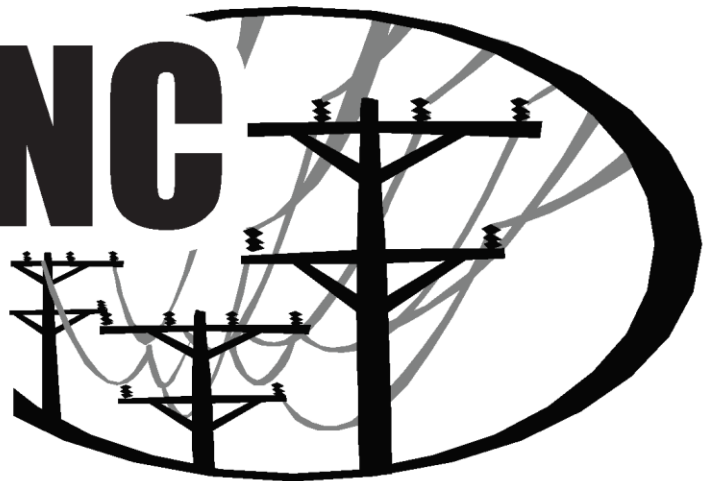


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Word from the editor:
Remember that this is your newsletter. Make sure information you have that is relevant to all gets to me to be included in the newsletter.

WELCOME SPRING

Spring, a favorite season for many, is just around the corner. Not convinced it's your favorite? Here are 10 popular reasons that may make you reconsider:

Heaps of Sunshine : After the cold and gloomy winter, cozy spring sunshine comes to make your soul smile! Not only is the sun shining but you actually feel the snug warmth of that big yellow ball in the sky. This means only one thing – no more heavy jackets.

Perfect Temperatures: Spring comes in between two extreme weather seasons – harsh winter and searing summer. That's why this gorgeous season brings us the ideal temperatures to pursue cool outdoor adventures and still enjoy comfy evenings.

More Sunny Hours in a Day: Thanks to the spring equinox, we're able to enjoy longer days and shorter nights. That's why spring is a perfect season to start a new hobby or project.

The Cutest Baby Animals: What is cuter than baby animals? Gorgeous bunnies, piglets, chicks, or ducklings. There is simply no escape from the adorable photos or videos of these little ones

Flowers, Flowers Everywhere

After the long and grim winter, spring rewards our waiting with dazzling flowers! Starting with early snowdrops, beautiful flowers in blossom are popping up everywhere you go.

Fresh Breeze

It wouldn't be spring without its energetic and refreshing breeze that lights up the mood in a millisecond? Leave your windows wide open to let this warm air flow in and refresh your home, too!

Workout Outside: Ok, let's face it. Who's used the excuse of the blistering weather to skip the outdoor workout? In spring, tender sunshine will persuade us to leave the house even if we don't feel like it!

Spring Cleaning

In this season, everything seems to be waking up, so does your cleaning spirit! With the sun shining, cleaning your home becomes a candid pleasure. Make your spring cleaning a priority, you won't regret it!

Recharging Trips to Nature: Since the very first signs of spring, everyone cannot wait to spend more fun time outside. Indeed, this season calls for taking out the hiking shoes and setting off for the next adventure!

Easter: It's no doubt colorful Easter belongs to the spring season. This festive holiday represents a perfect opportunity to spend much needed quality time with your loved ones, enjoy all the joyful customs and enter this fresh season with a smile on your face!

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

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MARCH-APRIL SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

March Birthdays:

1 Pam Carr
1 Carol Dotson
1 Edwin Polke, Jr.
3 David Busby
3 Pat Goodman
4 Mark Crisler
4 Mark English
4 Dimerous Hatcher
4 John Jansen
4 Rita Townsend
4 Rusty Williams
6 Philip Bartlett
6 Kenneth Horton
6 Paul R. Montijo
7 Christopher E. Boone
7 Linda Katz
7 Clara Pierce Posey
9 Carl R. Foltz
10 Diane Long
11 Mary Sue Thornburgh
11 Karen Tucker
12 Harry Durden, Jr.
12 Billy Goforth, Jr.
12 Bruce S. Thomas
12 Sid Varagona
13 Jackie Crawley
14 S. Fred Hollis, Jr.
15 Phillip McCullough
16 Martha Cook
19 Pat Bowman
19 Anthony Hankins
19 John Meier
20 Ronnie Antone
21 Robert M. Moore
22 William O. Ball
23 Peggy Burdeshaw
23 Anne Campbell
23 Tommy Carpenter
24 Daniel Blackwood

