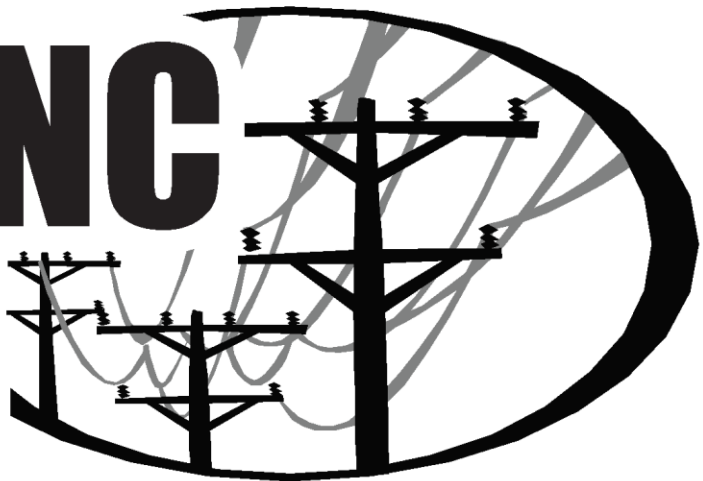


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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 hope this newsletter finds everyone well. The summer is coming to an end, hopefully along with the heat, and fall is coming soon.

We had our July Meeting at the Alabama Power Building auditorium on July 11, 2022, and I appreciate all those that attended. Our two speakers, Amy Capps with Service Dogs of Alabama and Jennifer McNelly, Director of Environmental Services & Compliance Support for Southern Company, supplied us with valuable information,

Our next meeting will be held on **September 13, 2022**, (see Pages 4-6 for details and pictures), and will focus on Retiree Benefits. Cindy Freeman, HR Specialist, will be our Keynote speaker and she will be discussing our benefits and any changes currently known for 2023. Additionally, she will answer our questions. We will meet at the Southern Museum of Flight where we will have an opportunity to tour the museum. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Our November meeting will be our last meeting in 2022 and will be at the Vestavia Country Club. Each

year we donate to three non-profit organizations, and our November meeting will focus on these donations. If you have an organization that you wish to be considered, we ask that you submit recommendations by October 1. Three members of our 2022 Leadership Team will review all the recommendations and will select the top three. We will donate \$1,000 to each of those selected. I want to encourage all members to consider submitting a non-profit organization for this award (form on pages 13-14). Thanks to the members that have already submitted recommendations.

It continues to be an honor to serve as your President for 2022 and I will continue to work to do all I can to make it an enjoyable and exciting year for all retirees. It is also an honor to serve with our dedicated 2022 Leadership Team.

I continue to ask all retirees to provide input and feedback throughout the year. We want to ensure that we have a retiree group where everyone knows they are a vital part. Complete success only occurs when everyone participates and does their part to help achieve excellence.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on September 13, 2022, at the Southern Museum of Flight.

**Dave Lisenby**

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

<http://www.scsretirees.com><http://www.scsretirees.com/>

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*Celebrate*

**SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST**

**September Birthdays:**

1 Stacy Kilcoyne  
2 Yvonne Colvin  
2 Keith Tenney  
3 Pamela Aufdenkampe  
3 Linda Chastain  
4 John Brolund  
4 Joe Banks Fields  
4 Pam Mooney  
4 Carol Newton  
6 David M. Nolen  
6 Larry Weaver  
7 Johnny Gwin  
7 Dana Sorensen  
8 Jeane Rayburn  
9 Chris Sorensen  
10 Wayne Carr  
11 Gene Kachelhofer  
11 Bill Ponder  
12 Virginia Bidy  
12 Fred Ehrensperger  
12 Sandra Haynes  
12 Tom Johnson  
12 Rick Kaster  
13 Grady Luster  
14 Gregory Allison  
14 Eleanor Scott  
15 Janice Hovey  
15 Doug Maxwell  
15 Tom Mueller  
17 Martha Price  
17 Charles Yates  
18 Thomas M. Ford  
18 Byron Rex Yance  
19 Carol Garner  
20 R. Keith Cahoon  
20 Stanley Wilke  
21 David L. Pledger  
22 Sharon Venz

**September Birthdays (Cont'd):**

22 Dan Yates  
23 Kathy Jones  
24 Paula Ackley  
24 Ferdinand R. Apilado.  
24 Van Scott  
24 Mary Varagona  
25 Sara R. Benson  
25 Walter Webb  
26 Pamela Hayes  
26 Liz Winter  
27 Peggy Allison  
27 Robert Oedamer.  
28 Donna McElroy  
28 Bill Thurman  
29 Faye Butts  
29 Phillip Haynes  
29 Ron Mosley  
29 Mark Orr  
29 Gerald Prince  
29 William G. Ware  
30 Harry Ezekiel  
30 Jerry Hall

