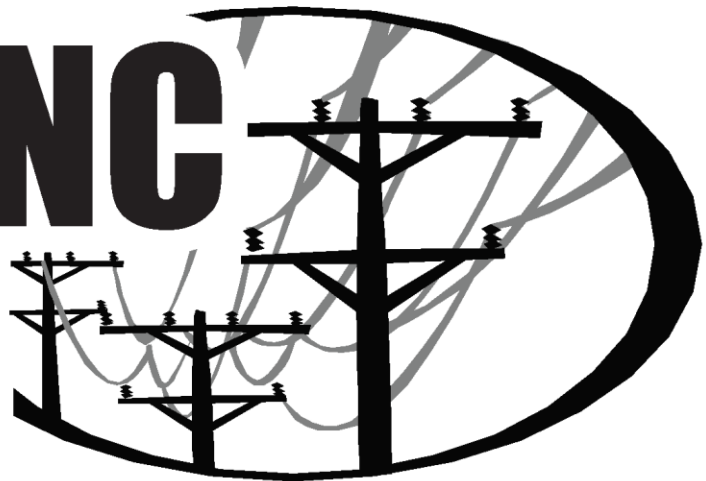


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No. 4

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 summer. The outside temperature is getting hot. With the outside temperatures we are experiencing, it is important that we stay safe. Two things that are important when dealing with the excess temperatures is to limit your exposure to the temperature to prevent heat stroke and to stay hydrated. I encourage you to take extra care during the summer heat to stay safe and do not take chances with your health.

If you missed our Spring Luncheon on May 8th you missed a great presentation by Chris Womack and a great social time with fellow retirees. Chris spoke on the current status of Southern Company and the completion of construction and commercial operation of Vogtle 3&4. He also talked about the future goals and plan for Southern Company. After hearing his presentation, I believe it made us all feel proud to have been and still be a part of Southern Company. We also had several leadership

personnel from SCS, SNC and Alabama Power Foundation to join us as our guest for the luncheon.

Many of you already know that Steve Kucynski, Chairman of the Board and CEO of Southern Nuclear, retired effective June 28, 2024, and Peter (Pete) P. Sena, President of Southern Nuclear, was elected as Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO of Southern Nuclear effective June 28, 2024. Pete will be joining us at our July 8, 2024, meeting as our speaker. For Pete to take time out of his busy schedule to meet with us tells us how important he considers the retirees to be to Southern Nuclear. He will be sharing information about Southern Nuclear, including Vogtle 3&4, and answering questions. This meeting will be at the Southern Company - Energy Center Auditorium at the Colonnade and should be a more convenient location for many more retirees. I hope you will be able to attend to meet Pete and hear what he has to share with us.

As always, our September meeting will focus on the topic of retiree benefits. The meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024 and will be at the Vulcan Park. We will have a speaker from the Southern Company Benefits

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

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

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Prez Sez (Cont'd)

department that will discuss retiree benefits. This is a meeting you will want to attend since our health benefits are being re-negotiated for 2025 and this meeting is before we make our selections at the end of 2024. Make sure to make plans to attend the September meeting.

I hope everyone that has attended one or more of our meetings this year has enjoyed them. Our 2024 Leadership Team continues to focus on ensuring we are doing our best to build on the success of our past Leadership Teams, to provide good locations for the meetings and to bring in speakers of interest to our retirees and to grow our attendance. To accomplish this, we need feedback from **ALL** members so that we understand what is working and what areas we need improvement. A list of the 2024 board members and the retiree Committee Leaders are listed in the 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 retiree meetings. Again, your attendance and feedback will help improve our meetings and make our retiree group even better.

Dave Lisenby



**Remaining Schedule for the 2024
SCS/SNC Retiree Meetings
with Locations**

Date: **Monday, July 8**
Location: Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium
3535 Colonnade Parkway
Program: Pete Sena
Chairman of the Board, President
and CEO of Southern Nuclear

Date: **Tuesday, September 10**
Program: Southern Company Retiree Benefits
Location: Vulcan Park

Date: **November, (Date TBD)**
Program: Holiday Luncheon
Location: Vestavia Country Club

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JULY - AUGUST SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

July Birthdays:

