W. Horton  
4 Reese Leon Ponder  
5 Jeanne Nelson  
5 James C. Thompson, Jr.  
7 Nan Altizer  
7 Allison Lee  
7 Betty Ponder  
7 Linda Sanders  
7 Jo Shelton  
8 Keith Silliman  
9 Ronnie Green  
10 Jean Guthrie  
10 Dennis Kendrick  
10 Stephen Minor  
11 Charles Hickman  
11 Fariborz K. Sharifabad  
12 Robert Fucich  
12 Terry Mitchell  
12 Thomas Sanford  
12 Ronald Summers  
13 Deborah Greene  
13 Michael Oaks  
14 Dora Brandt  
15 Renee Gwin  
15 Lamar Larrimore  
16 David Lee Empfield  
16 Samuel Gary Sumner  
18 Sherry Baldone  
18 Theresa Burns  
18 Dale Evely  
18 Beverly Lisenby  
18 Rosemary Tenney  
19 Charles Ed Cantrell  
19 Sharon Jones  
19 Billy Walker  
20 K. R. Chakravarthi  
21 Mike Altizer

**November B'days (Cont'd):**

21 Bharath Chakavarthi  
22 Carl N. Logan  
22 Jan Sorge  
22 Phoebe Zandi  
23 Bill Collier  
23 Rick Holcomb  
23 James Shivers  
24 Jo Ann Hollis  
25 Michael Belford  
25 Gary Daugherty  
26 David Mims  
26 Ronald J. Wilson  
27 Donna M. Hasty  
28 Noel Chambless  
28 Tom Greene, Jr.  
28 Dot Legg  
28 Tom Milton  
29 Jerry Lee Monosky  
30 Martha Gail Pugh  
30 Sondra Smaha  
30 Celia Yates

**December Birthdays:**

1 Sharon Chaffin  
1 John Edmundson  
1 Jan Sumrall  
2 James Alldredge Jr.  
2 Donald Miller  
2 Dinah Sisson  
4 William C. Kendall  
6 Betty Shivers  
7 Hudson Richardson  
9 Jacob Champion  
9 Kelly Falletta  
9 Linda Henry  
9 Thomas Neel  
9 James Reed  
11 Kathy Porteous  
12 Stephen R. Smith  
12 Sandra Tooson  
13 Dan Javorka  
13 Jackie Walton  
14 Doyle Crews  
14 Jesse Lee M2Donald

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**December B'days (Cont'd):**

15 Joyce Kuester  
16 Lynn Blanco  
16 Phyllis Hurst  
16 Ted M. McGill, Jr.  
17 William Norton  
17 John Sechrist  
18 James Bailey  
18 Rodrick F. Ingram  
18 Glenda Massengale  
18 Melinda May  
18 James Shepard  
19 Patsy Evans  
19 Bradley Long  
20 Lester E. Daw  
20 Pat Moore  
20 Jane Rooker  
20 Shireen Thomas  
20 Stephen Wells  
21 Debbie Dulion  
22 Ling Chen  
22 Doug Shelton  
22 Steve Wilson  
23 Richard Chastain  
23 Malcolm Garner  
24 Wayne Moore  
25 Tallulah DeMarco  
25 Phillip W. Garrett  
26 Peggy Byars  
26 Melanie Crane  
26 Betty Headley Latta  
26 Mary Dean Shelton  
27 Jerry Fields  
27 Edward Price  
27 Mary Willis  
27 Charlene Yates  
28 Katherine Sechrist  
29 Kathy Dawkins  
29 Penny Manuel  
29 John Plaxco  
29 Zehria Stockli  
30 Lucille Belford  
30 Sandi Boylan  
31 Buddy Coggin  
31 Eleanor Connor  
31 Dave Lisenby

**OBITUARIES**

**George Harvey Imbusch**, 91, passed away on October 16, 2019. He and his wife, **Jackie (SCS)**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 3rd of this year. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Aloysius and Irene Imbusch, and his brother, Bob Imbusch. He is survived by his loving wife, Jackie; his son, David (Sherrie); his grandchildren, Madison, Will, John David Imbusch, Daniel Eichhorn, and Emily Eichhorn. He is also survived by his sister, Charlotte Delatte; his niece, Ann Schermer (Philip); and his nephew, Philip Delatte.

