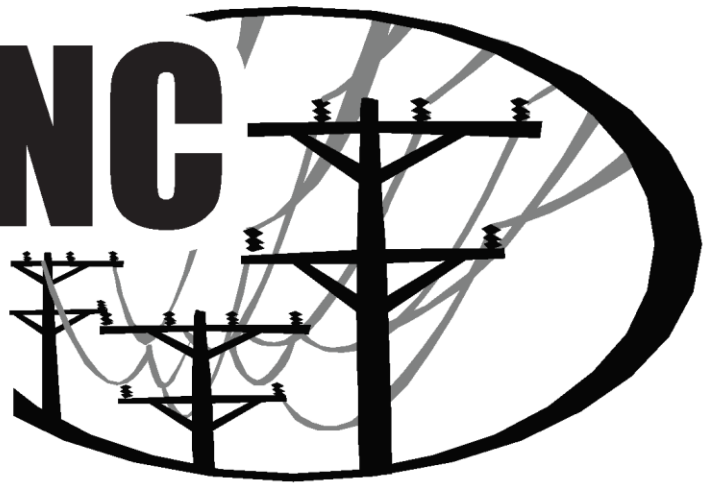


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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:

I'm ready for a New Year! How about you?

Just a short update from our recent activities. As you know, the purpose for our group is to foster continuing fellowship and recreational activities among the members. It is also to "further the common good and general welfare of the Greater Birmingham, Alabama Metropolitan Area communities." With this second purpose in mind, we had members nominate charitable organizations to receive 2020 funding from our group. Many of our members volunteer for local community organizations, and this has been a focus for our choice of funding in the past.

The board reviewed the member nominations we received, and four charities were chosen. Since we have not had any meeting expenses for 2020, the board decided to increase our giving budget to \$4000, from the \$3000 we contributed last year.

On behalf of the SCS/SNC Retiree group, a charitable contribution of \$1000 each has been made to the following organizations:

Make A Wish Foundation  
Ronald McDonald House Charities Alabama  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Alabama  
Presbyterian Home for Children

I'm looking forward to 2021 and hope we have the opportunity to gather together safely again soon.

**Deanna McCombs**



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

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**JANUARY-FEBRUARY SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST**

**January Birthdays:**

2 Mollie Midlik  
2 Dennis Rickertsen  
4 Billy Ray Hall, Jr.  
5 Betty Ramsey  
6 Bob Folker  
6 Bob Haubein  
7 Elsie Graham  
7 Wayne Jones  
8 Arthur F. Ellis  
8 Jim Garner  
9 Doug Boylan  
11 Rena Coleman  
11 Ronnie Ellis  
11 Richard J. Vatovec  
12 Terry Crawley  
12 Dee Dee Lyon  
13 Charles Crane  
13 Tom Massengale  
16 Edward Knobloch  
16 Thelma Walker  
17 Bobby Jones  
17 Stan Smith  
17 Karen Sumerlin  
18 Derek Ackley  
18 Gaye Aultman  
18 David Strack  
19 Randy Lee  
19 Don Thornburgh  
20 Reed Edwards  
20 Janine C. Hagan  
22 Wayne S. Smith  
24 Elizabeth Oedamer  
24 Nedra Marie Smith  
24 Peter Webb  
25 Dwayne T. Dubose  
25 Stephen H. Morrison  
25 Walter Stockli

**January B'days (Cont'd)**

25 Jane Webb  
27 Charles Craig  
27 Emanuel Futch  
27 Deborah Rouse  
28 Kathy Elliott  
28 Jackie Imbusch  
28 Lindsay Lucas  
29 Dan Bush  
29 Janice Welliver  
30 Charles Goodman  
31 Sidney Hoover  
31 Skip Kitchens  
31 Barbara Quinn  
31 Nina Wilson

**February Birthdays:**

1 Gary McKinney  
3 Jeanne Fallon  
4 Betsy Black  
4 James O. Chaffin  
6 Paul Brown  
6 Dot Kachelhofer  
7 Jan Bizjak  
8 Donald Falletta  
8 John Tackett  
9 John Quinn  
9 Frances Walker  
10 Judy Yance  
11 Janis F. Folsom  
11 Sherion Freeman  
11 Bill Ramsey  
12 Russell Hoover  
12 William Midlik  
12 Donald Smaha  
14 Brent Thigpen



