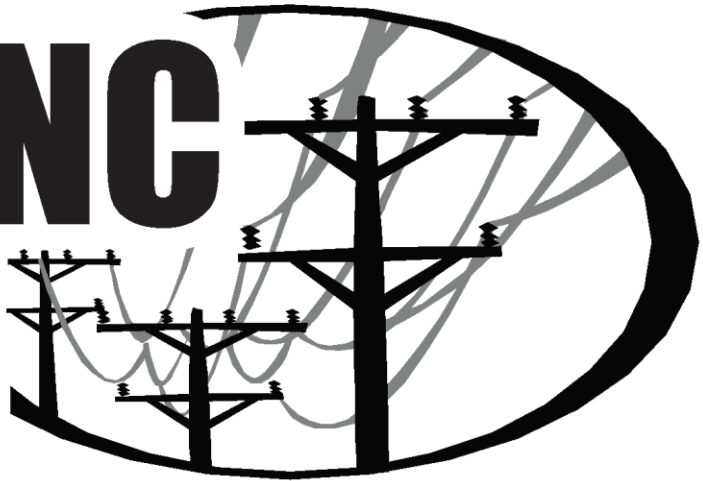


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Word from the editor:

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 that you are looking forward to the holiday season.

If you missed our September meeting at the Vulcan Park and Museum you missed a great presentation by Jennifer Chandler on the history of Vulcan. You also missed some great entertainment by the band Jay and the Elders, and a great meal provided by Dreamland Bar-B-Que.

Our November Meeting will be held on November 5, at the Vestavia Country Club. This will be our annual business meeting where we will enjoy lunch and elect our 2025 Officers and Board Members. Additionally, we will be awarding a donation of \$1,000 each to three charities. This is our last meeting for 2024, and I hope you will make plans to attend.

As we look back on 2024, I believe we had a great year and the 2024 Leadership Team

and Board of Directors have done an excellent job. The following are some of their accomplishments:

- ✚ Great meeting locations – we moved back to the Colonnade Auditorium and also went to the Vulcan Park and Museum for our September Meeting
- ✚ Great speakers, including Chris Womack, Southern Company Chairman of the Board, CEO & President; and Pete Sena, Southern Nuclear Chairman of the Board, CEO & President.
- ✚ Luncheon meetings in May and September. We will also have lunch at our November meeting. Additionally, the refreshments at the non-meal meetings were great.
- ✚ We fully implemented the ability for our members to pay online, if they desire, rather than having to mail checks (both options are now available for all members).
- ✚ A relationship was developed with the Executive Director of the Alabama Power Energizers and Alabama Power Foundation and they have become a part of our retiree group and are helping us to get the information needed to contact new retirees about membership.

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):

- ✚ We worked on strengthening our relationship and communications with the SCS and SNC Executives and in getting them more involved with our group.



All of the accomplishments were successful due to the dedication and commitment of our leadership team and board of directors. The members that attended the meetings and those that provided feedback in 2024 also contributed greatly to this success. I'm confident that the 2025 leadership team and board of directors will build on what has been accomplished and 2025 will be even better. My hope is that more retirees will want to attend the meetings in 2025 and thus contribute to making the retiree group even better. The key to improving the meetings and the group revolves around the feedback we receive from ALL members. This allows us to understand what is working and in what areas we need improvement.

A list of the Board Members and the retiree committee leaders can be found on the last page of this newsletter, along with contact information for each. You can provide feedback to any of these individuals and, remember, your feedback and suggestions are very important and welcomed.

This will be my last article for 2024 and in closing I want to say it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your 2024 president. I want to thank all that have attended the meetings. I enjoyed seeing each of you and talking with many of you. For those that did not attend, I hope to see you at future meetings.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your 2024 president, and I look forward to seeing you on November 5th at the Vestavia Country Club.