March B'Days (Cont'd:)

24 John Horn
26 Roger Golden
27 Florence Stewart
27 Sue E. Summers
29 Amy Houston
29 Barbara Jones
29 Joel William Offet
30 Steve Logan
31 Shannon Sampson

April Birthdays:

3 William Porteous, Jr.
3 Ken Turner
4 Vicky Garner
5 Ramachandra Reddy
7 Gayas Ahmed
7 Shirley Dickson
8 Paul Cone
8 Jan Dyle
8 Jerry Green
8 Ken Kopecky
8 Stokely Morgan
10 David R. Dotson
10 Keith Legg
10 Devida Moore
11 Nancy Carr
12 Al Nebrig, Jr.
13 Carl Watts
16 Paul Miller
18 Holly Doyal
19 Cynthia Ball
19 Dennis Jones
19 Brenda Kyle
22 Scott Fallon
22 Lou Ann Kaster
22 Deborah Riley
23 Mark Mullens

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April B'days (Cont'd):

- 23 Don A. Walker
- 27 James Baldone
- 28 Ronald Bush
- 28 Ken Mooney
- 28 Robert Stewart
- 29 Judith Heatherly
- 29 Kathy Ware
- 30 Joyce Ehrensperger
- 30 Bill Garner
- 30 Patricia Jarrel



OBITUARIES

William T. "Bill" Echols Sr., age 91, SCS passed away on February 20, 2021. He was preceded in death by his oldest son, Bill Jr. (2009). He is survived by his wife, Eloise, children, Greg (Valerie), Mike (Rita), Karen (Jimmy), Andy (June), Sharon (Danny), David (Denise), numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. He retired from Southern Company in 1986.

Henry Bascom Garrett, Jr., age 95 of Birmingham, AL, passed away on December 28, 2020. He was preceded in death by his brother, William Walton Garrett, and sister, Mary Louise Sprouse. Henry is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ann Garrett.

Memorials may be made to Huffman United Methodist Church (711 Gene Reed Rd, Birmingham, Ala., 35235) or to St. Martin's in the Pines (4941 Montevallo Rd, Irondale, Ala., 35210).

John Ronald Hall, 92, of Birmingham, Alabama passed away January 29, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl Winchester Hall and Esther Bynum Hall; his brothers Carl Bynum Hall (Lois) and Emmett Levert Hall (Diane). He is survived by five nieces and their families, Susan Bellows (Robert), Emily Clem (Tom), Janet O'Neil (Frank), Heather Dewitt (Bobby) and Samantha Gambriell (Larry). He is also survived by lifelong friends Booster and Lindel Foshee of Red Level.

The family requests donations be made to Highlands United Methodist Church.

Robert Ray Richwine Jr., 77, of Birmingham, AL, passed away January 6, 2021. Preceding Bob in death were his father, Robert Richwine Sr.; his mother, Sarah Richwine; one brother, David Richwine; two sons, Michael Richwine and David

REMINDER!!!

March 14, 2021



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour - "Spring Forward"



.....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.

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Obituaries (Cont'd):

Robert Ray Richwine, Jr. (Cont'd)

Richwine; and a sister-in-law, Anne Richwine. Survivors include Bob's wife, Judy Richwine; brother, Don Richwine; sister, Bonnie Simmons (Jim); daughter, Anna-Ray Vick (Don); son, Daniel Richwine (Donna); step-daughter, Monica Ward (Mark); stepsons, Miles Little (Maggie) and Grant Little (Celeste); 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association

Judy Benson Sanford, age 77, of Pelham, AL passed away on January 11, 2021. She is preceded in death by her parents, Commodore and Era Benson. Judy is survived by her husband of 44 years, Thomas Sanford; son Andrew Neil Sanford, and brother Jerry Benson (Sara).

