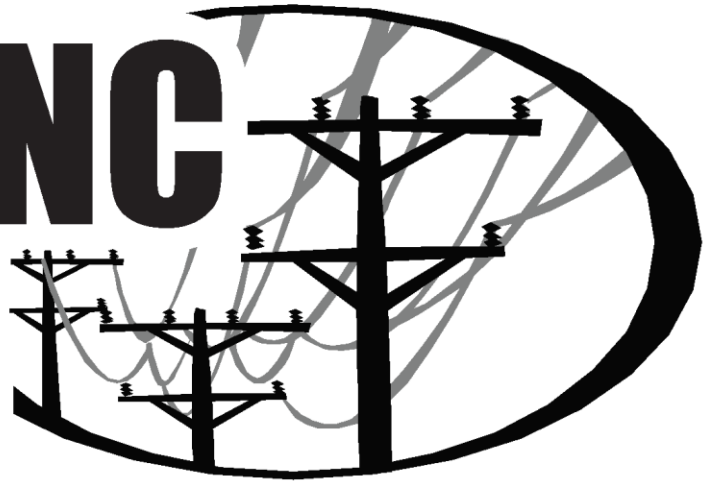


SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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:

Hello everybody. Summer is coming to an end and, hopefully, some relief from the heat we have been experiencing.

Our next meeting scheduled for **September 12th** should prove to be entertaining and we hope to have a great turnout. The event will be held at Sloss Furnaces. Sloss was built after the Civil War and provides insights into Alabama's metalworking past. The meeting itinerary includes a band, complimentary lunch from Full Moon Barbeque, a Keynote Speaker discussing SoCo retiree benefits, and a tour of the museum and grounds. There are more details about the event in the newsletter. Please come out and bring a friend. Your friend does not need to be a member; maybe they just enjoy history, socializing and free food.

We are also beginning our selection process for the 2023 Charitable Organization recipients. Three organizations are selected annually and each receives a \$1000 donation. Nominations are provided by our members. Generally, the recipients selected are

local community non-profit organizations where our members are volunteers or organizations that are strongly supported by our members. If you are interested in making a nomination, please complete the one-page application form available at <https://scsretiree.com>. The form is also provided in this newsletter (page 6). Please send in your nominations no later than October 1st. Thanks to the members who have already made submissions.

Our last meeting of the year will be our November Holiday Luncheon to be held at the Vestavia Country Club. Our Charitable Organization recipients will be announced at this luncheon and each recipient will be given the opportunity to tell us about their organization.

We had a good meeting on July 11th at the APC auditorium. Southern management provided information and fielded questions on the company's economic development initiatives. In other company news, Vogtle Unit 3 entered its commercial operation phase on July 31st and Unit 4 is loading fuel. It's been a long process. Congratulations to Southern Company. I think I'll buy some stock now!

It has been an honor to serve with the Leadership team as your president for 2023. Please provide input and feedback throughout the year to one of the board members listed on the last page of this newsletter.

Ken McElroy

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

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Celebrate

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

September Birthdays:

1 Shelia Hollis
2 Ivonne Colvin
2 Jill Vincent
3 Pamela Aufdenkampe
3 Linda Chastain
3 William Olmstead
4 John Brolund
4 Pam Mooney
6 Lucy Jones
6 Larry Weaver
7 Mary Burgess
7 Johnny Gwin
7 Dana Sorensen
8 Jeane Rayburn
9 Rebecca Farris
9 Chris Sorensen
10 Wayne Carr
11 Darwin Hollingsworth
11 Gene Kachelhofer
11 Bill Ponder
12 Virginia Bidy
12 Fred Ehrensperger
12 Sandra Haynes
12 Tom Johnson
12 Rick Kaster
13 Don Clevenger
13 Elizabeth Kopecky
13 Grady Luster
14 Greg Allison
15 Janice Hovey
15 Doug Maxwell
15 Tom Mueller
15 Deborah Olmstead
17 Linda Ponder
17 Charles Yates
18 Byron Rex Yance
19 Carol Garner
20 Stanley Wilke
22 Sharon Venz
23 Peggy Allison
23 Kathy Jones
23 Jerry Parker

