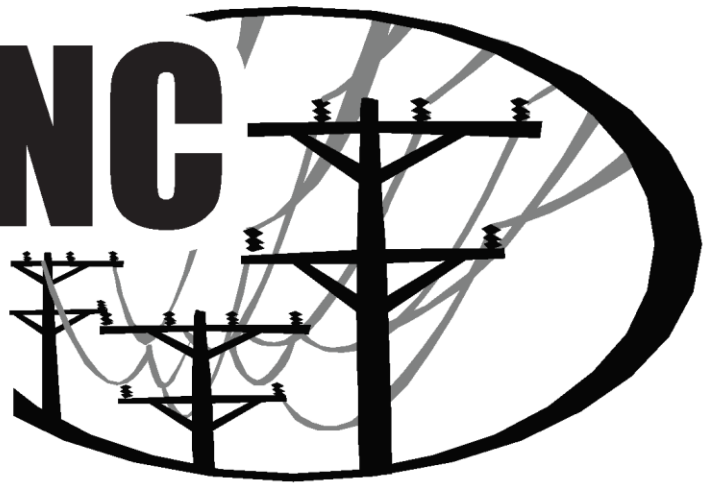


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



---

Volume 36, September - October 2024 No. 5

---

## 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 everyone is well and enjoying the summer. The temperature remains hot, and it is very important that we continue to stay safe. I encourage everyone to limit their exposure to the high temperatures to prevent heat stroke and also encourage everyone to drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.

If you missed our July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Colonnade you missed a great presentation by Pete Sena, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Southern Nuclear. Pete spoke on the current status of the Southern Nuclear Fleet and the generation challenges for Southern Company, looking at the projected future electrical demand growth for our service area.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2024, and will be at Vulcan Park and Museum. We will have benefits information available, and our speaker will be Jennifer Chandler, Director of Community Outreach for Vulcan Park and Museum and an Olympic Gold Medalist. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$5 per person and entertainment will be provided by Jay and the Elders. This is our “fun” meeting, allowing more time to socialize with friends while enjoying great entertainment. Hope to see you there!

Our November Meeting is just around the corner and, once again, we will be donating \$1,000 each to three different charities selected from your recommendations. If you are interested in recommending a charity, please complete the “Nominations for Charitable Contributions Form” on Page 9 of this newsletter. All forms should be submitted no later than September 27, 2024.

I hope those of you that have attended one or more of our meetings this year have found them enjoyable. Our 2024 leadership team continues to focus on ensuring we are doing our best to build on the success of our past leadership and to provide good meeting locations and speakers. As always, to accomplish this we need feedback from **ALL** members so that we will better understand what is working and in what areas we need improvement. A list of the 2024 board members and the retiree committee leaders, along with contact information on each, can be found on the last page of this newsletter. 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 future meetings. Again, your attendance and feedback will help improve our meetings and will make our retiree group even better.

**Dave Lisenby**

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

**SCS OUTSIDE**  
*September - October 2024*



*Celebrate*

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

**September Birthdays:**

2 Yvonne Colvin  
2 Keith Tenney  
2 Jill Vincent  
3 Pamela Aufdenkampe  
3 Cheryl Blackmon  
3 Linda Chastain  
3 William Olmstead  
5 Angie Kelly  
6 Larry Weaver  
7 Mary Burgess  
8 Jeane Rayburn  
9 Rebecca Farris  
10 Wayne Carr  
11 Darwin Hollingsworth  
11 Gene Kachelhofer  
11 Bill Ponder  
12 Virginia Bidy  
12 Fred Ehrensperger  
12 Tom Johnson  
13 Don Clevenger  
13 Elizabeth Kopecky  
13 Grady Luster  
14 Greg Allison  
14 Edwin Dinkins  
15 Janice Hovey  
15 Tom Mueller  
15 Deborah Olmstead  
17 Martha Price  
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  
24 Paula Ackley  
24 John Johnstone

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

26 Pamela Hayes  
26 Liz Winter  
27 Robert Oedamer.  
28 Donna McElroy  
28 Bill Thurman  
28 Wade Utley  
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  
3 Tom Sims  
4 Don Riendeau  
4 Barbara Taylor  
5 Patricia Hollis  
6 Glenda Beason  
6 Pat Dulion  
6 Janet Lambert  
6 Anne Lugar  
6 Samuel Manning  
7 Mary Weaver  
9 Luvern Blackwood