- 1 Janak Doshi
- 2 Grace Reed
- 3 Albert Burford
- 3 Kapil Desai
- 4 Mohinder Ghuman
- 5 Vicki Austin
- 5 Lorain Cantrell
- 5 Donna Mueller
- 6 Leanne Carter
- 6 Yogendra Jani
- 6 Kathy Rickertsen
- 7 Scott Clayton
- 8 David Burch
- 8 Robin Dyle
- 9 Lee Haubein
- 9 Richard Hovey
- 9 Rhonda Powell
- 9 Marvin D. Salter
- 10 Kathleen Lontine
- 13 Doris Hardy
- 13 Larry Posey
- 14 Keith Bryant
- 14 Nancy Folk
- 14 Ginny Green
- 14 John Lontine
- 14 Sherry Runyans
- 15 Peggy Brashier
- 15 Ellan Thigpen
- 17 Russell Noble
- 18 Douglas Craddock
- 18 Robert Hinds
- 18 Barry Sykes
- 19 George Jones
- 19 Robin Ohmstede
- 20 Paula Hairston
- 20 Francis (Buddy) Jesssup, III
- 21 Dennis Runyans
- 21 Elbert Dennis Teat
- 22 Aurelio Ann Cook
- 23 Loretta Adkins
- 23 Judy Long
- 23 Gary Ohmstede
- 23 Theresa Reed
- 23 Nick Santoro
- 24 Larry Savage

July Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 26 Mike Green
- 26 Chris Williams
- 27 Randy Flowers
- 27 Patti Johnstone
- 29 John Aufdenkampe
- 29 Ricky Cox
- 29 Partha Ghosal
- 29 Roy Lyon
- 30 Maja Clayton
- 30 Pam Ely
- 30 John Garlington
- 31 Annette Dean
- 31 Mary Ann Glover
- 31 Brenda Kendrick
- 31 Susan Lefoy

August Birthdays:

- 1 Ruth Shepherd
- 1 Margaret Xanders
- 2 Jeanette Dizaar
- 2 Sherry Santoro
- 3 Randall Kyle
- 4 Willard Payne
- 4 Jerry Wilson
- 6 Robert Beason
- 9 Norman Stringfellow
- 10 Jim Gordy
- 10 Jessica McCullough
- 12 Deborah Javorka
- 12 Allen White
- 13 Fouzia Ahmed
- 13 Deborah Edwards
- 13 Nancy Mooney
- 13 Pannalal Vimalchand
- 14 Shelia Mau
- 15 King Knight, Jr.
- 16 Marian Brazzell
- 16 Margaret Carter
- 16 Mary Love Dearman
- 17 Sherry Davis
- 17 Katherine Hester
- 17 John Naramore

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August Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 18 David Burford
- 20 Peggy Case
- 20 Don Welliver
- 21 Janet Nebrig
- 23 Susan Hinds
- 23 Jon Hornbuckle
- 23 Roxanne Wilke
- 24 Roy Hiller
- 24 Lana Thompson
- 24 Steve Woodfield
- 25 Lee Rayburn
- 26 Rebecca McKinney
- 27 Paul Beavers
- 28 Sherrell Brazzell
- 29 Les Bailey
- 29 Charles David Pugh
- 29 Mark Wilkinson
- 30 Mary Romano
- 31 Fran Goforth

Gerald Eugene Aultman (Cont'd):

(Riana) McLaughlin; granddaughter Treasha Reaves; grandson Brent (Bethany) Mitchell; granddaughter Avery Dellinger; grandsons Will Aultman; Gabe Aultman; Conley Dellinger; Kirk Pope; and Pierce Aultman; granddaughter Alina (Trey Terry) Mitchell; and great granddaughter Addie Reaves; great grandson Travis Chandler; great grandson AJ Reaves; great granddaughters Lila Reaves; and Nola Reaves; along with numerous nieces and nephews. The family requests that any donations in Gerald's memory be made to the Dementia Society of America.

Frank David Brizendine (Southern Services), age 80, passed away on Saturday, June 8, 2024. He is survived by his wife Peggy Burley Brizendine, daughters Traci Hindsman (Todd) and Staci Corbin (Chris), sons David Brizendine (Heather) and Brent Brizendine (Stephanie), ten grandchildren Hunter Hindsman (Taylor), Lindsey Hindsman, Bradley Hindsman (Bailey), Brinley Corbin, Brock Corbin, Bryant Corbin, Delaney Brizendine, Carter Brizendine, Finley Brizendine, and Blakely Brizendine, and six great-grandchildren Joanna Hindsman, Mason Hindsman, Jack Hindsman, Melanie Hindsman, Brooks Hindsman, and Anna Blake Hindsman; sister Jo Daniel and several nieces and nephews. The family request donations be made in Frank's memory to The Baller Dream Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emotional and financial support to children and young adults battling cancer.