September Birthdays (Cont'd):

24 Paula Ackley
24 Mark Freeman
24 John Johnstone
24 Van Scott
26 Jan Barr
26 Pamela Hayes
26 Liz Winter
27 Lindall Mitchell
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 Ware
30 Wayne Davis
30 Jerry Hall

October Birthdays:

1 Bill Hanks, Jr.
1 Nancy Lacey
1 John Reed
2 Bonita Burford
2 Evelyn Forlines
2 Tricia Logan
2 Mary Alice Thurman
3 Carol Alldredge
3 Donald Moore
4 Myra Jones
4 Don Riendeau
4 Barbara Taylor
5 Patricia Hollis
6 Glenda Beason
6 Janet Lambert
6 Anne Lugar
6 Samuel Manning
7 Mary Weaver
9 Luvern Blackwood

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October Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 9 Don Franks
- 10 James Ford
- 10 Teresa McCrillis
- 12 Cathy Eidson
- 12 Guy Mitchell
- 12 Lori Norton
- 12 Regina Troulias
- 14 Brenda Hall
- 14 Timothy Hayes
- 14 Debbie Noble
- 15 Becky Daugherty
- 15 Rick Rice
- 15 Owen Scott
- 16 Philip Demyan
- 16 Lamar Hawkins
- 17 Donald Holsomback
- 17 Richard Kraynak
- 17 Debra M. Scott
- 18 Roman Carter
- 18 Billie Ewing
- 18 James Ludwig
- 18 Kevin Patton
- 19 Bonnie Russell
- 21 Ed Davidson
- 21 Chitra Desai
- 21 Robert Elliott
- 22 Ernestine Craig
- 22 Connie Darby
- 22 Jane Salter
- 25 Billy Pickle
- 26 Jim Blackmon
- 26 Mindy Long
- 26 Ken Turnage
- 27 Pat Cofield
- 27 Patti Price
- 27 Pam Stringfellow
- 28 Ken McElroy
- 28 Jennifer Sykes
- 29 Bobby Austin
- 29 Harsha Jani
- 30 Howard Mahan
- 31 Jane Jones
- 31 John Lucas



PLEASE REMEMBER!!!

If you have vacation plans or have taken a vacation that you would like to share with us you are encouraged to do so (and also include pictures, if available.) We are also interested in your hobbies, volunteer involvement, anniversaries, etc.

This is your newsletter and we want to hear from you.





OBITUARIES

Rosemary Caine Aycock, (Alabama Power), age 68, passed away on August 4, 2023. She was preceded in death by her mother, Kitty Sue Caine; her father, Walter Drury Caine Sr.; and her sisters, Kitty Lee Caine, Alice Caine Sealey, and Ann Caine Cutler. Rosemary is survived by her husband, John Eric Aycock (Southern Nuclear); her son, Sean Eric Aycock; her daughter, Kristen Elizabeth Buckley (Alex); her brother, Walter Drury Caine Jr. (Yvonne); her sisters, Priscilla Caine Haggard (Chuck) and Teresa Caine Sparks; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Glenn Elwin Baker, (Southern Company Services), age 92, passed away on July 14. He was preceded in death by his wife Bertha (Bert) Corn Baker, his parents Robert Lee Baker and Wylline Webb Baker, and his granddaughter Shelley Anne Baker. Glenn is survived by his sons, Steve Baker (Kim) and Barry Baker (Zac); brothers Harold Baker and Terry Baker (Fran); grandsons Allen Baker and Todd Baker; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and countless dear friends.