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

- 14 Charlotte Shanlever
- 16 Donna Read
- 17 Mary Anne Hornbuckle
- 17 Dennis S. Read
- 18 Walter Dean
- 18 Ann Wilkinson
- 20 Don Charles Hagan
- 20 Betty Sue Prince
- 20 Myrna Wise
- 20 Rocky Wright
- 21 Joseph F. Bouillon
- 21 Veva Naramore
- 22 Louis Long
- 23 Elizabeth Barnett
- 23 Ken Carr
- 24 Kenneth W. Boyd
- 24 Doby Hanks
- 24 Carolyn Smith
- 24 Wayne Troulias
- 25 Gale Dougherty
- 26 Michael Keith Galle
- 28 Richard McKnight

**OBITUARIES**

**John Warren Glover (Warren)**, Southern Company, age 85, passed away on November 29, 2020.

Warren was preceded in death by his father, Clinton Jasper Glover, and his mother Alta Wood Glover. Warren is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary Ann Lilly Glover; his children Debbie and husband Ben Washburn, Christie and husband Mike Tucker, Kathy and husband Tomoka Gaddis; his grandchildren: Perry and wife Amanda Washburn, Andrew Washburn, Madison and husband Jake Miller, Renae Washburn, Elijah Gaddis.

In lieu of flowers and gifts please remember Warren with gifts to Shades Crest Baptist Church or your favorite charity.

**Bradley McCurry**, Southern Company, age 59, passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lorene Robbins Stewart. He is survived by his partner of 20 years, Adam Plier; sister, Layne Reid (Terry); nephew, Adam Reid (Laura); niece Meredith Reid; great-nephews, Josiah and Judah Reid.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a charity of your choice in Bradley's memory.

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**From SCS Families and Friends:**

*"Retirees,*

*Thanks so much for the donation in Jim's memory to the church. I know he would be pleased.*

*Linda Shepard"*

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**.....IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.....**



Unfortunately, we are still unable to meet in person as a group. Due to COVID-19 the buildings are still closed. We really miss seeing everyone and look forward to seeing you as soon as we are allowed to safely meet.

**January / February  
Holidays to Remember**



*January 1*

Champagne toasts, countdown parties, the iconic ball drop at Times Square — New Year's Eve is famously known for its rowdy, fun-filled festivities honoring the start of the new calendar, and is one of the most celebrated holidays around the world. But did you know that the start of the new year wasn't always celebrated on January 1, or that it was first commemorated with a festival lasting a total of 11 days?

Despite the countless New Year's Eve parties you've attended and the million resolutions you've made (but maybe not kept) every year, there are probably a lot of New Year's history facts you don't know — particularly when it comes to how the holiday's most famous traditions first started. So before you ring in 2021 with a glass of bubbly, take a look back at the fascinating history behind the holiday.

***When did New Year's Day become a holiday?***

According to History.com, the earliest recorded celebration to honor the new year is believed to date back some 4,000 years — in 2,000 B.C. — to ancient Babylon. For these Mesopotamians, the beginning of the new year was heralded by the first new moon after the vernal equinox — which took place around late March — and was celebrated with a huge 11-day festival called Akitu, which involved a different ritual on each of its days. The holiday celebrated the mythical victory of the sky god Marduk over the sea goddess Tiamat, and also involved the act of either crowning a new king or allowing the old king to continue his rule. Either way, this 11-day festival would probably have put our current New Year's Eve parties to shame!

***Why do we celebrate New Year's in January?***

Though the date of New Year's Day is obvious to us now, the holiday wasn't always celebrated in January. Throughout time, different cultures and civilizations typically welcomed the new year during

a significant astronomical or agricultural event — like the Romans who celebrated in March, following their lunar cycle — until 46 B.C., when the emperor Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar. Honoring the month's namesake Janus — the Roman god of beginnings whose two faces allowed him to look simultaneously into the past and the future — Caesar instituted January 1 as the first day of the year. On this newly-dated holiday, the Romans celebrated not only by offering sacrifices to Janus, but also by exchanging gifts, attending parties, and decorating their homes with laurel branches.

***How is New Year's celebrated around the world?***

Today, the new year is celebrated in different ways all around the world — but in many countries, the holiday starts on the evening of December 31 and continues well into the early hours of January 1. Typical New Year's traditions range from enjoying foods thought to bestow good luck to making resolutions for the coming year — a practice that's actually thought to have originated from the ancient Babylonians! And what about that age-old tradition of kissing your loved one at the stroke of midnight? According to an article by The Washington Post, this particular practice is thought to have been passed down from English and German folklore, which held that the first person you encountered in the new year would determine the year's destiny — with the custom changing over time to actually choosing who you wanted the year's good luck to be shared with.

Many other countries have traditions that might be lesser well-known — for instance, in Colombia, people run around the house (or block) with a suitcase to ensure that the upcoming year is filled with travel, and the Danes jump off of chairs at the stroke of midnight to literally "leap" into a luck-filled new year. Other customs within New Year's history involve eating 12 grapes at or before midnight in Spain, or singing the Scottish song "Auld Lang Syne" as the clock strikes twelve. Wherever you choose to celebrate, though, fireworks and confetti are usually involved!