Dave Lisenby

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR
WHEN YOU GO TO BED ON
NOVEMBER 2.**

NOVEMBER 5

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Celebrate

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

November Birthdays:

1 Shelia Noland
2 Billy Ely
2 Charlotte Graham
3 Susan Evely
3 Wanda Manning
4 Michael W. Horton
5 Marshal Edmonson
5 Jeanne Nelson
5 James C. Thompson, Jr.
7 Nan Altizer
7 Hertman Casablanca
7 Allison Lee
7 Betty Ponder
7 Jennifer Ricketts
7 Reiko Taylor
9 David Prater
10 Joe Coker
10 Dennis Kendrick
10 Stephen Minor
10 Mary Harriet Patton
11 Meg Fowler
11 Remona Nall
12 Thomas Sanford
12 Ron Summers
14 Dora Brandt
15 Lamar Larrimore
17 Beverly Teat
18 Sherry Baldone
18 Theresa Burns
18 Dale Evely
18 Beverly Lisenby
18 Rosemary Tenney
19 Charles Cantrell
19 Sharon Jones
19 Billy Walker
21 Tonia Dinkins
21 Debbie Stovall
22 Carl Logan

November Birthdays (Cont'd):

22 Phoebe Zandi
23 James Shivers
24 Sarah Champion
25 Michael Belford
25 Gary Daugherty
26 Richard Paul
26 Trudy Strain
28 Noel Chambless
28 Tom Greene, Jr.
28 Suzanne Howell
28 Dot Legg
29 Kathy Bedsole
30 Mike Buchanan
30 Martha Gail Pugh
30 Sondra Smaha

December Birthdays:

1 John Edmundson
2 James Alldredge Jr.
5 Terry Hatcher
6 Betty Shivers
7 Merian Black
9 Patti Burleson
9 Kelly Falletta
9 James Mike Reed
11 Lynda Bartlett
11 J.P. Champion
11 Kathy Porteous
13 Dan Javorka
13 Jane Wood
15 Becky Cheatwood
16 Ted McGill, Jr.
17 Bill Norton
18 James Bailey
18 Marc Butts
19 Patsy Evans
19 Bradley Long
20 Ginger Lyons
20 Pat Moore



December Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 20 Laura Prater
 - 20 Linda Rooker
 - 20 Shireen Thomas
 - 20 Stephen Wells
 - 20 Robyn Williams
 - 21 Debbie Dulion
 - 22 Linda Diane Baker
 - 22 Joan Brooks
 - 22 Mary Lou Knight
 - 23 Richard Chastain
 - 23 Malcolm Garner
 - 24 Wayne Moore
 - 25 Tallulah DeMarco
 - 25 Phillip W. Garrett
 - 26 Peggy Byars
 - 26 Mary Dean Shelton
 - 27 Mary Willis
 - 27 Charlene Yates
 - 28 Deborah Hostetter
 - 29 Kathy Dawkins
 - 29 Gary Lofthus
 - 29 Penny Manuel
 - 30 Lucille Belford
 - 30 Sandi Boylan
 - 31 Eleanor Connor
 - 31 Joseph Elliott
 - 31 Dave Lisenby
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STRANGE BUT TRUE: Shocking! Flowers talk to bumblebees using electricity. If a flower hasn't been visited recently by a bee, it gives off static electricity. The static tugs at tiny hairs on a bee's back, letting the insect know which flowers still have nectar.



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OBITUARIES

Gerald Lynn Daniels, (SCS/SNC), age 70, passed away on September 21, 2024. Gerald ("Jerry") was preceded in death by his father James Tillman Daniels and his mother Marianna List Daniels. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, and his children Becky Elise (Jason) Weaver, and Jessica (Frank "Chuck") Huber IV.; his four grandchildren, Nolen Grey Weaver, Harley Elizabeth Huber, Luke Aaron Weaver, and Frank "Cash" Huber V.; and his two brothers James Walter Daniels and Roy Dean Daniels.

Linda Joan Sanders, (Southern Company), age 75, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

Larry Eugene Wells, (Southern Company), age 73, passed away on September 1, 2024. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Edsel Wells and Rose Ella Morein Wells; his first wife, Bobbie Lee Dorrough Wells; and his son, Kevin Anthony Wells. He is survived by his second (ex) wife, Paula Denise Arnold Wells of Lawrenceville, GA; his daughter, Rhonda Renee Wells of Charlotte, NC, and his son, Adam Michael Wells of Lawrenceville, GA. He is also survived by his siblings John Reuel Wells (Denise) of Powder Springs, GA; Mary Claire Wells (Andrew) Griffith of Birmingham, AL; and Edsel Joseph Wells (Susan) of Mountain Brook, AL. Memorials can be made to your favorite charity.

