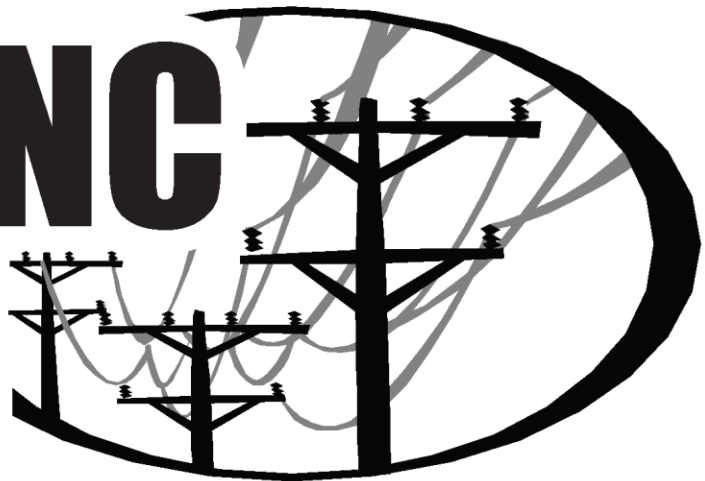


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Word from the editor:

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 some of you may know, I love to travel. I think it started when I was a little girl and we camped out a lot. There was always a trail to follow through the trees and I could hardly pass one by without taking it to see where it led. Later, we moved to Smith Lake, and I got a Honda mini trail for Christmas one year. The dirt roads around where I grew up were many, and I must've gone down every single one of them multiple times.

As I got older, my love of going took different forms. I started to read books about people that were in different worlds than ours and about legends of our world which happened in far away places. Most of these tales happened in Western Europe long ago. I was so curious. I even wrote a letter to a lady in Wales, a librarian, to ask about Merlin's Cave which was in a book I read. The legends of King Arthur were my favorite, and I vowed to visit England, Wales, and Scotland to see where the stories took place.

I didn't get the opportunity to do this until after I had graduated from college, married, and started working. At that point I had very little time. We got two weeks' vacation per year when I started with Southern Company. Since my husband was Greek, for the first few years I saved up those two weeks to use all at once

for trips to Europe. My first trip was actually to Greece, a beautiful place and also on my list because of all the Greek Mythology that I had read. I visited the Acropolis in Athens, Delphi, and the river Acheron, one of the 5 rivers of the underworld.

A few years later my marriage had ended, and I found myself with my two weeks saved up for a European trip and no place to go. I decided to finally follow my dream and head to England. I asked my mother to accompany me. With no Internet to guide me, I got a book of bed-and-breakfasts and reserved one in London for our first three nights. As we traveled each day, we would pick a place between sights and call ahead for a room for the night. This went on for two weeks to Scotland and back. We put over 2500 miles on a rental car. A few years later, I went to England and Scotland again with my new husband Jeff, revisiting some of the places that I had enjoyed the first time and scouting out some new spots.

Over the next decade I didn't travel overseas. It was a very busy time having small children, and it was not as easy to pick up the bags and go. I returned to Europe 18 years later, thanks to my niece's French teacher who arranged a tour to French speaking countries in Western Europe. We covered Belgium, France, and Switzerland. I had been to Paris one time before, and revisiting it again and seeing my daughter, niece, and sister experience it for the first time reinforced what I had previously thought: Paris is my favorite city.

I've been to Europe almost every year since. As you can probably tell, if you ask me about traveling, I will

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<http://www.scsretirees.com>

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tell you stories until you're ready to send me on my next trip yourself.

At the start of a new year I always look at what places I can go next. A few months ago, I sat down and wrote out a list, a bucket list if you will, of the places that I've longed to go and haven't quite made it to yet. The list expanded from Western Europe into the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, Egypt, Southeast Asia, and South America. I know that I may not always be able to travel, and I decided I better write down some of these places and try to make it before it gets too difficult. I have contingencies to extend my traveling days by getting one of those scooters to ride around when I can no longer walk the long blocks that characterize my trips today. When that option plays out, I can plan trips and visit places in books, which is how I started this whole passion to begin with.

Travel opens your mind in a way that not many other things can. Part of what I've learned from traveling is that I can hold myself open to having new experiences even here where I live every day. Travel

doesn't have to be as far as Europe, or even overseas. It can be down the street, to a new church, to a park nearby, or to a restaurant that you've never been to. I guess the point is to keep yourself open to new experiences and fun, and to let those things be a goal and something to look forward to. I think I'm busier now than I was when I was working. For me, it only takes acknowledging and opening yourself up to those interests that you've had all this time, but never had the time to do.