**Benjamin Oliver Kingsley**, age 40, son of Oliver D. Kingsley, **Southern Nuclear**, passed away at his home August 28, 2019. Ben was preceded in death by his mother, Sally Yeaman Kingsley; aunt, Carroll Kingsley Davie; and uncle, Richard Thomas "Tommy" McCall. He is survived by his father, Oliver D. Kingsley, Jr. and wife, Vandalyn F. Kingsley; his sister and brother-in-law, Amy Kingsley Hayworth and Joel S. Hayworth; his sister and brother-in-law, Betsey Kingsley Johns and Jonathan C. Johns; his sister, Abby Yeaman Kingsley; four nephews, Luke K. Hayworth, Samuel B. Hayworth, William O. Hayworth, Jacob M. Johns; and niece, Kingsley Anne Johns; his aunt, Susan Yeaman McCall; his uncle, James O. Yeaman; and seven first cousins. Memorials may be made to "Dream Court Inc." for Montgomery Dream Court. Their mission is to teach the lifetime sport of tennis to children and adults differently abled, striving for inclusion and acceptance. Mail to 3027 Cloverdale Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or Venmo @dreamcourt

**Edna Barnes Melvin, (APC)**, age 80, of Cullman, AL passed away on September 11, 2019. She was a former resident of Birmingham, AL. Edna was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford Melvin and her son, Jeffrey Melvin. She is survived by her son, Dr. Joel Melvin and a host of extended family and friends.

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**Obituaries (Cont'd):**

**Bernard Moore** (husband of **Nancy Moore (SCS)** , age 80, passed away on October 8, 2019. He is survived by his wife Nancy, two sons, Kenneth and Kevin Moore, two daughters-in-law, Becky and Jyl, four grandchildren, and extended family of cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the American Heart Association.

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**FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak to your group. It was so much fun getting to see everyone. Also, thank you for the \$20.00 honorarium for The Archives and Rare Book Room of The Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. One of your gracious members gave me their door prize. This will truly be an asset to our archives. Thank you again for helping me with our mission of preserving our gardening, botanical and horticultural history with your donation for future gardeners and historians to come. If there is anything I can be of assistance with, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Jason C. Kirby  
Archivist for The Archives and  
Rare Book Room  
The Library at Birmingham  
Botanical Gardens"

**YOU REALLY MISSED IT...**

**... if you weren't at our September Meeting**



We kicked off our September meeting with our Retiree Lifestyle Segment featuring retired Executive VP/ SoCo Generation Chief Production Officer Jerry Stewart and his wife, Ella Ruth, sharing their experiences riding their Harley motorcycles all over the country.

**FOLLOWED BY.....**

**Our Keynote Speaker**



George Marling, Senior Consultant in Sothern Company Benefits, provided a high-level overview of the benefits program and took questions from the audience.

**And then, last but not least....**

...we had our first-ever "See You in September" lemonade social featuring "Jay and the Elders", a local eight-piece band (which includes our very own Jim Blackmon, SNC retiree, and APC retiree David Cooper), playing oldies from Elvis to the Eagles. We would love to do this again next year and would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

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**Pictures from September 9 Retiree Meeting**



**Jay and the Elders**

Band Members: Jay Whitt, David Cooper, Jim Blackmon, Joy Moore, Sarah Lumpkin, Frank Brocato, John Malone and Steve Adams.



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**Margaret Carter**



**Susan Venz, Rick Graham, Teresa McCrillis, Charlotte Graham**

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**September 9 Social (Cont'd)**

Special thanks to Mike DeSantis, General Manager of Heart of Dixie Harley-Davidson for allowing us to use the HOG Chapter room for our September social. The store has the latest models of motorcycles in stock and also pre-owned bikes. Heart of Dixie offers a wide variety of Harley merchandise and gift certificates for the motorcycle enthusiast on your holiday list! See website <https://www.heartofdixiehd.com/>

**LET'S CELEBRATE!!!**  
**IT'S TIME FOR OUR RETIREES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON! PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

**Date:** Tuesday November 5, 2019  
**Location:** Vestavia Hills Country Club  
400 Beaumont Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35216  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(Sign In/Social Hour begins at 11:00 a.m. Seated luncheon begins at noon.)

**MENU**

Herb Roasted Turkey Breast W/ Cornbread Sage Dressing  
Sweet Potato Mash and Autumn Succotash  
Tossed Salad  
Pumpkin Cream Cheese Roulade and/or Pecan Pie

Entertainment will be provided by Frank Jones, highly accomplished concert pianist.



**Frank Jones Bio**

Frank received his Bachelor of Music Education from Samford University, and his Master of Church Music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

During his ministry, he has served churches in Alabama and Texas. Frank has served as pianist for the Alabama Singing Men since 1983. He has led worship and played piano for numerous events and church retreats, including standing pianist for the denomination state convention.