**October Birthdays:**

1 Bill Hanks, Jr.  
2 Bonita Burford  
2 Cheryl Ehrensperger  
2 Tricia Logan  
2 Mary Alice Thurman  
3 Carol Alldredge  
3 Donald Moore  
3 Tom Sims  
4 Myra Jones  
4 Don Riendeau  
4 Barbara Taylor  
5 Patricia Hollis  
6 Glenda Beason

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**October Birthdays (Cont'd):**

6 Janet Lambert  
6 Anne Lugar  
6 Samuel Manning  
6 Stuart K. McNeil  
7 Mary Weaver  
9 Don Franks  
10 David Carl Bolton  
10 James Ford  
10 Teresa McCrillis  
11 J. Eric Aycock  
12 Cathy Eidson  
12 Guy Mitchell  
12 Regina Troulias  
13 Gayle Price  
14 Brenda Hall  
14 Timothy Hayes  
15 Becky Daugherty  
15 Rick Rice  
15 Owen Scott  
16 Philip Demyan  
17 Donald Holsomback  
17 Carl Richard Kraynak  
17 Debra M. Scott  
18 Roman Carter  
18 Billie Ewing  
18 James Ludwig  
19 Bonnie Russell  
21 Ed Davidson  
21 Chitra Desai  
21 Chrystalyn Wright  
22 Ernestine Craig  
22 Connie Darby  
22 James E. Houston  
22 Jane Salter  
22 Glenda Spinks  
25 Billy Pickle  
26 Jim Blackmon  
26 Mindy Long  
26 Ken Turnage  
27 Pat Cofield  
27 Robin Cox  
27 Patti Price



**October Birthdays (Cont'd):**

27 Pam Stringfellow  
28 Ken McElroy  
28 Jennifer Sykes  
29 Bobby Austin  
29 Larry Dawkins  
29 Harsha Jani  
30 Howard Mahan  
31 John Lucas



**Obituaries**

**William Earl Killingsworth, (APC)**, age 67, of Montevallo, Alabama, passed away on July 2, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, Bernie McNeil Killingsworth, Jr. and mother, Joyce Smith Killingsworth. He is survived by his brother, Mack Killingsworth; sisters, Linda K. Dennis, Nell (Earl) Dennis; caretaker and friend, Merry Lavender; and a host of Nieces and Nephews.

**Shirley Owens**, Financial Accounting-Inverness, passed away on June 30, 2022.

**Nellie Vivian Smith**, age 91, passed away on August 10, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband, **James E. Smith, Jr. (previous employee)**, and her parents, Homer and Pauline Parker. Nellie is survived by her son, James Scott Smith (Teresa); her grandchildren Jessica Latta (Scott), Emily Smith (Morgan), Wesley Smith (Ashley); great-grandchildren Eleanor Latta, Vivien Smith, and Oliver Smith; her brother-in-law Stanley Smith, and her nieces and nephews.



**If you were not at our July Meeting.....**

..... YOU MISSED TWO OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS!!

**Jennifer McNelly, Director of Environmental Solutions at Southern Company Services**, shared with us some useful information on how the company is doing and the direction in which we are going; and **Jeff Parker & Amy Capps from Service Dogs of Alabama** shared with us information on how dogs are trained & then placed with people needing service dogs. (See page5- 6 for pictures)



We hope everyone will be able to make our September meeting at **The Southern Museum of Flight**. **Cindy Freeman, Alabama Power Health & Well Being**, will speak to us about our insurance and retirement benefits. Following these outstanding presentations, we will have a little fun with Jay & The Elders Band.

**DATE:** Tuesday, September 13, 2022

**WHERE:** Southern Museum of Flight  
4343 73<sup>rd</sup> Street North  
Birmingham, AL 35206



**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM:**

**Keynote Speaker:** Cindy Freeman  
Alabama Power Health & Well Being

**Retiree Lifestyle:** Jay & The Elders  
A local eight-piece band (which includes our very own Jim Blackmon, SNC retiree and APC retiree David Cooper) will be performing. Songs from our youth.



**PICTURES FROM OUR JULY 11 RETIREE MEETING**



**Left to Right:** Amy Capps (SDA), Marty Turnage (volunteer with SDA and wife of member Ken Turnage), Blanche (honored guest and Service Dog Extraordinaire), and Jeff Parker (SDA)



**Amy Capps (SDA) and Dave Lisenby, President of SCS/SNC Retirees**



**Jennifer McNelly, Keynote Speaker**



**Margaret Carter getting some much-appreciated assistance from our APC friends**

**Be Sure to Mark your calendars.....**  
**Jay and The Elders – September 13 – Southern Museum of Flight**



**Pictured above from left to right: Jim Blackmon, Joy Moore, Sarah Lumpkin, Frank Brocato, Mike Sanders, David Cooper, and Terry Grill**

## **Spotlight on our Employees**



**Submitted by Nick Santoro**

**Nick Santoro, SNC retiree**, and his wife Sherry recently downsized and moved to Hoover,

**AND**

their oldest granddaughter, Merritt Flynn, enrolled in the University of Alabama and will be majoring in Chemical Engineering. She is in the National Honor Society with a GPA of 4.5. Additionally, she pledged Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.



