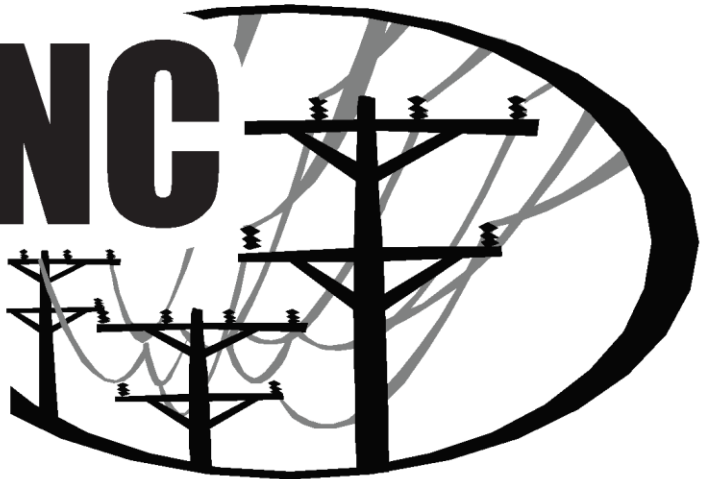


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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 finds everyone doing well and enjoying the beautiful spring weather.

As we have mentioned in the past, our goal is to create an environment in which our retirees find the meetings enjoyable and the speakers interesting. We had good attendance and received positive feedback for our first two meetings of 2024. Below is a list of our remaining meetings for this year.

- **May 8 – Annual Luncheon Meeting at The Club** featuring Chris Womack, Southern Company Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO. I know everyone will want to hear what Chris has to tell us about Southern Company. You should have received an invitation in the mail in April and hopefully you have responded and will be attending.

- **July 9** - A speaker from Southern Nuclear will be sharing information about our nuclear fleet, including the status of Vogtle 3&4. I know this will be of interest to many of you. We hope to have this meeting at the Southern Company Energy Center Auditorium at the Colonnade. More information will be provided on the location as soon as it is confirmed.
- **September 10** - We will have a speaker from the Southern Company Benefits Department discussing retiree benefits. This is a meeting you will not want to miss as our health benefits are being renegotiated for 2025. Additionally, this meeting will take place prior to our benefits selections at the end of 2024. As in the past, you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We are working on securing a location for this meeting similar to what we have done the past two years when we met at the Southern Museum of Flight (2022) and Sloss Furnace (2023). We will let everyone know once we have confirmed the location.

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

## **Prez Sez (Cont'd)**

- **November (date to be confirmed)** – This annual business meeting will be held at the Vestavia Country Club. We will be confirming our officers for 2025 and will also be presenting donations of \$1,000 each to three charitable organizations. The organizations are chosen from nominations made by our members. Please be thinking about an organization that you would like to nominate. These nominations will be requested in the August / September timeframe. A committee will be selected from our leadership team. After they have reviewed all nominations, a recommendation will be made to the SCS/SNC Board. The Board will then review and approve the three organizations selected. The date for this meeting has not yet been confirmed. However, we will let you know once determined.

As I have mentioned in the past, our 2024 leadership team continues to focus on ensuring we are doing our best to build on the success of our past teams and that we are providing speakers of interest to our retirees. As we always say, to accomplish this we need feedback from **ALL** members so that we are aware of what is working and in which areas we need improvement. A list of the 2024 board members, along with the retiree committee leaders, are listed on the last page of this newsletter along with contact information for each.

Again, your feedback and suggestions are very important to us, and we welcome **ALL** of them. I want to thank each of you for being a member and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Again, your attendance and feedback will help improve our meetings and make our retiree group even better.

**Dave Lisenby**



The Allied Forces of World War II wrote the most important story of the last century. As the world approaches the 80th anniversary of D-Day, it is still hard to conceive the epic scope of this decisive battle that foreshadowed the end of Hitler's dream of Nazi domination.

D-Day was the name given to the June 6, 1944, invasion of the beaches at Normandy in northern France by troops from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and other countries during World War II. France at the time was occupied by the armies of Nazi Germany, and the amphibious assault—codenamed Operation Overlord—landed some 156,000 Allied soldiers on the beaches of Normandy by the end of the day.

Despite their success, some 4,000 Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches. At the time, the D-Day invasion was the largest naval, air and land operation in history, and within a few days about 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed. By August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and in spring of 1945 the Allies had defeated the Germans. Historians often refer to D-Day as the beginning of the end of World War II.