Memorial contributions may be made to Riverchase United Methodist Church, 1953 Old Montgomery Hwy, Birmingham, AL 35244, or Rocky Mountain United Methodist Church, 14731 Co Rd 51 Jemison, AL 35085.

Sara "Jean" Shaw, age 84, wife of Doyle Shaw, passed away on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021. She is survived by her brother Cecil Allen "Jerry" Turnipseed (Nikki), two sons Steven Doyle Shaw (Janelle) and Stanley Gene Shaw (Susan) and her grandson Zachary Stanton Shaw. She was preceded in death by her husband, E. Doyle Shaw, parents, Walter "Eugene" Turnipseed and Jewel Mitchell Turnipseed, and her brother Joe "Larry" Turnipseed.

David Slovensky, age 71, of Gardendale, AL passed away on December 20, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Helen Slovensky; and a niece, Morgan E. Thompson. David is survived by his brother, Joe Slovensky, sisters, Alice (Bill) Friese, Pauline (Dee) Brasfield, and Mary Thompson, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jimmy W. "Smitty" Smith, age 87, (APC), passed away on January 12, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay Smith. David is survived by his sons Alan Smith (Kathleen) and Steve Smith (Kelly); his grandchildren, Corey Smith and Summer Smith; great-grandchildren, Autumn Smith and Brooklyn Smith; and a sister, Emogene Claybrooks.

Obituaries (Cont'd)

James South, age 74, of Adamsville, AL, passed away on January 24, 2021. He was preceded in death by his former wife Lois Ann South; and his parents, James Marvin and Lillie Eardeal South. James is survived by his sister Shirley South; his nieces and nephews, Caelan and Cortlin South; his wife Jenny Baker Boyles South; his children, Robbie Ayo (Ronald) of New Orleans, LA, Crystal Carpenter (Joseph) of Cullman, AL and Amy South of Cullman, AL; his step-children, Mark Boyles of Springville, AL, Lisa Canup (David) of Loganville, GA, and Leigh Ann Pope (Eric) of Pinson, AL; his grandchildren Deven Gowens (Brookelyn), Alyssa South-Bailey, Lillian South, Nicholas Keen, Nathaniel Keen, Tyler Carpenter, Courtney Beck (Mason), Morgan Boyles, Tyler Boyles, Justin Boyles, Eli Boyles, Grant Canup and Jon-Wilson Pope (JW); and his great grandchildren, Javanni Freeman (Jax), Sawyer Beck, Rowan Beck and Callaway Beck.

Lewis "Buster" W. Williams, Jr., age 93, of Birmingham, AL passed away on January 16, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret M. Williams, his parents, Margaret G. Williams and Lewis W. Williams, his brother, Abbott "Shorty" Williams, and his daughter-in-law, Melanie Dorough Williams. Lewis is survived by his daughter Libby Williams Carlton (Joe), Sylacauga, AL, his son Buddy Williams (Jenny), Columbiana, AL, his son David Williams, Huntsville, AL, his daughter Susan Williams, Birmingham, AL, his grandchildren Joey, Leslie, Bill, Mike, Emily, Robert, Alan, Mark, Patrick, his eleven great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests donations be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 1400 Oxmoor Road, Homewood, AL 35209.

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From SCS Families and Friends:



From American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Alabama:

Thank you for helping us save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide through the contribution from The Southern Company Services and Southern Nuclear Company Retirees. Despite the challenges of 2020, our community came together and found new ways to connect, share our mission and raise funds to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). We appreciate you and your role in our efforts to #StopSuicide in Alabama.