James Franklin Goodwin, (Alabama Power, Southern Company Services, and Georgia Power), age 81, passed away. He was preceded in death by his parents, Horace Goodwin and Dorothy Goodwin Minshew. Jim is survived by his wife, Niena Williams Goodwin, his daughters, Kathy (Beau) Byrd, Julie (Shawn) Gillis, and Jennifer (Nate) Schmidt; his seven grandchildren, Walker (Sarah) Byrd, Carter Byrd, Caroline Gillis, Ava Gillis, Elliott Schmidt, James Schmidt, and Owen Schmidt; and many other family members and friends. The family requests donations be made to Canterbury United Methodist Church.

William Matthew Midlik, (Southern Company Services), age 95, passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023. He is also preceded in death by his mother Julia Rabatin Midlik, father Joseph Midlik and his first wife Josephine Midlik. Bill is survived by his wife, Mollie Midlik, sons David Midlik (Mona) and Joseph Midlik, daughter Patti Midlik Hendrix (Mike), sons James Kilgore (Twila) and Keith Kilgore (Diane), eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Donations in memory of Bill can be made to Galleria Woods Foundation, 3850 Galleria Woods Drive, Hoover, AL 35244.

Grace Kyser Miller Prigmore, age 96, (Southern Company Services), passed away on August 12, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husbands, John D. Kyser (51 years), Bill Miller (5 years), and Edwin Prigmore (4 years), her parents, Harris C. Sparks and Mary Sparks, sisters, Martha Jane Sparks, Sara Jean Sparks, Evelyn Trammel and brother, Harris Sparks, Jr. Grace is survived by two nieces, Sherry Trammel Wilson & Ellen Kyser Godfrey, two great nephews, Ryan Wilson & Evan Jamel Wilson, and best friends, Janet and Larry Gunter. Donations in Grace's memory can be made to Ridge Crest Baptist Church, 7789 Gadsden Highway, Trussville, Al 35173.

Dale W. Wyatt, (Southern Company Services), passed away on July 19, 2023.



Call for Charitable Contributions 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 6) and submit via e-mail to:

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: Hearts in Hands
Daniel Cason Ministries
Forge Breast Cancer Survivor Center

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Nomination Form
Designated Charity for SCS Retire Contribution

1. Name of Charitable Organization: _____

2. Address of Charitable Organization: _____

3. Contact Information @ Organization: _____

(Name)

(E-Mail Address)

(Phone #)

4. Mission/Work of Charitable Organization:

5. Nominated by: _____

6. Reasons why SCS Retiree Organization should contribute to this Organization (use additional sheet if necessary):

RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: Dennis Read

The summer of 2023 has been the “Summer of Biblical travel”.

From May 24th to June 4th we were on a tour - “The Journeys of Paul” - sponsored by Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). The trip took us from Athens and Corinth around the Aegean Sea to Istanbul on a full-rigged, 4-masted Clipper Ship. After a day in Athens and a day trip to Corinth, where Paul visited 3 times, we went to Syros, a small off-the-beaten path resort island. Syros was not on our original schedule but the night we sailed from Athens was stormy with 45 knot winds that ripped out one sail and made about 50% of the passengers seasick. Consequently, it was too rough to ferry passengers from the ship to shore at our original resort island stop in Mykonos. Syros was charming and very relaxing.

Our next stop was Ephesus. The ancient ruins of a city of 1/4 million people is about 25% uncovered. It was the third largest city in the Roman Empire at the time. It must have been magnificent in its prime as the ruins were spectacular.

From Ephesus we sailed to Patmos where John the Baptist had been exiled. The cave and monastery were interesting but not spectacular.

From Patmos we sailed north to Pergamum, a Roman Health Spa, that was condemned in the book of Revelation for idolatry, sexual immorality and listening to a false teacher. The ruins were not extensive but enough to allow us to see the general outline of the city.

