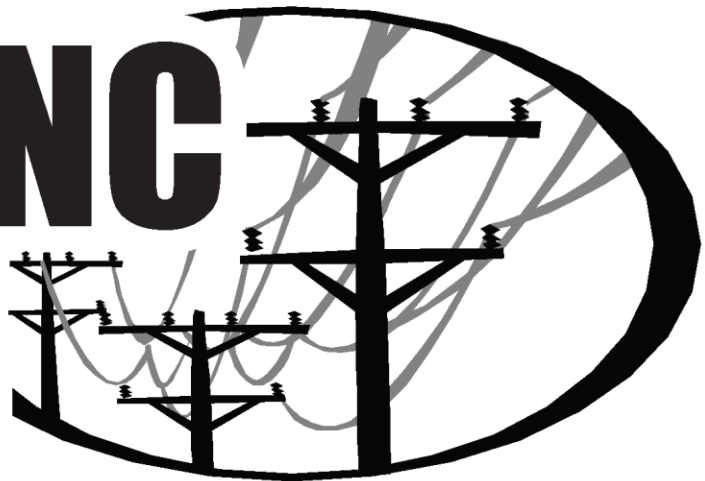


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Word from the editor:

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 newsletter finds everyone in good health and that you are experiencing a productive first quarter of 2025. We canceled our January meeting due to some cold weather. However, up next is our **March 11th meeting at the Colonnade**. Speakers from Southern Power will discuss renewable energy and the wholesale power business. Unprecedented electrical generation needs and new technologies have made this business even more dynamic. Our speakers will cover topics of interest and as well as market opportunities and pitfalls. More meeting information is in this newsletter. We hope to see you there.

Next up is our **Annual Spring Luncheon at The Club on May 6th**. Currently, we have Stan Connally scheduled to speak. Stan is the SCS CEO and the EVP of Southern Company Operations. Additional information will be available as we get closer to the date. You should get both a physical and electronic mailout about the event, but you can also go to the retiree website and register for the luncheon. Please join us.

We have **meetings at the Colonnade on July 8th and an event/meeting on September 9th**. Our September meeting will feature a speaker discussing retiree benefits. This should give you an opportunity to ask questions and get information prior to making your selections for benefits in October.

These meetings and luncheons provide an opportunity to see colleagues and catch up, even if it's only for a few minutes. Don't hesitate to bring a friend. Remember, there is nothing quite like socializing and reminiscing with friends and fellow retirees.

In order for us to build on the success of our past leadership teams as well as to increase our meeting attendance, please let us know if you have any suggestions for our 2025 team. A list of the 2025 board members and 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 of our group and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Your attendance and feedback will help improve our meetings and make our retiree group even better.

Spring is a favorite season for so many of us. It's just around the corner! Enjoy!!

Ken McElrov

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

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MARCH - APRIL SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

March Birthdays:

1 Pam Carr
1 Edwin Polke, Jr.
2 George McCoy
3 Mark Fowler
3 Pat Goodman
4 John Jansen
4 Fred Ross
6 Philip Bartlett
6 Liz Taylor
7 Linda Katz
10 Diane Long
11 Ginger Shipman
11 Karen Tucker
12 Harry Durden, Jr.
12 Billy Goforth, Jr.
12 Bruce Thomas
14 Fred Hollis, Jr.
14 David Kilcoyne
15 Phillip McCullough
16 Martha Cook
16 Patricia Long
17 Jay Agnew
17 Ronald King
19 Anthony Hankins
19 Louis McCurry
20 Ronnie Antone
20 Thomas Ricketts
21 Willie Frank Black
21 Robert M. Moore
23 Peggy Burdeshaw
23 Anne Campbell
23 Larry White
24 Daniel Blackwood

March Birthdays (Cont'd):