OBITUARIES

Gerald Eugene Aultman (Southern Company), age 82, passed away on June 2, 2024. He is preceded in death by his parents William Thomas and Mattie Belle Aultman; sister Clara McPherson; brothers John Aultman; James Aultman; and William Aultman; and grandson, Drew Mitchell. Gerald is survived by his wife, Gaye Lee Aultman; sister Marilyn (Judson) Cork; daughter Pam Brad Rathje; daughter Debbie (Mike Glaze) Mitchell; sons Jerry (Teresa) Aultman; Tommy (Alice) Mitchell; Joe (Sunny) Aultman; daughter Cheri (Mike) Scharbert; grandsons Dalton (Lindsey Holler) Reaves; Jeremy Chandler; Weston (Julie) Reaves; Josh

Mark Thomas Kuester, (Southern Company), age 71, passed away on June 8, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred Kuester, and Manuel Kuester. Survivors include his wife, Debbie; brother Rick Kuester, sisters Mary (Preston) Willis and Jane (Mark) Golden ; numerous nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Mark requested that donations in his memory be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the charity of your choice.

Reese Leon Ponder Jr, (Southern Company), age 82, passed away on Wednesday, June 26th. Reese is survived by his wife and two sons Hunter (Erika) of Vestavia Hills and Scott (Alison) of Bluff Park as well as daughters Karen Ponder Messersmith of Alabaster and Rebecca Ponder Mitchell of St. Thomas USVI.

We missed you..

IF YOU WEREN'T AT OUR MAY LUNCHEON!!

We had a great May 2024 Spring Luncheon at The Club. Our speaker was Chris Womack - Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO of Southern Company. Chris gave an update on the current status and the future goals of Southern Company and answered several questions. If you missed it, you missed a great presentation and a great time visiting and sharing with fellow retirees. (see pictures on page 6)

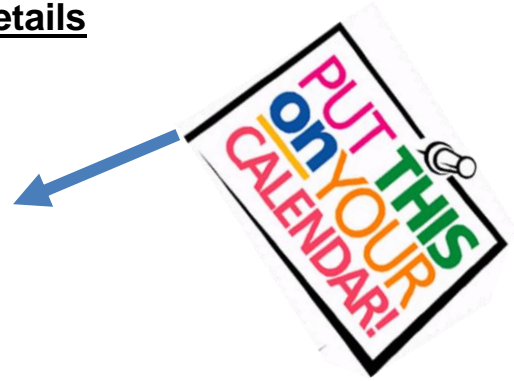
July 2024 Meeting Details

Date: July 8, 2024

Location: Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium
3535 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon - Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Door Prizes and Adjourn

Speaker: Pete Sena – Chairman of the Board, President
and CEO of Southern Nuclear



Peter (Pete) P. Sena III was appointed Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO of Southern Nuclear Operating Company on June 28, 2024, having served as President of Southern Nuclear since March 2023 and prior to that served as executive vice president and chief nuclear officer since July 2019.

Before joining Southern Nuclear, he served as president and CNO of PSEG Nuclear beginning in March 2016. During his tenure, PSEG Nuclear's Hope Creek and Salem 1 nuclear generating stations completed the first breaker-to-breaker runs in operating history. Hope Creek also returned to the INPO excellence category in 2018.

Sena was named CNO of FirstEnergy in 2012, holding a variety of leadership roles there. He joined FirstEnergy in 1996 as a control room supervisor and obtained his first Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) license at Beaver Valley Power Station Unit 2. He obtained his second SRO license in 1999 for Beaver Valley Unit 1.

Following a rotational assignment with INPO, Sena was named operations manager and helped the station earn the "Most Improved Plant" award in 2003. In 2005, he was named director of engineering, and the station completed its first extended power uprate for a Westinghouse 3 loop pressurized water reactor. As site vice president of Beaver Valley, Sena led the station to its first INPO Excellence award in 2009. The Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant returned to INPO's excellence category under Sena's leadership as CNO in 2011. Prior to joining FirstEnergy, Sena was employed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a resident inspector in Region 1. His nuclear training began as an officer with the U.S. Naval Nuclear Propulsion program.

Sena earned a Bachelor of Science degree in fuel science from Pennsylvania State University in 1985. Since March 2023, Pete has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Nuclear Energy Institute's board.