I look forward to being president of the SCS and SNC retiree group this year, and I look forward to introducing some new experiences for each of us as we have our meetings. I hope we will have fun together along the way.

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out of your door. You step into the Road, and if you don't keep your feet, there is no knowing where you might be swept off to." Bilbo to Frodo in "The Fellowship of the Ring" by J. R. R. Tolkien

Deanna McCombs



January-February SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

January Birthdays:

- 2 Mollie Midlik
- 2 Dennis Rickertsen
- 3 Charles Nuckolls
- 5 Betty Ramsey
- 5 Debra Smith
- 6 Bob Haubein
- 6 Marion Price
- 7 Harry Gaither

January B'days (Cont'd):

- 7 Elsie Graham
- 7 Wayne Jones
- 8 Larry Cobb
- 8 Arthur F. Ellis
- 8 Jim Garner
- 9 Doug Boylan
- 11 Paul Brashier
- 11 Rena Coleman

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January B'days (Cont'd):

11 Ronnie Ellis
11 William D. McCombs
11 Richard J. Vatovec
12 Terry Crawley
12 Dee Dee Lyon
12 John Kenton Whiddon
13 Charles Crane
13 Tom Massengale
13 Gary McKinney
14 Dwight Hostetter
15 Jan Stowe
16 Donald Hurd
16 Edward Knobeloch
16 Thelma Walker
17 Bobby Jones
17 Stan Smith
17 Karen Sumerlin
18 Derek Ackley
18 David Strack
19 Randy Lee
19 Don Thornburgh
20 Reed Edwards
20 Janine C. Hagan
21 John S. Goodwin
22 John W. Linn
24 Elizabeth Oedamer
24 Joyce Studinka
24 Peter Webb
25 Walter Stockli
25 Jane Webb
26 Dorothy Bostick
27 Charles Craig
27 Deborah Rouse
28 Kathy Elliott
28 Jackie Imbusch
28 Lindsay Lucas
28 Bob Smith
29 Dan Bush
29 Janice Welliver
30 Charles Goodman
30 Clyde Price
31 Kenneth S. Gray
31 Sidney Hoover
31 Skip Kitchens
31 Barbara Quinn
31 Doris A. Slaughter
31 Perry Stowe
31 Nina Wilson

February Birthdays:

2 Lester Norwood
4 Betsy Black
4 James O. Chaffin
4 Shirley East
4 Dwight Griffin
6 Paul Brown
6 Dot Kachelhofer
6 Wanda McKelvy
7 David Slovensky
8 Mary Nell Black
8 Donald Falletta
8 John Tackett
9 John Quinn
10 Judy Yance
11 Danny Allred
11 Sherion Freeman
11 Bill Ramsey
12 Jimmy P. Cash
12 Russell Hoover
12 William Midlik
12 Donald Smaha
13 Becky Cheatwood
13 Gregory William Gilbert
14 Barry Smith
14 Brent Thigpen
14 Henry Kyser Wilson
16 Charlotte Shanlever
16 Donna Read
17 Mary Anne Hornbuckle
17 Dennis S. Read
17 Robert Talmadge
18 Walter Dean
18 Yinkun Wan
20 Don Charles Hagan
20 Betty Sue Prince
20 Myrna Wise
20 Rocky Wright
21 Veva Naramore
22 Louis Long
23 Ken Carr
23 Charles Quinn
24 Kenneth W. Boyd
24 Doby Hanks
24 Carolyn Smith
24 Wayne Troulias
25 Gale Dougherty
25 Joe Leamon
26 Alison Smith
27 Carolyn Calhoun
29 Charles E. Davis

OBITUARIES

Herman R. Bailey (Ray), Southern Company Services, age 82, of Hoover, Alabama passed away on December 1, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman M. Bailey and Lois Turner, and an infant brother, James W. Bailey. Ray is survived by his wife Catherine A. Heinzerling, his daughters Kathy Brown and Tammy Langston (Randy), grandchildren Josh, Carla and Miranda; great-grandchildren Granger, Shainna, Cayden, Ryder, Ernie, and Raylan; sisters-in-law Connie Heinzerling of N.Y., Gail Heinzerling of Tinos, Greece, and Joyce Heinzerling Davis (Thomas Davis) of N.Y. and Bermuda; two nephews Justin Beckert and David Heinzerling of N.Y. and Goddaughter Ava Ann Taylor. In memory of Ray, the family suggests memorial contributions to Christ the King Anglican Church, or the University of Alabama Capstone Engineering Society.