**SCS OUTSIDE**  
September - October 2024



**OBITUARIES**

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

- 10 James Ford
- 10 Teresa McDonald
- 12 Cathy Eidson
- 12 John McDonald
- 12 Guy Mitchell
- 12 Lori Norton
- 12 Charyl Cotton Oatts
- 14 Brenda Hall
- 14 Timothy Hayes
- 14 Debbie Noble
- 15 Becky Daugherty
- 15 Mitch Quinn
- 15 Rick Rice
- 15 Owen Scott
- 16 Philip Demyan
- 17 Donald Holsomback
- 17 Richard Kraynak
- 18 Roman Carter
- 18 Billie Ewing
- 18 Kevin Patton
- 21 Ed Davidson
- 21 Chitra Desai
- 22 Ernestine Craig
- 22 Connie Darby
- 22 Jane Salter
- 24 Susan Jessup
- 25 Billy Pickle
- 26 Jim Blackmon
- 26 Mindy Long
- 26 Ken Turnage
- 27 Pat Cofield
- 27 Robin Cox
- 27 Patti Price
- 27 Pam Stringfellow
- 28 Ken McElroy
- 28 Jennifer Sykes
- 29 Bobby Austin
- 29 Harsha Jani
- 30 Howard Mahan
- 31 Jani Jones
- 31 John Lucas

**Margaret Carter (Southern Company)**, age 97, of Vestavia Hills, passed away on August 26. She was preceded in death by her husband John Youtmans Carter, father Fred Durrell Burgess, mother Sarah Virginia Burgess, brothers Fred Durrell, Jr., "Freddie," Charles William (Pat), and Joel Keifer (Judy). She is survived by her daughter Karen Lea Carter.

Donations in Margaret's memory can be made to Big Oak Ranch, 250 Jake Mintz Road, Gadsden, AL 35905

**Linda Sanders (Southern Company)**, passed away on August 28.



**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.***

**If you weren't at our July 8 Meeting.....**

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

We had a great July 8 meeting at the Colonnade. Our speaker, Pete Sena - Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Southern Nuclear - gave an update on the current status of the Southern Nuclear fleet and challenges being faced by Southern Company and Southern Nuclear due to growth. Pete also answered questions from our retirees.

See Page 5 for pictures from this meeting.

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

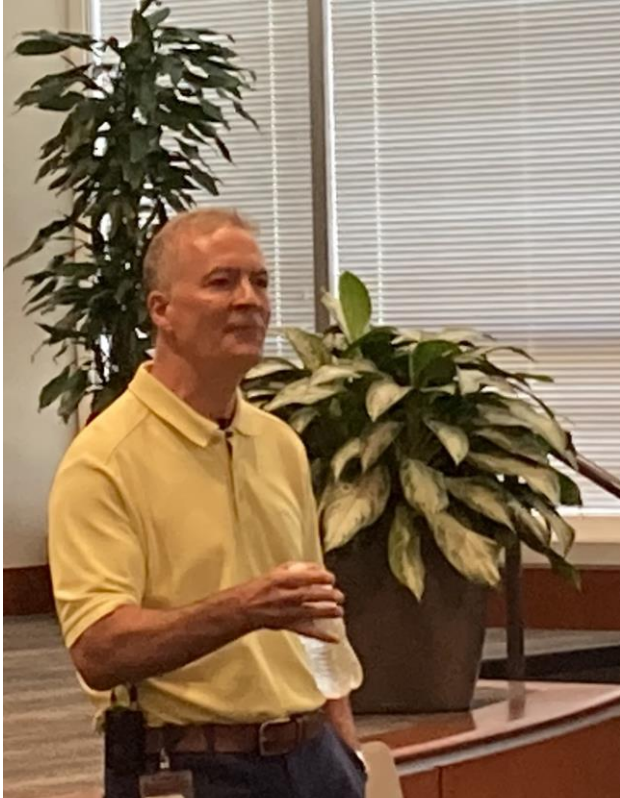


<b>Date:</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 10</b>
<b>Program:</b>	Jennifer Chandler, Director of Community Outreach for Vulcan Park & Museum and Olympic Gold Medalist
<b>Location:</b>	Vulcan Park
<b>Date:</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Program:</b>	Holiday Luncheon
<b>Location:</b>	Vestavia Country Club