As a result of your investment as well as the support of the nearly 1,100 individuals statewide that united to be a voice for suicide prevention, we raised more than \$180,000 through our spring campus walks and the Alabama Chapter *Out of the Darkness* Experience. Additionally, the AFSP Alabama Chapter provided the following during 2020:

- Hosted nearly 400 attendees through 20 virtual prevention education sessions and 4 in-person sessions including AFSP 101, *Talk Saves Lives*, *Talk Saves Lives-LGBTQ+*, *Talk Saves Lives- Seniors*, *Talk Saves Lives for Presenters*, *Enhancing Mental Health During COVID-19* and *It's Real: College Students and Mental Health*.
- Had 176 individuals attend a virtual *Research Connection* program: "Suicide Among Adolescents and Young Adults: Who Is At **Risk?**" presented by Dr. Jeffrey Hayes.
- Distributed over 3,500 educational and resource materials to individuals and organizations for use at events and activities.
- Had more than 20 volunteers advocate for state policy changes to improve mental health and prevent suicide at Alabama State Capitol Day.
- Reached 250 individuals through presentations and tabling events.
- Hosted a statewide virtual Kickoff event for the 2020 *Out of the Darkness* Experience with 30 attendees.
- Had 24 individuals participate in one statewide virtual International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day.

By supporting the Alabama Chapter of AFSP, you allow us to fund research, create and implement educational programs, advocate for public policy and support survivors of suicide loss. On behalf of our Board of Directors and those we serve, thank you for making a difference in our community. By working together to improve the health and well-being of Alabamians, we are removing barriers that stand in the way of people finding hope and healing.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Fields
Area Director, AFSP

From SCS Families and Friends (Cont'd)



Presbyterian Home for Children:

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity toward the Presbyterian Home for Children this Holiday Season. Your gift of \$1,000.00, given in December 2020, helps us provide a comfortable, loving place for children who need the hope of a brighter future, not just now during the Holidays, but all year long.

Some of the children at the Home may have experienced extreme trauma and or neglect. Others have found themselves in need of a safe place to live. For a family that had been moving from shelter to shelter, the reality of a secure, stable place to live has removed a layer of stress from their lives. For a young woman with no income and no family support, a room in our transitional living program has given her security and help with making that transition to adult living. And for a young girl who was removed from her home for experiencing extreme trauma and or neglect, this may be her first Christmas without fear.

At Christmas, this year, and every year, we celebrate Jesus' arrival on earth and remember that He invites us to bring heaven down to earth. At the Presbyterian Home, we do that by showing God's love to children and their families when they need it most. We help them find heaven by changing their lives in ways that are substantial and sustainable.

The children who live here know that it is the gifts of people like you who make this refuge possible. Thanks from them and from all of us, for your part in the rebirth of hope in the lives of our children.

Blessings,

Doug Marshall,
President

March – April Holidays to Remember

St. Patrick's Day, March 17



While St. Patrick's Day is now associated with wearing green, parades (when they're not canceled) and beer, the holiday is grounded in history that dates back more than 1,500 years. The earliest known celebration was held on March 17, 1631, marking the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the 5th century.

Much of what is known about St. Patrick's life has been interwoven with folklore and legend. Historians generally believe that St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain (not Ireland) near the end of the 4th century. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in Northern Ireland. After toiling for six years as a shepherd, he escaped back to Britain. He eventually returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary.

Among the legends associated with St. Patrick is that he stood atop an Irish hillside and banished snakes from Ireland—prompting all serpents to slither away into the sea. In fact, research suggests snakes never occupied the Emerald Isle in the first place. There are no signs of snakes in the country's fossil record. And water has surrounded Ireland since the last glacial period. Before that, the region was covered in ice and would have been too cold for the reptiles.

The red-haired, green-clothed Leprechaun is commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day. The original Irish name for these figures of folklore is "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies—tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. In Celtic folktale, leprechauns were cranky souls, responsible for mending the shoes of the other fairies.

The shamrock, a three-leaf clover, has been associated with Ireland for centuries. It was called the "seamroy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized the arrival of spring. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 17th century, the

St. Patrick's Day (Cont'd)

shamrock had become a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism.

While people in Ireland had celebrated St. Patrick since the 1600s, the tradition of a St. Patrick's Day parade began in America and actually predates the founding of the United States.

Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier, were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in Boston in 1737 and in New York City on March 17.

Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there. In 2020, parades throughout the country, including in New York City and Boston were canceled or postponed for the first time in decades due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus.