Mary Nelle Mitchell Shelton, 86, of Mountain Brook passed away on November 14, 2019. She is survived by her son, Roy Lon Shelton, III, her daughter Susan Shelton Romei (Phillip) and her only grandson, John Mitchell Romei.

Gary Stephen Vincent, age 60, Southern Company Services, passed away on November 14, 2019. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Retired Lt. Col. Maurice R. Vincent and mother Shirley S. Vincent; father-in-law W. Ray Lolley and mother-in-law Eugenia L. Lolley and his brother, John Thomas Vincent. Gary is survived by his wife of 37 years, Jill Lolley Vincent; daughter Beth Vincent Kelley (Jacob) and son Stephen Andrew Vincent (Rachel). In addition, Gary is survived by his siblings, Carol McMichael (Timothy); retired MSgt Andrew M. Vincent (Kristina); Christopher T. Vincent (Cristine), FL; and sister-in-law, Ann C. Vincent. Gary adored his grandchildren, James Foster Kelley, Sage Olivia Vincent, Ava Ray Kelley, Ivy Lauren Vincent and Shepherd Andrew Vincent. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Jane Lolley Daw (Jerry); nieces and nephews: Jenny Ellison (Daniel), Kathryn White (Kris), Susan Vincent, Julie Willey (Grant),

Obituaries (Cont'd):

Tyler Vincent (Kristen), Karen Albrecht (Louis), Linda Vincent, and Joshua McMichael;. great nieces and nephews Eli and Sam Ellison and Natalie White. The family requests that memorials be made to Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 452 Ninth Avenue, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127.

FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS

"Dear Friends and Fellow Retirees of Robert "Bob" Dunn:

Thank you for the donation to the **Anatomical Donor Program** at UAB in memory of my dad. That was very thoughtful. My dad enjoyed working at Southern Company. He would have appreciated being remembered.

Gratefully,

Ginny Curtis



"On behalf of **Service Dogs Alabama** thank you for your contribution and support of our mission. Your generosity allows us to train dogs who change lives.

Amy Capps



"Dear SCS Retirees, Thank you so very much for your generous donation to The **Wellhouse**. Your gift directly impacts our resident programs for healing and restoration. We hope this blessing comes back to you tenfold !! Thank you sincerely.

Holly Hyche"



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



to Henry and Ann Garrett.

2020 SCS/SNC Retiree Meetings

Monday, January 13, Colonnade, South Tower Auditorium

Monday, March 9, Colonnade, South Tower Auditorium

Monday, May 18, Spring Luncheon at The Club

Monday, July 13, Colonnade, South Tower Auditorium

Monday, September 14, Colonnade, South Tower Auditorium

Thursday, November 12, Holiday Luncheon at Vestavia Country Club



Henry and Ann celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary December 15. Both live at St. Martin's in the Pines in the Eastwood area and both are doing well. If you would like to send Henry and Ann a card their address is 4941 Montevallo Road, Birmingham, AL 35210

YOU REALLY MISSED IT...

... if you weren't at our November Holiday Luncheon.

Correction from November-December Newsletter

In last month's newsletter, we inadvertently misspelled Santa Ronnie's last name – should have been Ronnie **ANTONE**. Sorry Santa, and thanks for such a great article. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



During our luncheon we were entertained by Frank Jones. Frank, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, has served churches in Alabama and Texas. He has served as pianist for the Alabama Singing Men since 1983 and has led worship and played piano for numerous events and church retreats, including standing pianist for the denomination state convention.

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You Really Missed It (Cont'd):

Additionally, checks were presented to the three organizations selected as our 2019 Charitable Contributions recipients. Those selected (pictured below) were Hope Inspired Ministries, Service Dogs of Alabama and the Wellhouse.

Hope Inspired Ministries

Hope Inspired Ministries is a faith-based non-profit organization designed to train low-skilled, poorly educated and/or chronically unemployed men and women to obtain and maintain employment. Through a 9-week program each student participates in 360 hours of training, including soft skills, financial management, problem-solving, etc.