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

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

We had a great September 2024 meeting at the Vulcan Park and Museum. Our speaker, Jennifer Chandler, Director of Community Outreach for the Vulcan Park and Museum and an Olympic Gold Medalist, spoke on the history of Vulcan. If you missed it, you missed a great presentation and a great time visiting and sharing with fellow retirees. (see page 7 - 9 for pictures)



**IT'S TIME FOR OUR RETIREES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!
PLEASE COME JOIN US!**

MEETING DETAILS



DATE: Wednesday, November 5, 2024

WHERE: Vestavia Hills Country Club
400 Beaumont Drive
Birmingham, AL 35216

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. - Board Meeting
12:00-12:45 p.m. – Lunch*
12:45 – 1:30 p.m. – Charitable Contributions Presentations and Election of
Officers & Board Members for 2025
1:30 – 1:45 – Door Prizes and Adjourn

* Dr. Adam Bowles, Music Director of Faith Lutheran Church in Clay, Alabama, will play the piano during lunch.

*See You
There*

PICTURES FROM OUR SEPTEMBER RETIREE MEETING



Guest Speaker Jennifer Chandler



Vulcan



Guest Speaker Jennifer Chandler and Retiree Tallulah DeMarco



Jim Blackman, Retiree and Member of the band Jay and the Elders

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Pictures from Our September Meeting – Cont'd



Retirees enjoying a Great Meal and our Featured Speaker, Jennifer Chandler



Great Food, Fellowship and Entertainment

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**Pictures from Our September
Meeting – Cont'd**



Retirees Enjoying Music by Jay and the Elders Featuring Our Very Own Retirees Jim Blackmon and David Cooper

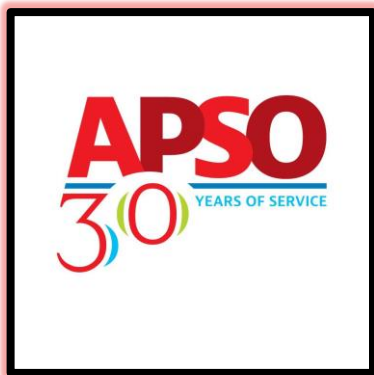
RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: **Shannon Sampson**

Southeast Division recently purchased 100 McDonald's gift cards from the local Kiwanis. Proceeds from the purchase of these cards help fund local Kiwanis charities and a portion of the proceeds go to The Ronald McDonald House, a facility that provides a home away from home for families who have to travel for medical care for sick children.

The one hundred gift cards were given to The Ark and The Harbor, both organizations that provide services to the homeless community in Dothan, Al. Presenting the gift cards to the agencies are Mike Tew, President; Alan Morrow, President- elect; and Shannon Sampson, Secretary.



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Submitted by: Buzz Baldone

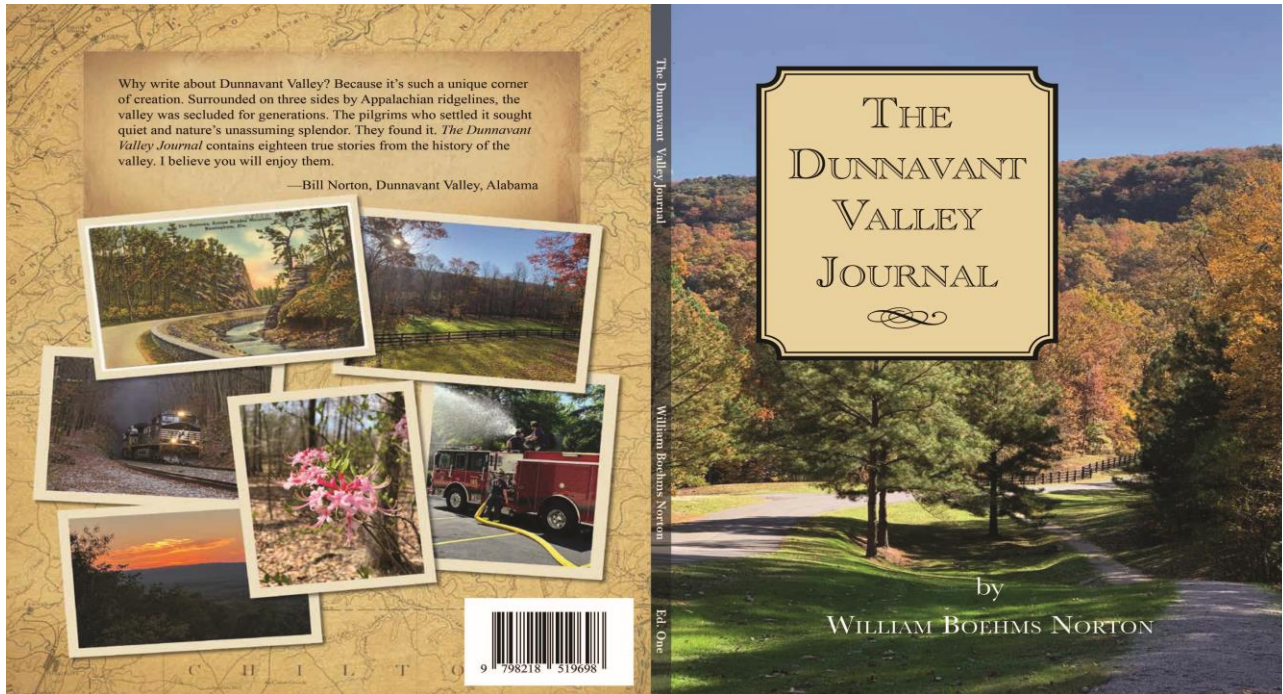
I am now teaching undergraduate statistics at Samford University and have been there since the Fall of 2023.