Frank and his wife Margaret make their home in Hoover, Alabama. Frank serves in a part time position on the Worship Arts Team at Hunter Street Baptist Church. He serves full time with Frank Jones Ministries: <http://frankjonesministries.org/>

Frank has recorded eight solo CDs since 2005. He also has a collection of hymns for congregational worship called "One Mighty Voice". CDs will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

**There's a lot happening in the Magic City** as we near the holidays. We did a little research and wanted to share some opportunities with everyone so they could reach out to other members or friends and capitalize on these great activities:

- Virginia Samford Theater has **You Can't Take It with You** (Tickets on Sundays \$15-20) beginning 11/3-11/10 and **The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever** 11/21-11/24
- The Terrific New Theater (in Lakeview corner of 28th and 2nd Avenue South) has **It's a Wonderful Life** on 12/12-12/29
- The Alabama Theater featuring **Miracle on 34th Street** on 12/8 and **White Christmas** on 12/15
- Leslie S. Wright Fine arts center at Samford featuring the award-winning **Alabama Ballet's the Nutcracker** on Dec. 13-15, 2019 & Dec. 20-22. 2019

**REMINDER FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**



**Don't Forget to Fall Back!**

# RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



**Dan Bush**

**Write-Up from 'Auburn Connection' An Official Publication for Auburn Alumni and Friends (October 2019)**

**Superior Service  
Dan Bush '72 Industrial Engineering**

Dan Bush is a 1972 industrial engineering alumnus who enjoyed a 33-year career with Southern Company and Alabama Power before embarking on a second career as a development officer with the College of Engineering. He began his time with Alabama Power as a co-op student in 1969 before advancing through the ranks as a senior engineer and senior quality assurance engineer and finally working in Alabama Power's corporate office as a direct account executive and contract analyst.

Earlier this year, Bush retired as a senior major gifts officer after 17 years with the college, where he has built lasting relationships with hundreds of engineering alumni over his career and has

**Dan Bush (Cont'd):**

facilitated more than \$70 million in gifts benefiting Auburn students and faculty. Bush built lifelong relationships with many Auburn alumni which allowed him to present the college's goals and objectives to them in an atmosphere of trust. This encouraged alumni to explore their areas of interest with him and follow up with gifts for these areas. Because of his extraordinary ability as a fundraiser, Bush had a significant impact on the college's ability to implement and support programs that enhanced Auburn Engineering's image and ranking.



**SANTA CLAUS? ME?**  
By: Ronnie Antoine

I was reading a SCS Retiree Newsletter a while back and one of the topics was "What Hobbies or Interests do SCS Retiree's get Involved with"? I was thinking that I had made a transition into a unique area...Santa Claus.

When I decided to retire on March 31, 2013, I had already begun to grow my hair a bit longer and started growing my beard out. It was just a phase I planned to enter as a retired person no longer going to the office, attending meetings, and such. Well, by mid-year I had a pretty good-looking beard and as I would go shopping or just out and about children and adults started saying you look a lot like Santa. I began to look in the mirror and smile and even shout an occasional HOHOHO just to check out this prospective opportunity.

Around October of 2013 my daughter asked me if I had purchased a Santa suit yet. I told her no; but I was looking. She said, "Dad you better go ahead and order the suit, I have a job for you". Since that first suit, five custom made suits have been added and the first one has been retired.

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### **Santa Ronnie (Cont'd)**

So it began, my first official event as Santa was December 7, 2013. It was an outdoor event at a park here in Pensacola. As I entered the park area children were running up to me smiling, hugging, asking all the questions they ask Santa, and eager to tell me what they would like for Christmas. I found my way to my chair under the big oaks and sat there taking request for about 4 hours. I was hooked, this is a perfect thing for me to do. As I entered into 2014, I started researching more details about portraying Santa Claus. In March of that year I attended a convention in Gatlinburg with about 800 other Santa's. Training was very good and included tips for grooming, photo taking, insurance needs, how to set up an LLC, advertising, and how to manage your events.

With all this newly gained knowledge I set up my LLC, website, Facebook Page, secured my liability insurance, and purchased background check information to supply to my potential clients. In 2015, I attended a School for Santa's and was awarded a Masters Degree in Clausology. My Christmas Season in 2014 blossomed and I soon had many events on my calendar. Luckily, about 70 percent of my clients now are return clients that I see every year. In 2018, I had over 55 events and traveled over 4000 miles along the Gulf Coast area from Panama City to Foley, AL from mid-November until December 24.