Pictured: Teresa McCrillis with Myron Thomas, Hope Inspired Ministries

You Really Missed It (Cont'd):

Service Dogs of Alabama

Service Dogs Alabama (SDA) is dedicated to providing medical and psychiatric assistant dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities. SDA places dogs for diabetic and seizure alert, autism, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and stability and wheelchair assistance. SDA trains facility dogs for school interventions involving counseling and learning disabilities. SDA also trains dogs who can assist children when they are testifying in court.



Rachel Waters and Amy Capps, Service Dogs of Alabama

Wellhouse

The Wellhouse provides a safe residential environment to women, offering spiritual, mental, emotional and physical support services. They welcome all women who have been sexually exploited through human trafficking. Regardless of race, color, creed or religion, women in pain can be assured they will find love and acceptance at The Wellhouse.



Chapple Watkins, The Wellhouse

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**Introducing our 2020 SCS/SNC
Retiree Officers and Board Members**



Left to right: Tallulah Demarco, Doris Hardy, Yancey Trucks, Rick Graham. Charlotte Graham, Fred Ehrensperger, Dave Lizenby, Rick Rice and Teresa McCrillis (Not pictured: Deanna McCombs and Ken McElroy)

January Retiree Meeting

Meeting Details

Date: Monday, January 13, 2020
Where: SCS/SNC Offices at the Colonnade
3535 Colonnade Parkway
South Tower Auditorium
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Program:

- Retiree Lifestyle Speaker- Jeanne Wamack, Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club
- Keynote Speaker- Nick Irvin, Director of Research and Development Strategy, Advanced Nuclear, and Crosscutting Technology at Southern Company, speaking on “Technology Development at Southern Company Research and Development”

January Retiree Meeting (Cont’d)

Would you like to be able to see into the future? Come catch a glimpse of potential future technologies to be deployed as we hear about the latest projects at Southern Company Research and Development. Topics will include new nuclear, emissions control, electric vehicles, Smart Homes, and innovation. Our meeting will be held on the same floor as the South Tower security desk. The cafeteria is on the floor above the auditorium. For those having lunch in the cafeteria, an escort will be required.

Please allow ample time to find parking and sign in at the South Tower. FYI, the Alabama Power Company (APCO) Credit Union is on the first floor of the North Tower.

Featured Speaker:



Nick Irvin

We are delighted to have as Keynote Speaker Nick Irvin, Director of Research and Development Strategy, Advanced Nuclear, and Crosscutting Technology at Southern Company. In this capacity, he is responsible for the evaluation, development, demonstration and innovative technologies to support Southern Company’s operations in the areas of advanced nuclear technology, hydrogen and alternative energy carriers, technology scouting, and R&D strategy. He also leads Southern Company’s engagement in energy R&D collaborative programs with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), as well as an internal portfolio of cross-cutting R&D programs

From 2003 to 2013, Irvin served as a research engineer, leading efforts in environmental control technologies, including mercury, acid gas, carbon dioxide and particulate matter control, water treatment, and carbon sequestration. In this role, he

January Retiree Meeting (Cont'd)

Featured Speaker (Cont'd:)

delivered many strategic projects including Gulf Power's Mercury Research Center and the 25-megawatt carbon capture and storage demonstration at Alabama Power's Plant Barry conducted in partnership with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. These projects became focal points for the industry's effort to better understand their respective technology, and were widely recognized both nationally and internationally for their contribution to the industry.

Under Irvin's leadership, Southern Company was selected in 2015 by the U.S. Department of Energy to develop an advanced molten salt reactor concept in partnership with TerraPower Inc., a Seattle-based startup. Irvin began his professional career with Southern Company in the engineering and construction services division as a design engineer supporting the Hatch Nuclear Plant. He later transitioned to construction and startup engineer for the installation of two full-scale selective catalytic reduction units at Alabama Power's Plant Miller, before transitioning to R&D in 2003.

Irvin has represented Southern Company in many external alliances, including as chairman of the Utility Air Regulatory Group's Control Technology Committee and a representative to the Policy Committee of the Generation IV Nuclear International Forum on behalf of the U.S. nuclear industry. A recipient of three Technology Transfer Awards from EPRI, Irvin has demonstrated the ability to lead change through technology innovation throughout his career.

A registered professional engineer, Irvin holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in chemical engineering from Auburn University.

Retiree Lifestyle Segment



Jeanne Rogers Wamack

Are you looking for a game of strategy to keep your mind sharp, while having fun with interesting and intelligent folks? Are you and your spouse/significant other looking something new to do together? The game of bridge is a great activity for retirees!

At our January Retirees meeting, Jeanne Rogers Wamack of the Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club will give a brief talk about bridge. She will be available to talk with anyone who is interested in learning this game of skill.