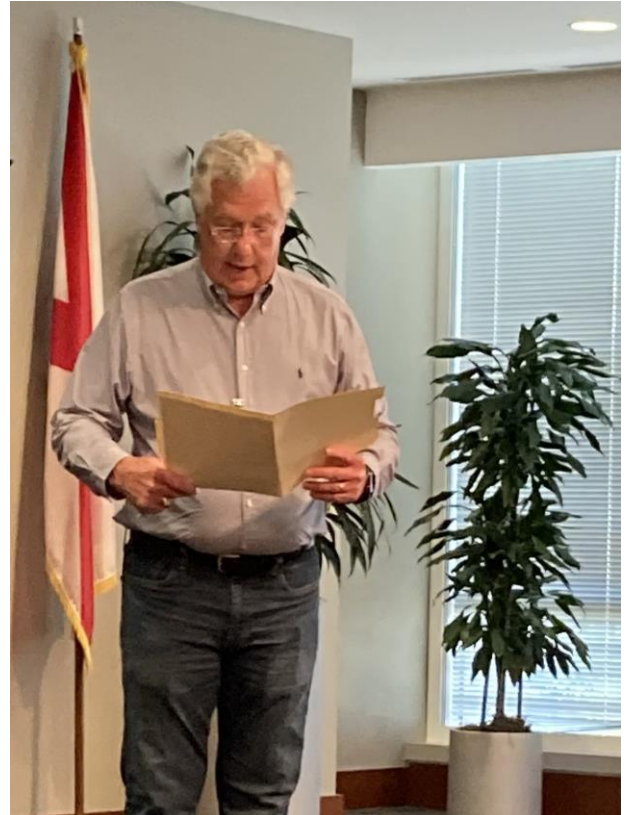


**SCS OUTSIDE**  
*September - October 2024*

**Pictures from our July 8 Retiree Meeting**



**Pete Sena,  
Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO  
of Southern Nuclear Operating Company**



**Dave Lisenby,  
President – SCS/SNC Retirees**



**Retirees Enjoying a Time of Fellowship**

**SCS OUTSIDE**  
*September - October 2024*

**SEPTEMBER RETIREE MEETING DETAILS**



**DATE:** Tuesday, September 10

**LOCATION:** Vulcan Park and Museum  
1701 Valley View Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35209

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Board Meeting  
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Social Time and Lunch\* (Band will be playing)  
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Speaker and Door Prizes  
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Band, Socializing and Visit Park

\*Catered Lunch with a \$5 per person charge at the meeting

**SPEAKER:** Jennifer Chandler  
Director of Community Outreach for Vulcan Park and Museum



Born and raised in Birmingham, Jennifer received her BFA in Drawing and Painting from the University of Arizona. In addition to her accomplished career in fundraising and public engagement, she has served as a national-level motivational speaker and as an advisor for the local 1996 Olympic Soccer games. Jennifer's successful competitive athletic career culminated in what is undoubtedly the highest honor for an athlete, an Olympic Gold Medal in the 1976 Montreal Games.

See following page for information on entertainment at our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**SCS OUTSIDE**  
September - October 2024

*For Your Entertainment .....*  
*At Our September Retiree Meeting*



Jay & The Elders is 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, John Malone, and Frank Brocato**





## Call for Charitable Contributions Nominations

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 9) 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

Please submit no later than **September 27.**

Thank you.

FYI, last year's recipients were: Blanket Fort Hope  
First Fruits Ministry  
WorkFaith



**SCS OUTSIDE**  
*September - October 2024*

**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: Lynn Weems**

I am getting married on September 7 to Paul Wanner from Westville FL (lost my husband Chris to covid after 35 years of marriage on January 1, 2021), and my first granddaughter /grandbaby from my daughter Alicia Bailey (10 years with Southern) is due in Nov. I live full time in Gulf Shores and thank God everyday for retirement from Southern and a great career and lifelong friends like you.



**HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER**



**September 2**



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 8**



**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 14



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.