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**MAY - JUNE SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST**

**May Birthdays:**

2 Michael Eidson  
4 William Burmeister  
4 Jim Corbitt  
5 Malcolm Byrd  
6 Andy Dearman  
8 Terry McAnnally  
8 Rhonda McGill  
9 John Adkins  
11 George Lacey  
12 Donna Folker  
12 Faye Patterson  
13 Rick Graham  
13 Judith Irvin  
13 Jeffrey Mulvehill  
14 Ricky Allen Jr.  
15 Douglas Farris  
15 John Morrow  
16 Dianne McCoy  
16 Cindy Patton  
18 Sohag Doshi  
18 Matthew Nall  
19 Brian Cates  
19 Linda Griggs  
21 George Hairston III  
21 Debbie Rice  
21 Roy Shanlever  
23 Marvin Noland  
25 Sandy Vance  
27 Stephen B. Smith

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

29 Joe Katz, Jr.  
30 Jim Black  
30 Marcia Edmundson  
30 Robin Posey

**June Birthdays:**

1 Janice Luster  
2 Jeanne Mahan  
2 Kamora Savage  
3 Theda Griffith  
3 Brenda Marlar  
6 Cary Campbell  
6 Linda Shepard  
7 Alvin (Joe) Connor  
7 Peggy Howard  
8 John Brandt  
9 David Gambrell  
10 Michael Nelson  
10 Preston Willis  
11 Linda Grainger  
13 Malek Barroody  
13 Miriam Hollingsworth  
14 Anna Garlington  
14 Bill Marlar  
14 John Thies  
14 Bob Winter  
15 Miriam Durden  
16 Mike Burns



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

- 17 Jeff Hester
- 17 Joe Powell
- 19 Joe Mau
- 20 Keith Calhoun
- 20 Diane Cocherell
- 20 Mark Scott
- 21 John Heatherly
- 21 Charley Long
- 21 Lakshmi Reddy
- 21 Dan Summers
- 21 Ann Whitehurst
- 23 Randall Keith Fowler
- 24 Kathy Buchanan
- 25 Richard Patton
- 25 Julie Polke
- 26 Jane Kinsaul
- 26 Don Mooney
- 28 Ron Cocherell
- 29 Mary Bergeron
- 29 Janet Thompson
- 30 Susan Burmeister
- 30 Gayle Busby
- 30 Marty Turnage



**OBITUARIES**

**Melvin Paul Evans, (Alabama Power / Southern Company)**, age 83, passed away on February 28<sup>th</sup>. He was preceded in death by his wife Kathleen Evans; sister Francis Thomas; and brother William Buckner. Mel is survived by his daughter Karen Sanders; son Jeffrey (Glenda) Evans; daughter Dana (Chris) Drake. grandchildren Joey Sanders; Shelby (Ryan) Ware and Stephen (Diana) Mixson; four great grandchildren Kali Sanders, Blake Sanders, Hadley Ware, and Laney Ware. Sister Myra Davis; brother Pat Buckner (Rhonda) and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Mel's memory can be made to:

St. Aloysius Church -751 Academy Dr,  
Bessemer, AL 35022 [www.stalloysiuscc.org](http://www.stalloysiuscc.org) or  
The American Heart Association [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

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## FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS

*thank  
you*

*Retirees:*

*Thank you for the card and donation in Jim's memory.*

*Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by the family.*

*The Garner's; Greg, Wes, Carol, Sonny and Bill*

### *A Note from Donna Read:*

***How very kind of you to give a loving gift to St. Peter's Anglican Church in memory of Dennis. I appreciate your thoughtfulness!***

***Dennis always appreciated the opportunity to audit the books for you and the Southern Retirees. Thank you for giving him that opportunity.***

## Holidays to Remember - May 2024



The origin of **Mother's Day** goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in the UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old.

We can thank the hard work of the pioneering women of their times - Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis - that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mother's Day is celebrated across forty-six countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well-wisher. Mother's Day 2024 will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 12.**

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**Memorial Day** is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2024 will occur on **Monday, May 27.** Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

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## Holidays to Remember - June 2024



Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national **Flag Day** on **June 14**, Americans have commemorated the adoption of the Stars and Stripes in many ways—displaying the flag in the front of their homes, parades, and other patriotic observances. Prior to 1916, many localities and a few states had been celebrating the day for years. Congressional legislation designating that date as the national Flag Day was signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1949; the legislation also called upon the president to issue a flag day proclamation every year.