A Silver Life Master, Jeanne first learned to play bridge while an 18-year-old at Mountain Brook High School and has honed those skills through the years. She is a graduate of Auburn University and holds a Master's degree in education and is a certified bridge teacher by the American Contract Bridge League. She has taught bridge for eight years at the Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club. Jeanne's bubbly personality and high energy make the lessons fun and not at all intimidating.

The Birmingham Duplicate Bridge Club is in Riverchase, one block off the intersection of Highway 31 and Valleydale Road near I-65 and has games for all levels of play. A series of lessons is given regularly, and on Saturday January 25 and Sunday January 26 they will offer "Learn Bridge in a Day with Patty Tucker" (10:00-4:00 each day). To sign up and for additional information please go to website bhambridge.org.

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February 14

- Passing out Valentines is a 600-year-old tradition. Each year, kids in classrooms across America hand out Valentine's Day cards to their classmates. According to History.com, the oldest record of a valentine was a poem Charles Duke of Orleans wrote to his wife when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415.
- Esther Howland is the first manufacturer of Valentines. She became known as the "Mother of the American Valentine" for the artistry and sentiment of her designs, Time reports. Before Howland commercialized them, American valentines were less romantic and more comic. Her inspiration came from the thoughtful and sweet greeting cards that were circulating in England and she decided to sell similar designs in the U.S. They took off: During the 1850s she earned \$100,000 annually, which is about \$3 million today, according to Time.
- Today, millions of greeting cards are purchased every year. We're talking *144 million* greeting cards being exchanged industry-wide every year for Valentine's Day in the U.S. alone, according to Hallmark.
- Wearing your heart on your sleeve is more than just a phrase. In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names to see who their Valentine would be, the LA Times reports. According to Smithsonian, they would wear the name pinned to their sleeve for one week so that everyone their supposed true feelings.
- Candy hearts were originally medical lozenges. In 1847, Boston pharmacist Oliver Chase invented a machine that simplified the lozenge production process, resulting in the first candy-making machine,

Valentine's Day (Cont;d)

according to The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America. After identifying an opportunity to revolutionize the candy business, Chase shifted his focus to candy production with Necco wafers.

- The candies got their iconic shape much later. It wasn't until 15 years after the creation of Necco wafers that Daniel Chase's brother, Oliver Chase, developed a way to press words onto the candy lozenges with a felt roller pad and vegetable food coloring. According to The Huffington Post, the conversation candies officially became heart-shaped in 1902, and today Necco says about 100,000 of them are sold each year.
 - The heart shape wasn't always a romantic symbol. According to Time, the heart was once widely believed to be humans' center of memory, where feelings of love were recorded. However, we have French and Italian artists from the 14th century to thank for the symbol that we know and love today, as they were the first ones to start using this motif in their work.
 - Americans spend a lot on love. According to a survey by the National Retail Federation, Americans spent \$18.2 billion for Valentine's Day in 2017 and were expected to spend \$19.6 billion in 2018.
 - The chocolate box has been around for more than 140 years. In addition to creating arguably the richest, creamiest, and sweetest chocolate on the market, Richard Cadbury also introduced the first box of Valentine's Day chocolates in 1868, History.com reports.
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Church Bloopers



- Next Sunday is the family hayride and bonfire at the Fowlers. Bring your own hot dogs and guns. Friends are welcome! Everyone come for a fun time.
- Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say “hell” to someone who doesn’t care much about you.
- The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.
- Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The agenda was adopted...the minutes were approved...the financial secretary gave a grief report.
- Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack’s sermons.
- The ‘Over 60s Choir’ will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.
- The missionary from Africa speaking at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine: Name: Bertha Belch. Announcement: “Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the Way from Africa.”
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing “Break Forth into Joy.”

Do you Remember when????

Someone asked a friend of mine the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up? He stated, ' 'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up - all the food was slow.' 'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?' 'It was a place called 'at Home,' he explained.

'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.' By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table. But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it :

Some parents NEVER owned their own home, never wore Levi's, never set foot on a golf course, never traveled out of the country or had a credit card.

In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

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Memories (Cont'd):

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer.

I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow)

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 11. It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. And there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I was 19 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called 'pizza pie.' When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers--my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which he got to keep 2 cents. He had to get up at 6 AM every morning.

On Saturday, he had to collect the 42 cents from his customers. His favorite customers were the ones who gave him 50 cents and told him to keep the change. His least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Memories (Cont'd):

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

How many of these do you remember?