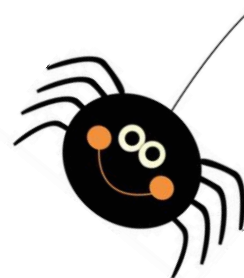
Later that October, Columbus sighted Cuba and believed it was mainland China; in December, the expedition found Hispaniola, which he thought might be Japan. There, he established Spain's first colony in the Americas with thirty-nine of his men.

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.



---

### 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*

- ✚ Canadians say “sorry” so much that a law was passed in 2009 declaring that an apology can’t be used as evidence of admission to guilt.
- ✚ Back when dinosaurs existed, there used to be volcanoes that were erupting on the moon.
- ✚ The ten highest mountain summits in the United States are all located in Alaska.
- ✚ If you cut down a saguaro cactus in Arizona, you can be charged with a class-4 felony and penalized with jail time.
- ✚ In Colorado, there is still an active volcano. It last erupted about the same time as the pyramids were being built in Egypt.
- ✚ If you point your car keys to your head, it increases the remote’s signal range. All the fluids in your head act as a fantastic conductor, allowing you to extend the remote’s range by a few car lengths.
- ✚ At birth, a baby panda is smaller than a mouse.
- ✚ The world’s largest grand piano was built by a 15-year-old in New Zealand. The piano is a little over eighteen feet long and has eighty-five keys – 3 short of the standard eighty-eight.
- ✚ Elvis was originally blonde. He started coloring his hair black for an edgier look. Sometimes, he would touch it up himself using shoe polish.
- ✚ German Chocolate Cake is named after an American baker by the name of Samuel German. It has no affiliation with the country of Germany.
- ✚ In 2009, Stephen Hawking held a reception for time travelers but didn’t publicize it until after. This way, only those who could time travel would be able to attend. Nobody else attended.
- ✚ Larry the Cable Guy’s real name is Daniel Lawrence Whitney. His notable Southern accent is fake – he was born and raised in the Midwest, not the South.
- ✚ There is a company that sells mirrors that make people look ten pounds thinner. Overall, the mirrors have contributed to 54% of total sales for retailers that use them.
- ✚ Standing around burns calories. On average, a 150-pound person burns 114 calories per hour while standing and doing nothing.
- ✚ Although GPS is free for the world to use, it costs \$2 million per day to operate. The money comes from American tax revenue.
- ✚ In World War II, Germany tried to collapse the British economy by dropping millions of counterfeit bills over London.

*Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!*



While you were gone , I installed the dog door we talked about. No need to thank me!



I don't have a train of thought, I have seven trains on 4 tracks that narrowly avoid each other when the paths cross and all the conductors are screaming

**bacon**

BY LONNIE MILLSAP



COMPETITIVE AGING

Pulled out a nose hair today to see if it hurt... Judging by the reaction of the man asleep next to me on the bus, it seems pretty painful...



# AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!



**HAVING A DOG  
NAMED SHARK  
AT THE BEACH WAS  
A MISTAKE**

**NEVER  
MAKE SNOW  
ANGELS  
IN A DOG PARK**



**SCS OUTSIDE**  
*September - October 2024*

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

**2024 Leadership**

**Officers**

President:	Dave Lisenby	205-603-9220
Vice-President:	Nick Santoro	205-902-4485
Secretary:	Rick Rice	205-266-6517
Treasurer:	Fred Ehrensperger	205-715-9656

**Directors**

Ken McElroy (ex-officio)	205-907-6011
Jim Blackmon	205-980-9852
John Brandt	205-956-0502
Teresa McDonald	912-293-4247
Bob Moore	205-979-2390
Mike Reed	205-910-8025
Owen Scott	205-960-4590

**Committee Chairs**

Arrangements :	Sharon Venz	205-482-6836
	Mary Romano	205/492-6450

Audit:

Fellowship:	Ken McElroy	205-907-6011
Member Care	Patsy Evans	205-991-7900
Membership:	Dora Brandt	205-956-0502
Newsletter:	Charlotte & Rick Graham	205-440-7935

Nominating:	Rick Graham	205-807-1890
Programs:	Beverly Lisenby	205-701-4589
Website:	Cary Campbell	205-641-9137

**E-mail**                    **[socosncretirees@gmail.com](mailto:socosncretirees@gmail.com)**