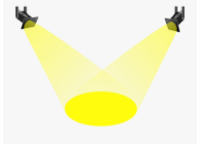
**Submitted by: J. D. Narramore**

“I recently talked with Grace Kyser (now Grace Miller) - probably our oldest retiree. Grace will turn ninety-seven in October.

She is as sharp as a tack, just like her old self, and she has expressed to me that she misses not hearing about the retirees’ events, etc. As she has no internet, I printed the last newsletter and mailed it to her.

It would thrill Grace tremendously to receive an encouraging note from some of our fellow retirees. If you would like to contact Grace, please e-mail your phone number to me at [jdnamore@gmail.com](mailto:jdnamore@gmail.com) and I will be happy to send you Grace’s contact information.”





***Spotlight on our Employees (Continued)***

**HAPPY 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO MARGARET CARTER!!!**



**Pictured above: Tallulah DeMarco, Peggy Howard, Gayle Busby, Mary Romano, Patsy Evans, Linda Bartlett, Sharon Venz, Joyce Studinka with our very own birthday girl Margaret Carter!!**



**HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER - SEPTEMBER**

**LABOR  
DAY**

**September 5**



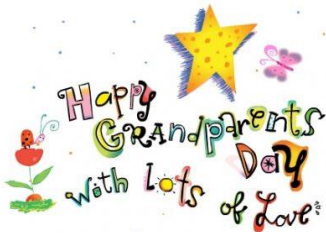
**Labor Day**, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated at a time when American industry was rapidly expanding but there were few legal protections for American workers. In the late 1800s, many Americans were working 12 hours a day six or seven days a week. Even children, some as young as age five or six, were working in mines, mills, and factories.

Labor union leaders Peter J. McGuire and Matthew Maguire each are said to have advocated for a holiday in New York City in 1882 to celebrate working people, though which of them was the true founder of Labor Day is still debated. The idea of a “workingmen’s holiday,” celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers’ rights squarely into the public’s view.

**Historical timeline**

- **September 5, 1882.** 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.
- **May 4, 1886.** Labor protesters and Chicago police clashed in the infamous Haymarket Riot, which became a symbol of the struggle for workers’ rights and so came to be associated with the annual observance of May Day, or Workers’ Day, in many countries.
- **1887.** Oregon was the first U.S. state to declare Labor Day an official holiday.
- **May 11, 1894.** The massive Pullman Strike began. Workers boycotted the railroads to fight for safe conditions, normal schedules, and living wages. The strike and boycott disrupted rail traffic throughout the Midwest and lasted until about July 20.
- **June 28, 1894.** U.S. Pres. Grover Cleveland signed a bill into law making Labor Day a national public holiday.

**HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER – SEPTEMBER (Cont'd)**



**September 10**



This is a day to celebrate the contributions that grandparents have made to their families and society. It is also a day to recognize the special relationships between grandparents and their grandchildren. Grandparents are often a source of wisdom, comfort, and support for their grandchildren, and they play an important role in passing down family traditions and values.

They are someone the child can go to for support and love, no matter what. This is a day to celebrate all the wonderful grandparents out there.



**September 11**



In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, carried out by terrorists from Al-Qaeda, President George W. Bush proclaimed Friday, September 14, 2001, as a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.

A bill to make **September 11** a national day of mourning was introduced in the U.S. House on October 25, 2001, by Rep. Vito Fossella (R-NY) with 22 co-sponsors. The result was the resolution to proclaim September 11, 2002, as the first **Patriot Day**.



**September 26**



**Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year, is one of Judaism's holiest days. Meaning "head of the year" or "first of the year," the festival begins on the first day of Tishrei, the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar, which falls during September or October. Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the two "High Holy Days" in the Jewish religion.

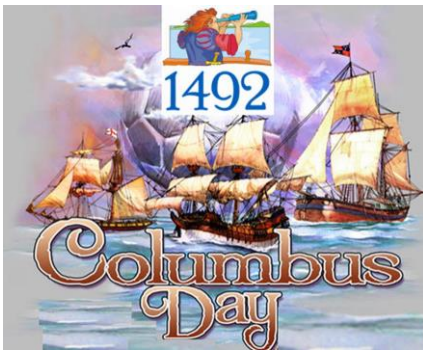
**HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER - OCTOBER**



October 5



**Yom Kippur** is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jews traditionally observe this holy day with a day-long fast, confession, and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services. The High Holy Days comprise both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.