Head lights dimmer switches on the floor.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

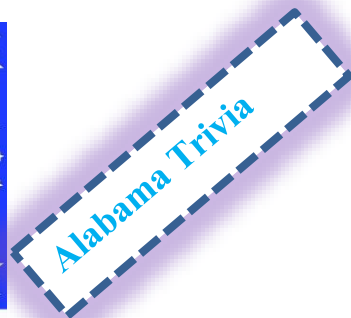
Heaters mounted on the inside of the fire wall.

Real ice boxes.

Pant leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heat on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn signals.



- Alabama introduced the Mardi Gras to the western world. The celebration is held on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Lent begins.

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Alabama Trivia (Cont'd):

- ❑ Alabama workers built the first rocket to put humans on the moon.
- ❑ The world's first Electric Trolley System was introduced in Montgomery in 1886.
- ❑ Alabama is the only state with all major natural resources needed to make iron and steel. It is also the largest supplier of cast-iron and steel pipe products.
- ❑ Alabama became the 22nd state on December 14, 1819.
- ❑ The town of Enterprise houses the Boll Weevil Monument to acknowledge the role this destructive insect played in encouraging farmers to grow crops other than cotton.
- ❑ Baseball player Henry Louis (Hank) Aaron was born in Mobile in 1934.
- ❑ Boxer Joe Louis was born in Lexington in 1914. He died in 1981.
- ❑ Baseball player Willie Howard Mays was born in Westfield in 1931.
- ❑ A skeleton of a pre-historic man was found in Russell Cave.
- ❑ At 2,405 feet Cheaha Mountain is Alabama's highest point above sea level.
- ❑ The Alabama Department of Archives is the oldest state-funded archival agency in the nation.
- ❑ In 1902 Dr. Luther Leonidas Hill performed the first open heart surgery in the Western Hemisphere by suturing a stab wound in a young boy's heart. The surgery occurred in Montgomery.
- ❑ To help fund education Alabama instituted its state sales tax in 1937.
- ❑ Between 1817 and 1819 Old Saint Stephens was the first territorial capital of Alabama.
- ❑ In 1956 the Army Ballistic Missile Agency was established at Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal.

Alabama Trivia (Cont'd):

- ❑ Alabama's geographic center is located in Chilton a community located 12 miles southwest of Clanton.
- ❑ The word Alabama means tribal town in the Creek Indian language.
- ❑ The United States Army Chemical Corps Museum in Fort McClellan contains over 4000 chemical warfare artifacts.
- ❑ Hitler's typewriter survived from his mountain retreat and is exhibited at the Hall of History in Bessemer.
- ❑ Blount County was created on February 7, 1818 and is older than the state.
- ❑ Winston County is often called the Free State of Winston. It gained the name during the Civil War.
- ❑ Mobile is named after the Mauvilla Indians.
- ❑ The Alabama State Flag was authorized by the Alabama legislature on February 16, 1895.
- ❑ Hematite is Alabama's official state mineral and is known as oxide of iron (Fe₂O₃).
- ❑ On January 11, 1861 Alabama becomes the fourth state to secede from the Union.
- ❑ On January 28, 1846 Montgomery was selected as capital of Alabama.
- ❑ Tallulah Bankhead entertained as a star of stage, screen, and radio during the 1930s-1950s. She was born in Huntsville in 1902 and died in 1968.
- ❑ Singer and entertainer Nathaniel Adams (Nat King) Cole was known as the man with the velvet voice. He was born in Montgomery in 1919 and died in 1965.
- ❑ Alabama resident Sequoyah devised the phonetic, written alphabet of the Cherokee language.
- ❑ The Birmingham Airport opened in 1931. At the time of the opening a Birmingham to Los Angeles flight took 19 hours.

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Alabama Trivia (Cont'd):

- Washington County is the oldest county in Alabama.
- General Andrew Jackson defeated the Creek Indians in 1814. Following the event, the Native Americans ceded nearly half the present state land to the United States.
- At the Battle of Mobile Bay Admiral David Farragut issued his famous command, "Damn the "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead." The event occurred on August 5, 1864.

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 include them in our prayers.

socosnretirees@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

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MEETING DETAILS:

When: Monday, January 13, 2019
Where: SCS/SNC Offices at the Colonnade
3535 Colonnade Parkway
South Tower Auditorium
Birmingham, AL 35242
Time: 1:00 p.m.