We then sailed northwest to Philippi and had a short communion service at the stream where Paul the Apostle converted Lydia. We also viewed the jail where Paul was imprisoned (that location is in some dispute). The city is built next to a small hill so there is an excellent view of the city layout and the Agora where Paul preached and was tried.

The next day was spent at sea transversing the Dardanelles to Istanbul. We spent our last day seeing the Blue Mosque and the Grand Bazaar.



Photos of the theater in Ephesus

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RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd



Submitted by Dennis Read (Cont'd)

On the first day of our Aegean Sea tour we learned of a trip to Israel that BSF was sponsoring. There was room for us so after short turn around at home we toured Israel from June 20th to July 4th. Every day was so full it is impossible to capture the continual flow of information and sights. Mark Twain in his book “Innocents Abroad” said it best, “Every 2 or 3 miles there are 100 pages of history.”

We went from Dan in the North to the southern end of the Dead Sea. The sights are too numerous to mention in entirety but highlights that come to mind are: the magnitude and breadth of the building that Herod the Great accomplished in his 41 years as King; Caesarea by the Sea; the Temple; Masada (where he never visited); and, Herodion (where he was buried).

In Jerusalem we were able to walk the underground length of the Western Wall (the foundations stones are enormous - the largest weighing 470 Tons); both the Canaanite and Hezekiah’s tunnel; ongoing excavations of the “City of David” (just south of the Temple); and, both the pool of Bethesda and Shilom. The most sobering time was at the Yad Vashem (Holocaust Museum) The extent of the evil and depravity of this organization is overwhelming. As a side note **every** Israeli military recruit takes a tour of the museum; they know what their service is about!

To say it was a full summer is an understatement!



Photos of the theater and temple remains in Beth Shan

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RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd



Submitted by: **Shannon Sampson**

Members of SE/Farley Alabama Power Service Organization (APSO) and Alabama Power Southeast Division Energizers (Retiree volunteers) helped support the Wiregrass United Way with their kickoff to the 2024 campaign. We had an awesome time interacting with the reigning Miss Alabama while packaging over 50,000 meals for the Wiregrass Area Food Bank.



RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd



Submitted by: Stan Smith

Transplant Games of America Are Coming to Birmingham

“The 2024 Transplant Games of America are coming to Birmingham, Alabama. The Games, which will take place July 5-10, 2024, is a national, festival-style, multi-sport event that will bring together nearly 10,000 members of the transplant community” (from the March 2023 Press Release).

Stan Smith, Southern Company Services retiree, has been involved as a volunteer in the transplant community since his late wife, Nancy, received a heart/double lung transplant in 1989 and then a kidney transplant in 1999.



If you weren't at our July Meeting.....

.....you really missed a great speaker!!

Shane Kearney, Director of Economic & Community Development at Alabama Power, shared with us the current status and future plans that Alabama Power has for economic development in Alabama. It was very informative and he answered many questions.



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SEPTEMBER RETIREE MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, September 12

LOCATION: Sloss Furnace
20 32nd Street North
Birmingham, AL 35222

TIME: 11:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: Cindy Freeman
Alabama Power Health and Well Being



ENTERTAINMENT BY:

Jay & The Elders
(A local eight-piece band (which includes our very own Jim Blackmon, SNC retiree, and APC retiree David Cooper), performing songs from our youth.



Pictured Left to Right: David Cooper (SCS), Sarah Lumpkin, Terry Grill, Jim Blackmon (SNC) Mike Sanders, Joy Moore, Ken Elmer, and Frank Brocato

Remaining 2023 SCS/SNC Retiree Meeting

Tuesday – November 14, Holiday Luncheon at Vestavia Country Club

HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER



September 4



Observed the first Monday in September, **Labor Day** is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America’s strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.



September 10



Grandparents Day is a day set aside to recognize and honor the significant contribution grandparents make to the health and education of their grandchildren. Family members might use this occasion to express their respect, gratitude, love, and admiration for the older generation and to recognize grandparents. Grandparents Day is becoming more and more popular, even though it’s not as commonly observed as Mother’s Day or Father’s Day. This is the ideal time to see your grandchildren in person or to bond with them via video chat.