While Irish Americans are now proud to showcase their heritage, the Irish were not always celebrated by fellow Americans. Beginning in 1845, a devastating potato blight caused widespread hunger throughout Ireland. While approximately 1 million perished, another 2 million abandoned their land in the largest-single population movement of the 19th century. Most of the exiles—nearly a quarter of the Irish nation—came to the shores of the United States. Once they arrived, the Irish refugees were looked down upon as disease-ridden, unskilled and a drain on welfare budgets.

The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple across the country—corned beef and cabbage—was an American innovation. While ham and cabbage were eaten in Ireland, corned beef offered a cheaper substitute for impoverished immigrants. Irish-Americans living in the slums of lower Manhattan in the late 19th century and early 20th, purchased leftover corned beef from ships returning from the tea trade in China. The Irish would boil the beef three times—the last time with cabbage—to remove some of the brine.

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**APRIL
FOOL'S
DAY**



April Fools' Day—celebrated on April 1 each year—has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling “April Fools!” at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank. While its exact history is shrouded in mystery, the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by the media and major brands has ensured the unofficial holiday's long life.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called “April fools.” These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as “poisson d'avril” (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees.

In 1985, *Sports Illustrated* writer George Plimpton tricked many readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

April Fool's Day (Cont'd)

In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell.

In 1998, after Burger King advertised a “Left-Handed Whopper,” scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich.

Google notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from “telepathic search” to the ability to play Pac Man on Google Maps.

For the average trickster, there is always the classic April Fools' Day prank of covering the toilet with plastic wrap or switching out sugar and salt.

Good Friday – April 2



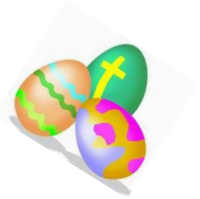
Good Friday is a Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum on the Friday preceding Easter Sunday, and may coincide with the Jewish observance of Passover.

Passover – March 27 – April 4

Passover 2021 starts on the evening of Saturday, March 27th and ends the 7-day festival at sunset on Saturday, April 3rd for Reform and progressive Jews living inside Israel who follow the Biblical text. For Orthodox, Hasidic, and generally, the Jews outside Israel the festival lasts 8 days ending at sunset on Sunday, April 4th.

Passover, or Pesach in Hebrew, is one of the Jewish religion's most sacred and widely observed holidays. In Judaism, Passover commemorates the story of the Israelites' departure from ancient Egypt, which appears in the Hebrew Bible's books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, among other texts. Jews observe the weeklong festival with a number of important rituals, including a traditional Passover meal known as a seder, the removal of leavened products from their home, the substitution of matzo for bread and the retelling of the exodus story.

Easter - April 4



Easter is the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and held (in the Western Church) between March 21 and April 25, on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox.



April 12

One of the most sacred Islamic occasions, Ramadan is observed during the ninth and holiest Islamic month of the same name, a time when the great Prophet Muhammad was said to have received the knowledge of Quran. This event is marked with fasting, eating small meals in groups, prayers, penitence, self-denial and good deeds.

In 2021 Ramadan will begin on the evening of Tuesday, April 13th and ends on the evening of Wednesday, May 12th.



Long, long ago there was an Alabama Power Company engineer, Don Early. He had a dream of a computer that would operate a power system. He and his fellow workers designed and built the **World's First Computer** that operated a power system. That power system was Southern Company, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Gulf Power Companies,

The generators were tied into the computer in 1949 and the switch was turned on. But wait---something was wrong. As the demand for additional power was made in an area the nearest generators did not increase manually, as had always been the case, but the generators further away. The switch was turned off and the engineers spent three days going over every element of the computer to find the problem. None was found. The switch was turned on again and the same thing happened, Then they put their minds together to find out the “why”. It dawned on them that all the prior years they had changed generators without taking into account “Line Loss” which the computer did. This computer was aptly named “The Early Bird.”