Submitted by: Jim Norton



I have published a new book about the history of northeast Shelby County. *The Dunning Valley Journal* covers Dunning Valley from Andrew Jackson to Jack Nicklaus. Its eighteen stories include such timely topics as The Florida Short Route, Moonshine, The White Thang, The Narrows, the Brotherhood of Firefighters, and the legend of John Henry.



RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd



Submitted By: Stan Smith

The 2024 Transplant Games of America (TGA) are now history. Team Alabama was made up of thirty-seven recipients, twelve living donors, one donor family, six non-competitive recipients and one waiting for a liver transplant, and some thirty-nine supporters and caregivers for a total contingent of ninety-five registered as part of the Team. The competitive team members came home with 37 medals (unofficial): 16 Gold, 14 Silver, and 7 Bronze. Two of the Bronze medals were Team medals: Basketball (7 members) and Trivia (6 members).

On the morning of the Opening Ceremonies, there is a 5K walk/run that was open to both the Teams and the general public. This is always a fun time and gets a lot of local TV coverage. At the start of the 5K, one of the Team Alabama members, John Maxy, a two times living donor, was dressed as 'Forrest Gump' and lead the field at the start. John is an amazing athlete and won the Gold in his age division in the 5K!

The Opening Ceremonies were televised live by the Alabama PBS Television Network. All of the teams entered in a processional prior to live broadcast except Team Alabama. As the TV coverage aired at 7 PM, Team Alabama was part of processional that included the Quarter Century Club (people that are at least 25 years out on their transplant or living donor), the donor families, and a salute to veterans who are either recipients or living donors.



Team Alabama waiting to enter at the Opening Ceremonies. Being the last Team to enter, we took the opportunity to welcome the other Teams as they entered.

RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd



Submitted By: Jim Blackman

We just completed a 33- hour car trip down memory lane with my wife, sister, and brother to a childhood home on an Air Force base in Northern Michigan. We saw Mackinac Island, three Great Lakes, the northern lights, our house, our high school, and beautiful autumn leaves. An added bonus was harvesting an enormous buck at an Upper Michigan outfitter.



RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd



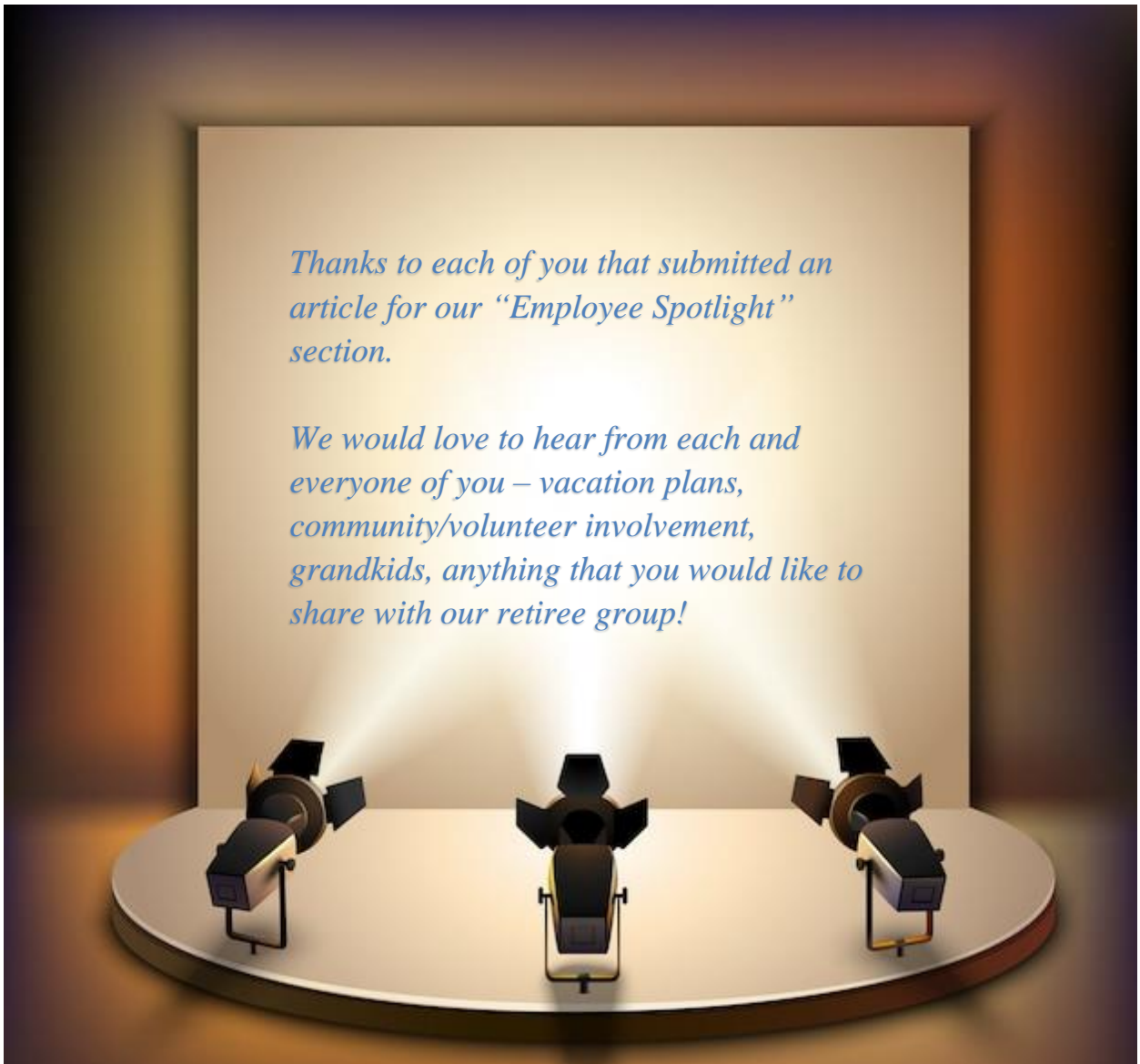
Submitted By: Rick Paul

I will be moving back to Georgia (near Vidalia) in a few weeks.

Rick, we're going to miss you!!!

Thanks to each of you that submitted an article for our "Employee Spotlight" section.

We would love to hear from each and everyone of you – vacation plans, community/volunteer involvement, grandkids, anything that you would like to share with our retiree group!



HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



Veterans Day, observed annually on **November 11**, is a tribute to military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Not to be confused with Memorial Day, which honors those who died while in service, Veterans Day honors all military veterans, including those still with us.



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2024 occurs on Thursday, **November 28**. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



Christmas is celebrated on **December 25** and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.



Every year on **December 31** people around the world celebrate New Year's Eve, the last day of the year. It's a day to say "goodbye" to the old and "hello" to the new.



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Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!



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Not to brag, but I was alive when you could SLAM the phone down to hang up on someone. It was spectacular.



IT'S A SHAME NOTHING IS BUILT IN THE USA ANY MORE. I JUST BOUGHT A TV & IT SAID "BUILT IN ANTENNA". I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THAT IS.



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INFINITY

You know you're old when you're entering your birth year online and have to spin that thing like you're on wheel of fortune.



AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!



... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.

Walmart thinks
I want to put up my
Christmas tree 🌲 & eat
turkey 🦃 while wearing
my halloween costume
 🎃

NINE WORDS WOMEN USE

1. **Fine:** This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right, and you need to shut up.
2. **Five Minutes:** If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
3. **Nothing:** This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with “nothing” usually don’t end well.
4. **Go Ahead:** This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!
5. **Loud Sigh:** This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to # 3 for the meaning of nothing.)
6. **That's Okay:** This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake..
7. **Thanks:** A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says 'Thanks a lot' - that is PURE sarcasm, and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say 'you're welcome' . that will bring on a 'whatever').
8. **Whatever:** Is a woman's way of saying Bug off!
9. **Don't worry about it, I'll do it:** Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing herself. This will later result in a man asking, 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response refer to # 3.

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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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