October 10

**Columbus Day** is a U.S. holiday that commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492. It was unofficially celebrated in a number of cities and states as early as the 18th century but did not become a federal holiday until 1937. For many, the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage. But throughout its history, Columbus Day

and the man who inspired it have generated controversy, and many alternatives to the holiday have been proposed since the 1970s including Indigenous People's Day, now celebrated in many U.S. states and cities.

Columbus set sail in August 1492, bound for Asia with backing from the Spanish monarchs King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella aboard the ships the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. He intended to chart a western sea route to China, India and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia. Instead, on October 12, 1492, he landed in the Bahamas, becoming the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings established colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland during the 10th century.

Later that October, Columbus sighted Cuba and believed it was mainland China; in December, the expedition found Hispaniola, which he thought might be Japan. There, he established Spain's first colony in the Americas with thirty-nine of his men.

In March 1493, Columbus returned to Spain in triumph, bearing gold, spices, and "Indian" captives. The explorer crossed the Atlantic several more times before his death in 1506.

**Did you know?** Contrary to popular belief, most educated Europeans in Columbus' day understood that the world was round, but they did not yet know that the Pacific Ocean existed. As a result, Columbus and his contemporaries assumed that only the Atlantic lay between Europe and the riches of the East Indies.

**HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER – OCTOBER (Cont'd)**



October 31

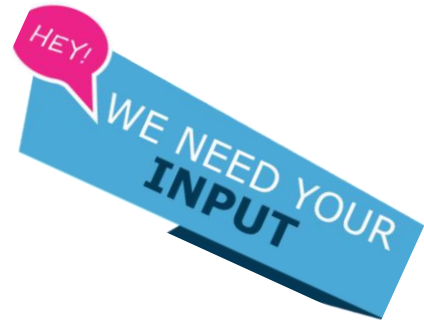


**Halloween** is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31, and Halloween 2022 will occur on Monday, October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jack-o-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



Dennis Read, our retiree group auditor, has completed his review of the SCS/SNC financial records for the years 2019-2021 and found no anomalies or errors. All transactions were properly recorded, and all money was properly accounted for. As an auditing tool, he sampled an average of 30% of all transactions over the three-year period.





## **Call for Nominations (one final chance)!!!**

Each year our organization donates to three charities selected from the nominations we receive from our retirees. It's that time of year again. If you would like to submit a nomination, please complete the form on the following page (Page 14) and submit via e-mail to:

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

or by USPS to:

Charlotte Graham  
2521 Magnolia Place  
Birmingham, AL 35242

If you prefer you can go to our Retiree Website at <http://www.scsretirees.com> and click on "Operations" and then click on "Nominations for Charitable Contribution Form."

**Please submit no later than October 1.**

Thank you.

FYI, last year's recipients were: Bravejoy Ministries;  
Seed, Time & Harvest Birmingham Restoration Ministries; and,  
a Team Ministries



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**Thoughts to Ponder**



- Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.
- Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.
- Getting another set of teeth would be much more useful at 60 than at age 6.
- Drinking forty-two cups of coffee at one sitting will kill you with a caffeine overdose. Please stop at 41.
- "The starting pay is \$40,000. Later it can go up to \$80,000." "Great, I'll start later."
- When the pool re-opens, due to social distancing rules, there will be no water in lanes 1, 3, and 5.
- When I get a headache, I take two aspirin and keep away from children just like the bottle says.
- Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."
- If you see me talking to myself just move along. I'm self-employed, and we're having a meeting.
- "Your call is very important to us. Please enjoy this 40-minute flute solo."
- I envy people who grow old gracefully. They age like a fine wine. I'm aging like milk. Getting sour and chunky.
- Does anyone else have a plastic bag full of plastic bags, or is it just me?
- I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. She's five and it's past her bedtime.
- Today's 3-year-olds can switch on laptops and open their favorite apps. When I was three, I ate mud.



**FUNNY BUSINESS**

**I need everyone to wish me luck. I have a meeting at the bank later and if all goes well, I will be out of debt. I'm so excited I can barely put on my ski mask.**

**The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!**

**I hate it when people try to act all intelligent and talk about Mozart when they have never even seen one of his paintings .**

**Things that used to hurt my back**

- Jumping off garages
- Crashing my bike
- Falling out of trees
- Diving into the shallow end
- Contact sports

**Things that hurt my back now:**

- Sneezing
- Mopping the floor
- Washing the dishes
- Cooking huge meals
- Brushing my teeth
- Tying my shoes
- Rolling over in bed



**I FINALLY DID IT!**  
**Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.**





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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.

**[socosnretirees@gmail.com](mailto: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 deeply appreciate all contributions.

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

**2022 Leadership**

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