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**Father's Day** is celebrated worldwide to recognize the contribution that fathers and father figures make to the lives of their children. This day celebrates fatherhood and male parenting. Although it is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide, Father's Day is observed in the United States on the third Sunday in June. This year it will be observed on **Sunday, June 16.**

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**If you weren't at our March Meeting.....**

**.....you really missed it!!!**

We had a great March 2024 meeting at the Alabama Power Services Building featuring two speakers: Steve Preston - Founder / President of Arsenal Business Solutions and Kathy Keadle, CFEd – Financial Planner with Keystone Financials. Steve had a very interesting presentation on artificial intelligence. Kathy's presentation was on Southern Company benefits with regard to financial planning for retirees. If you missed it, you missed two great presentations and a great time visiting and sharing with fellow retirees. (see pictures on page 8)

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**May 2024 Retiree Spring Luncheon**

**Date:** May 8, 2024

**Location:** The Club  
1 Robert Smith Drive  
Homewood, Alabama

**Time:** 10:45 a.m. to 12 Noon - Check-in and Social Time  
12:00 p.m. – Lunch  
12:45 p.m. – Speaker  
1:45 p.m. – Door Prizes and Adjourn

**Speaker:** Chris Womack  
Chairman of the Board, President  
and CEO of Southern Company



Chris Womack is chairman of the board, president, and CEO of Southern Company. He previously served as chairman, president, and CEO of Georgia Power. Prior to leading Georgia Power, he served as executive vice president and president of external affairs for Southern Company.

A native of Greenville, Alabama, Womack joined Southern Company in 1988 and has held several leadership positions within Southern Company and its subsidiaries. He has served as executive vice president of external affairs at Georgia Power and senior vice president and senior production officer of Southern Company Generation, where he was responsible for coal, gas and hydro generation for Georgia Power and Savannah Electric.

Womack also served as senior vice president of human resources and chief people officer at Southern Company, as well as senior vice president of public relations and corporate services at Alabama Power.

**Pictures from March 12 Retiree Meeting**



**Dave Lisenby,  
President**



**Steve Preston  
Founder / President of Arsenal  
Business Solutions**



**Kathy Keadle, CFEd  
Financial Planner - Keystone  
Financials**



**Dave Lisenby (President) and  
Mary Romano (Arrangements Committee)  
Drawing for Door Prizes**



# RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: Rex Walker



Talk about your trip of a lifetime!!!

Dewanna and Rex Walker are on a 4-month world cruise.

Note to Dewanna and Rex: When you return, please share your pictures in a future newsletter. We would love to see them.



## RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: **Shannon Sampson**

Members of SED Energizers partnered with SED/Farley APSO Chapter volunteering at the 16th Annual Wiregrass Area Buddy Walk. The Buddy Walk is an annual event designed to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Downs Syndrome.



Pictured left to right is APSO member Pamela Smith and Energizer members Elesa Gilbert and Nendra Smith



Nendra Smith and Pamela Smith



Submitted By: **Bill Norton**

I was honored to be elected by my fellow commissioners to serve as chairman of the Shelby County Planning Commission for 2024.



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Submitted by: **Shannon Sampson**

SED Energizer Assistant Secretary, **Denise Moman**, read to Rehobeth Primary School 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in support of Read Across America.



And For All You football Fans.....



The 2024 season is the Birmingham Stallions' first season in the United Football League and their third under head coach Skip Holtz and general manager Zach Potter. The Stallions will defend their back-to-back 2022 and 2023 USFL championship this season by competing in the new UFL.