Now, I mostly focus on home visits, corporate events, and community events. In 2017, I was one of the Santa's at the Bass Pro Shop in Spanish Fort, AL. It was a great experience working about 6 hours a shift 30 days in a row. I have also filled in at Cordova Mall in Pensacola as well in the past. Also, several parades, commercials, and magazine articles are in my portfolio. My first event on the calendar for this upcoming Season is November 15. I have about 30 events on the calendar and looking forward to a lot of fun.

I mention the fun. It is a lot of fun talking with all the children about what they would like for Christmas. Sometimes it does turn to a more somber moment. The young lady, probably in the early 20's, from another country that had never taken a photo with Santa. She was so excited and cried and cried. The children who are sick

themselves with that "C" word or ones that ask me to heal a family member or friend who has Cancer. I may cross the line a bit; but I always say I will pray for them. Then there is the child who ask me to make their mom and dad happy. I tell you this only to share that children trust Santa Claus. My answers to all those types of questions are uplifting and as always never promise but provide hope. I have posed with an 8 x 10 photo of a little boy several times. The family comes to one of my events each year so that he can see Santa. Yes, the little boy drowned late summer a few years ago.

While on this topic I have spent some time at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital here in Pensacola. I have had the honor of being their Santa attending their annual tree lighting a few times and riding an ambulance or helicopter into the event with a Miracle Child that has had miraculous results in their recovery. So many children face things unimaginable even to most adults.

By now, you may have noticed a passion for what I do and the good that it does for others, not to mention myself. As a child I remember my Maternal Grandfather's brother coming by our Christmas Eve event at my Grandparent's home and portraying Santa. I remember the excitement that my sister, cousins, and I had when Santa came to Granny and Grandpa's home. I just want to continue to spread that joy and excitement. Santa Claus, that is my chosen life after Southern Company. With my longer hair and real white beard, I am pretty much portraying my profession 365 days a year.





Santa Ronnie (Cont'd)

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**HUMOR – THE BEST MEDICINE**

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:  
“Windows frozen, won’t open.”

Husband texts back: “Gently pour some lukewarm  
water over it and then gently tap edges with  
hammer.”

Wife texts back 10 minutes later: “Computer really  
messed up now.”

People are excited about the new iPhone, but no  
one has caught up with the awesome technology of  
using your blinker when you drive.

Wife: “I have a bag full of used clothing I would like  
to donate.”

Husband: “Why not just throw it in the trash. That’s  
much easier.”

Wife: “But there are poor starving people that can  
use all these clothes.”

Husband” Honey, anyone that can fit into your  
clothing isn’t starving.”

Husband is recovering from a head injury now!

I lost my job at the bank on my very first day. A  
customer asked me to check her balance, so I  
pushed her over.

A police force officer just knocked on my door and  
told me my dogs are chasing people on bikes.  
That’s ridiculous. My dogs don’t even own bikes.

Let me tell you about my grandfather. He was a  
good man, a brave man. He had the heart of a lion,  
and a lifetime ban from the zoo.

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act  
in public

The shinbone is a device for finding furniture in a  
dark room.

I changed all my passwords to "incorrect", so that  
whenever I forget, it will tell me, "Your password is  
incorrect."

Chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree. That  
makes it a plant. Therefore, chocolate is salad.

Before Instagram, I used to waste so much time  
sitting around having to imagine what my friends'  
food looked like.

I got arrested at the airport last week. Apparently,  
security doesn't appreciate it when you call  
"shotgun" before boarding a plane.

The more you weigh the harder you are to kidnap.  
Stay safe, eat cake.



**Merry Christmas**

**And**

**Happy New Year**



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**2019 Leadership**

**Notes from our Officers, Committee  
Chairs and Board Members**

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!**

If you know of someone that is sick and doesn't object to their information being shared, please send an email to me at the following address so that we can send them a card and also include them in our prayers.

[socosncretirees@gmail.com](mailto:socosncretirees@gmail.com).

Additionally, we love to hear good news!

Patsy Evans,  
Member Care



We would LOVE to hear from any of our retirees wishing to share with us how they are spending their time now that they have retired (vacations, volunteer work, family time, etc.), or any other items that they would like to share.

Please send your input to us at the following e-mail address. This newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter and we truly appreciate all contributions.

**Rick and Charlotte Graham**  
[dricharlo@gmail.com](mailto:dricharlo@gmail.com)

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**MEETING DETAILS:**

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**Where:** Vestavia Hills Country Club  
400 Beaumont Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35216  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(Sign In/Social Hour begins at 11:00  
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noon.)