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**Holidays to Remember (Cont'd)**

*January 18*



**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** (officially **Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.** and sometimes referred to as **MLK Day**) is an American

federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. King's birthday is January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. The earliest Monday for this holiday is January 15 and the latest is January 21.

King was the chief spokesperson for non-violent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

*February 2*



A popular tradition in the United States, **Groundhog Day**, is also a legend that traverses centuries,

its origins clouded in the mists of time with ethnic cultures and animals awakening on specific dates. Myths such as this tie our present to the distant past when nature did, indeed, influence our lives. It is the day that the Groundhog comes out of his hole after a long winter sleep to look for his shadow.

If he sees it, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole.

If the day is cloudy and, hence, shadowless, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground.

**Holidays to Remember (Cont'd)**

*February 12*



**Lincoln's Birthday** is a legal, public holiday in some U.S. states, observed on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth on February 12, 1809 in Hodgenville, Kentucky. Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, California, Missouri, and New York observe the holiday.

In other states, Lincoln's birthday is not celebrated separately, as a stand-alone holiday. Instead Lincoln's Birthday is combined with a celebration of President George Washington's birthday (also in February) and celebrated either as Washington's Birthday or as Presidents' Day on the third Monday in February, concurrent with the federal holiday.

*February 14*



**Valentine's Day**, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on **February 14**. It originated as a Western Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine and is recognized as a significant cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

*February 15*



**Presidents' Day** is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February; Presidents' Day 2021 will occur on Monday, February 15. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.



**Holidays to Remember (Cont'd)**

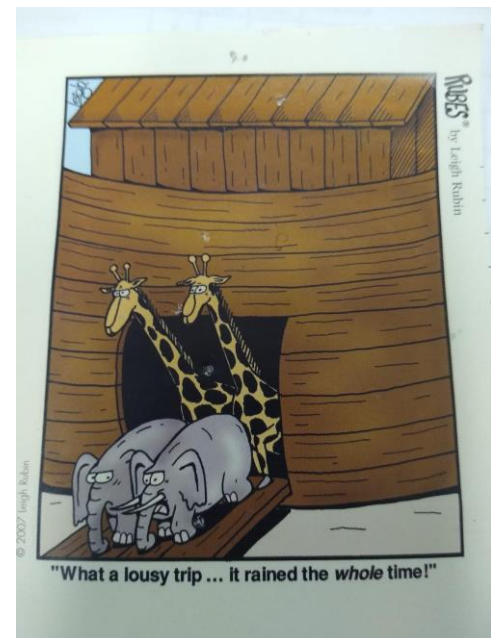
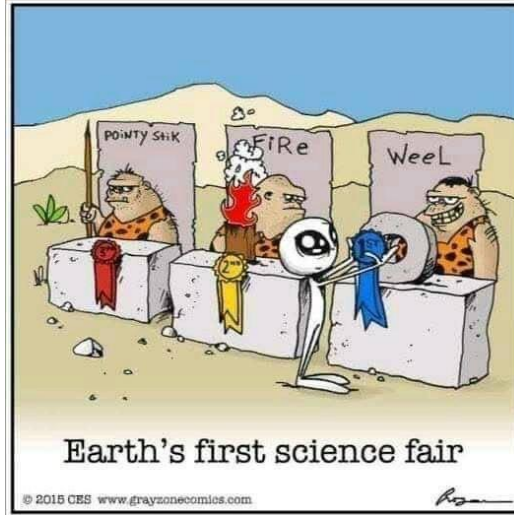


February 21

**Washington's Birthday** is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first president of the United States, who was born on February 22, 1732. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971 moved this holiday to the third Monday, which can fall from February 15 to 21, inclusive.

Colloquially, the day is also now widely known as Presidents' Day (though the placement of the apostrophe, if any, varies) and is often an occasion to remember all the presidents.

The day is a state holiday in most states, with official names including Washington's Birthday, Presidents' Day, President's Day, and Washington's and Lincoln's Birthday. The various states use 14 different names. Depending upon the specific law, the state holiday may officially celebrate Washington alone, Washington and Lincoln, or some other combination of U.S. presidents (such as Washington and Thomas Jefferson, who was born in April).



**Now that's Funny**



I choked on a carrot this afternoon, and all I could think was I bet a donut wouldn't have done this to me.

My favorite exercise is a cross between a lunge and a crunch ... I call it lunch.

If we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?"



**AND Something we can all empathize with during Covid Times:**



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**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.

**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**  
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