**Submitted by George P. Russell
Gulf Power Company – 1952 and then Southern
Company Services until retiring in 1986**

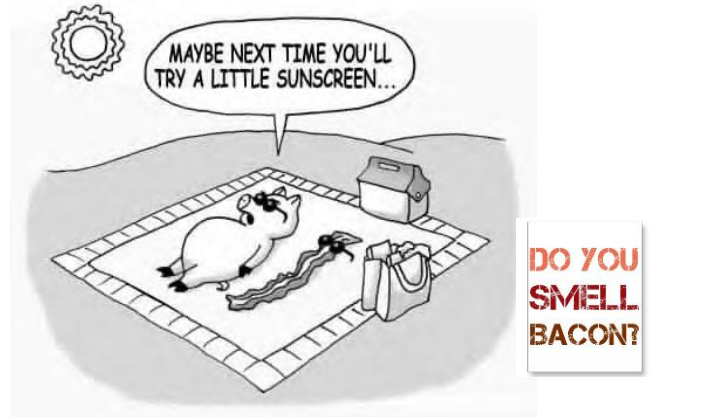
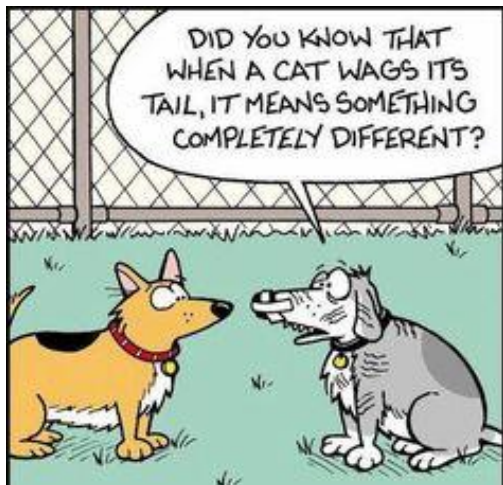
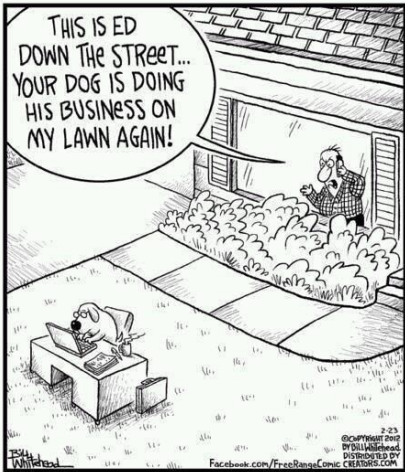
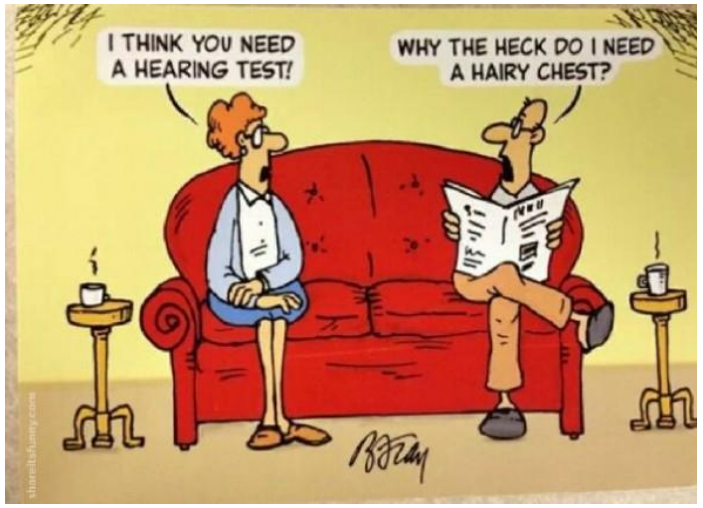
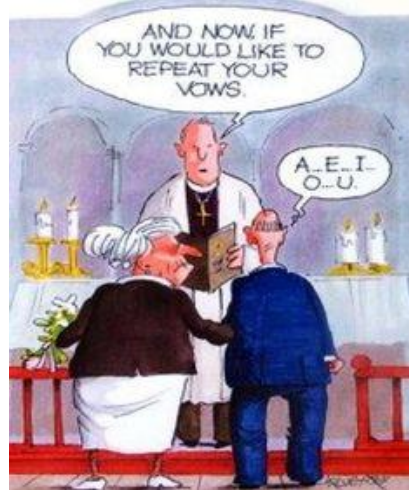


Funny Business

Socks
Without
Partners



"The last thing I remember is being thrown into the dryer."



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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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