## 2024 BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS SCHEDULE



ALL TIMES CENTRAL



**SAT. MARCH 30**  
**12 PM FOX**  
@ ARLINGTON  
RENEGADES



**SAT. MAY 4**  
**11 AM abc**  
@ MEMPHIS  
SHOWBOATS



**SUN. APRIL 7**  
**11 AM ESPN**  
@ MICHIGAN  
PANTHERS



**SAT. MAY 11**  
**3 PM FOX**  
ST. LOUIS  
BATTLEHAWKS



**SAT. APRIL 13**  
**6 PM FOX**  
MEMPHIS  
SHOWBOATS



**SAT. MAY 18**  
**7 PM ESPN 2**  
HOUSTON  
ROUGHNECKS



**SAT. APRIL 20**  
**6 PM FOX**  
DC  
DEFENDERS



**SAT. MAY 25**  
**2 PM abc**  
@ SAN ANTONIO  
BRAHMAS



**SAT. APRIL 27**  
**6 PM FOX**  
@ HOUSTON  
ROUGHNECKS



**SAT. JUNE 1**  
**11 AM ESPN**  
MICHIGAN  
PANTHERS



GRAPHIC BY WILL HARRIS  
AND UFL TODAY

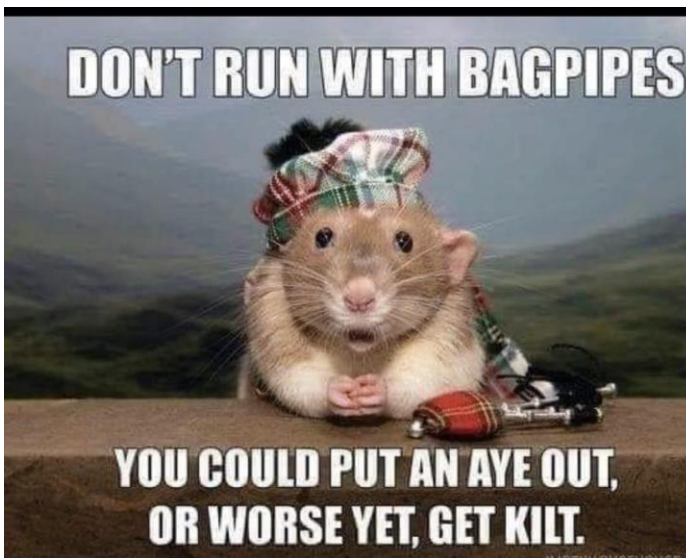
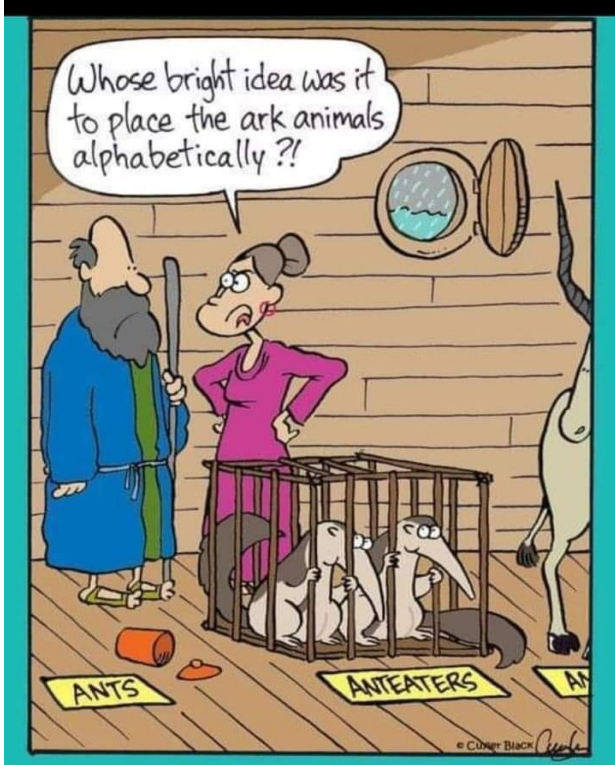


**PONDERISMS!!! (to let your mind wander a bit)**



- # Still trying to get my head around the fact that 'Take Out' can mean food, dating, or murder.
- # The older I get, the more I understand why roosters scream to start their day.
- # Being popular on Facebook is like sitting at the 'cool table' in the cafeteria of a mental hospital.
- # You know you're over 50 when you have 'upstairs ibuprofen' and 'downstairs ibuprofen'.
- # How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life, when... the rabbit is always jumping but only lives for around two years, and... the turtle that doesn't exercise at all lives over 200 years.
- # If only vegetables smelled as good as bacon.
- # The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.
- # When a kid says "Daddy, I want mommy" that's the kid version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor".
- # It's weird being the same age as old people.
- # Just once, I want a username and password prompt to respond CLOSE ENOUGH.
- # We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages ..... Metamucil and Ensure.
- # Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time.
- # Some of my friends exercise every day. Meanwhile I am watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor.
- # Now that Covid has everyone washing their hands correctly...next week...Turn Signals.
- # The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The realist adjusts his sails.
- # I have many hidden talents. I just wish I could remember where I hid them.
- # My idea of a Super Bowl is a toilet that cleans itself.
- # Exercise helps you with decision-making. It's true. I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again.

*Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!*





# AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!

“Just cleared out some space in the freezer” sounds so much more productive than “I just polished off another pint of ice cream.”

Yesterday I wore something from 5 years ago and it actually fit!! So proud of myself.

It was a scarf.  
But still. Let's be positive here.

She danced like nobody was watching.

But people were watching and she looked like bees were attacking her.

## RULES FOR WEARING ANIMAL PRINT YOGA PANTS:

1. WEIGH LESS THAN THE ANIMALS THEY REPRESENT.



My wife asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl. I said, “No, I haven't, but I have seen him play frisbee.”

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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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