Patriot Day is a holiday observed in the United States on September 11 to commemorate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Virginia and those who perished when the hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania. The holiday also recognizes those who died attempting to rescue people trapped by the attacks.

HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER



Columbus Day October 9



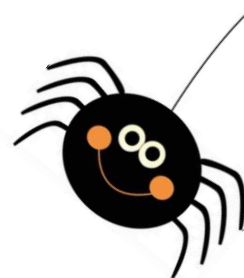
Christopher Columbus was an Italian-born explorer who set sail in August 1492, bound for Asia with backing from the Spanish monarchs King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella aboard the ships the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. Columbus intended to chart a western sea route to China, India and the fabled 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 39 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.



October 31



Halloween dates back over 2,000 years to the Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts celebrated their new year on November 1 and lived in the part of the world that is now Northern France, Ireland, and the United Kingdom.

Celts believed that before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. This allowed the ghosts of the dead to return to earth. October 31st marked the end of summer, the harvest, and the beginning of the dark and cold winter. The Celts often associated this time of year with human death. This is where the history of Halloween first began.



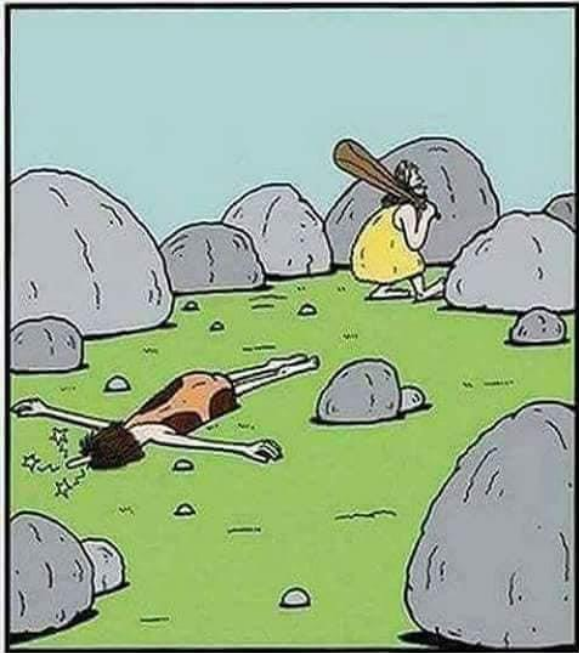
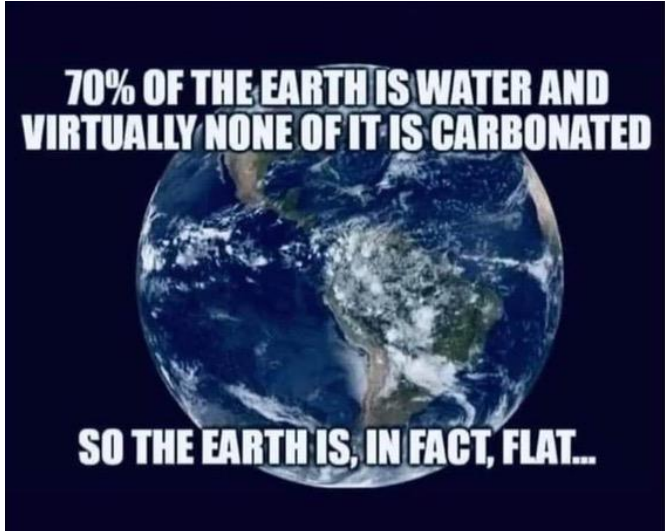
Betcha Didn't Know