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Pictures from May 8 Retiree Luncheon



**Chris Womack, Chairman,
President, and CEO of
Southern Company**



**Jim Heilbron, Senior Vice President,
and Senior Production Officer - APC**



**Margaret White and Kim Savage –
APC Foundation**



**Employees Enjoying Food, Fellowship and
A Great Speaker**

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Pictures from May 8 Retiree Luncheon (Cont'd)

And More ... Employees Enjoying Food, Fellowship and A Great Speaker



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



What a great turnout at our Annual Spring Luncheon at The Club!! We enjoyed seeing everyone that attended and missed those who were not there.

Holidays to Remember - July 2024



The Declaration of Independence:

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. But July 4, 1776, wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776). It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775). And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So, what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all the edits and changes. July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So, when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence, we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson, and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies. By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

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RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: Shannon Sampson

SE/Farley APSO and SED Energizers joined forces to support the Wiregrass Kidney Walk celebration! Together, we're making strides towards a healthier community.



RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: Shannon Sampson

SED Energizers, Shannon Sampson, and Nedra Smith, recently served as volunteer tour guides at one of the homes on the Eufaula Pilgrimage. The Eufaula Pilgrimage is an annual event sponsored by the Eufaula Heritage Association to help draw visitors to the area to tour many of the over seven hundred structures listed on the National Historic Register.



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SED Energizers, Shannon Sampson, and Nedra Smith, periodically visit the SEACAP (Southeast Alabama Community Action Partnership) office in Dothan, Alabama to play games with the ASAP clients. The clients enjoy playing games like Bingo, Pokeno, and other memory and cognitive stimulating games.

SEACAP is a non-profit organization that partners with persons and agencies in the community to enhance the quality of life for low-income persons. The ASAP segment of SEACAP specifically targets providing engaging activities for senior citizens.

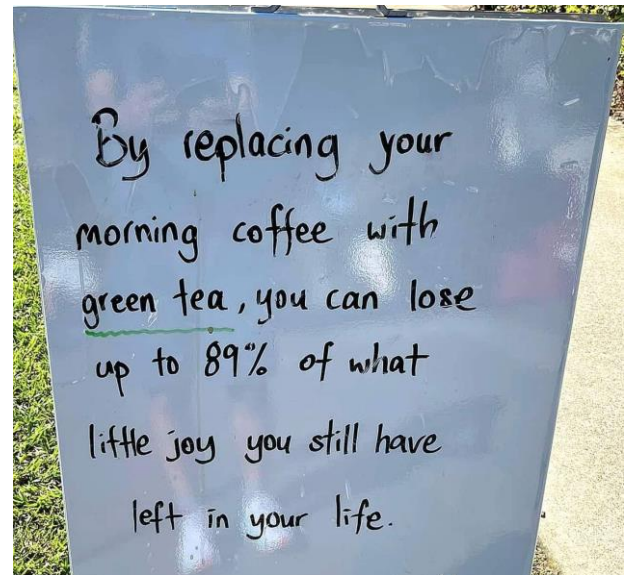


FROM THE KING OF ONE LINERS.... Comedian Steven Wright

- ✚ I'd kill for a Nobel "Peace" Prize.
- ✚ Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
- ✚ Half the people you know are below average.
- ✚ 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- ✚ 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- ✚ A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- ✚ If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
- ✚ All those who believe in psycho kinesis, raise my hand.
- ✚ The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- ✚ I almost had a psychic girlfriend, But she left me before we met.
- ✚ OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- ✚ How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- ✚ If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- ✚ Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- ✚ When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- ✚ Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.
- ✚ Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
- ✚ I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
- ✚ If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- ✚ Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- ✚ What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- ✚ My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."
- ✚ Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- ✚ If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
- ✚ A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
- ✚ Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- ✚ The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.
- ✚ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
- ✚ The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- ✚ The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
- ✚ The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.
- ✚ Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.
- ✚ If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- ✚ If your car could travel at the speed of light, would your headlights work?



Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!



GRILLED CHICKEN





AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!

Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary and his wife was really angry.

She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!" The next morning he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway.

Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand new bathroom scale. Bob has been missing since last Friday.

I did a push-up today.

Well, actually

I fell down.

**But I had to use
my arms to get up**

so...

you know, close enough.

**I got myself a
seniors' GPS. Not
only does it tell me
how to get to my
destination, it tells
me why I wanted
to go there.**

**When people give me
directions and say "you
can't miss it" — buddy, you
have absolutely no idea
what I'm capable of.**

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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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