- ✚ Australia is wider than the moon. The moon sits at 3,400 kilometers (2,113 miles) in diameter, while Australia's diameter from east to west is almost 4,000 km (2,485 miles)
- ✚ The Eiffel Tower gets taller in the summer. When the iron heats up, the tower can be up to 15 centimeters (6 inches) taller due to thermal expansion.
- ✚ Switzerland prohibits the ownership of just one guinea pig. Since guinea pigs are such social creatures, one guinea pig would get lonely so having just one is considered animal abuse in Switzerland.
- ✚ Tigers have striped skin. It's not just striped fur!
- ✚ Sloths can hold their breath longer than dolphins. Dolphins need to come up for air every 10 minutes, but by slowing their heart rate, sloths can actually hold their breath for 40 minutes!
- ✚ People used to say "prunes" when taking pictures. In the 1840s, it was considered childish to smile for pictures so it became popular for people to say "prunes" instead of "cheese" in order to keep their mouths taut.
- ✚ Competitive art was once an Olympic sport. From 1912 to 1948, artists could earn medals for painting, music, sculpture, and even architecture.
- ✚ The Statue of Liberty was once a lighthouse. About a month after the statue's 1886 dedication, it became a working lighthouse for 16 years, with its torch visible from 24 miles away.
- ✚ Big Ben's clock stopped at 10:07 p.m. on May 27, 2005. It was particularly hot in London that day—31.8 degrees Celsius (89 degrees Fahrenheit)—so it's possible that the clock stopped due to the heat.
- ✚ A blue whale's heartbeat can be heard over 2 miles away. And their hearts weigh almost 400 pounds!
- ✚ Queen Elizabeth II was a trained mechanic. As a teenager, Queen Elizabeth II joined the British employment agency at the Labor Exchange and learned about truck, engine, and tire repair.
- ✚ Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. Incredibly, it's 120 times smaller than Manhattan!
- ✚ The letter "J" was the last letter added to the English alphabet. It dates back to 1524. Shockingly, before it became a letter, the letter "i" was used for both "i" and "j" sounds!
- ✚ Ketchup used to be sold as medicine. Back in 1834, people with indigestion were given a prescription for the condiment.
- ✚ The Eiffel Tower was supposed to be in Barcelona. When Gustave Eiffel's design was rejected by the Spanish city for being too ugly, he pitched it to France. The locals weren't in love with it either, but tourists from around the world flock to Paris to see it!
- ✚ The shortest commercial flight in the world is in Scotland. The quick 1.7-mile journey between Westray and Papa Westray islands takes just 90 seconds by plane.

Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!



If liars' pants really *did* catch on fire, watching the news would be a lot more fun.



Unfriending -- the early years

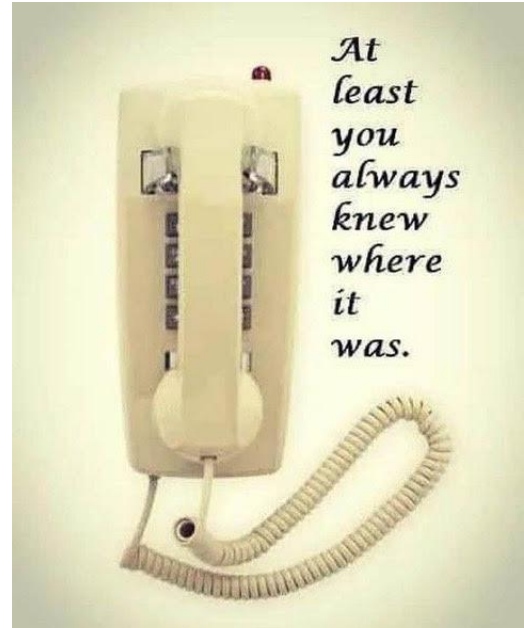


Don't You Love Self-Check-Out??



AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!

Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to start traveling



Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?

**A: Pumpkin π
Sorry. I'll see myself out.**



"Please hold while we bring you the complete works of Johann Sebastian Bach."

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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
dricharlo@gmail.com

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