25 Jim Lyons
26 Gail Byrd
26 Roger Golden
27 Sue E. Summers
28 Susan Lofthus
29 Amy Houston
29 Barbara Jones
30 Steve Logan
30 Deborah Paul
31 Kaye Antone
31 Ken Darby

April Birthdays:

3 William Porteous, Jr.
3 Ken Turner
4 Vicky Garner
4 Bob Kelly
5 Jim Cofield
5 Ramachandra Reddy
7 Gayas Ahmed
7 Shirley Dickson
8 Kenneth Kopecky
8 Jan Dyle
10 Kenny Edwards
10 Keith Legg
10 Becky Parker
11 Nancy Carr
12 Al Nebrig, Jr.
16 Paul Miller
19 Dennis Jones
19 Brenda Kyle
19 Randy Stovall



April Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 22 Scott Fallon
- 22 Don Irvin
- 23 Don Walker
- 23 Sheila McAnnally
- 25 Christy Salter
- 26 Clyde Edwin Taylor
- 27 James Baldone
- 28 Ken Mooney
- 28 Rebecca Retherford
- 29 Judith Heatherly
- 30 Bill Garner
- 30 Patricia Jarrel

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!!!!

When you go to bed on March 8 don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour. **Daylight savings time begins on March 9.**



FROM FAMILY & FRIENDS

"Dear SCS/SNC Retirees,

Thanks for remembering Bill with such a great gift to St. Jude Children's Hospital for our young children. We always enjoyed being with all of the retirees of SCS/SNC Retirees.

*Love to all,
Doby Hanks & Family"*



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

Charles Wayne King, age 84, passed away on February 2, 2025. Wayne is survived by his two children, Tinya Wetzel (Don) of Birmingham, AL and Tony King (Karen) of Dothan, along with 12 loving grandchildren: Adam King of Birmingham; Lauren and Jonathan Anderson of Franklin, Tenn.; Eli and Anna King of Fairhope; Isaac and Lindsey King of Boston, Mass.; Cade Wetzel of Nashville, Tenn.; Colby Wetzel of Birmingham; Noah King of Bethesda, Md.; Micah and Catherine King of Dothan; ChapelAnn Wetzel of Birmingham; Samuel King of Dothan; Benjamin King of Dothan; and Hannah King of Dothan. Wayne also leaves behind four great-grandchildren: Jupiter King, Logan Anderson, Hudson Anderson, and Wyatt King. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Joan Richardson King. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to First Baptist Church of Pelham in Wayne's memory.

David Thomas Morrow, age 43, of Pell City, Alabama, passed away on December 26, 2024. David is survived by his daughter, Caitlin Morrow; father, Shelton Rex Morrow Jr.; mother, Melinda Luker-Thomas; aunts and uncles, David Luker (Kathy) and Mary Freeman (Gary). David was preceded in death by his stepfather, Joe Thomas; grandparents, Hubert and Catherine Luker and Shelton and Betty Morrow; step grandparents Joseph Milton and Irma Thomas; aunts, Melissa Michelle Polk, and Sarah Bright.

Larry Sweeney, (Southern Company Services), age 77, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on January 22, 2025. He is survived by his children, Nathan (Jaime) Sweeney, Kristin (Wolf) Gholson, Erica Sweeney, and Brian (Teyana) Sweeney; his six grandchildren, Killian, Asher and Teagan Gholson, Elliott Sweeney, and Caleb and Liam Sweeney; his brother, Gary Lynn Sweeney; his sister, Karen Sue Johnson; as well as many nieces and nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Anderson Sweeney, and Hilda Maxine Applewhite Sweeney; his sister, Freda Sweeney Freeman; his son, Andrew Elliott Sweeney; and his granddaughter, Roisin Louise Gholson.

Jerry Monroe Sappington, (Southern Company Services), age 92, passed away on December 27, 2024. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Mary Janelle (Nelle) Wright and his parents Ethel Hay and Jarrett Sappington, his daughter Jan Sappington Jones (William), and his brother Charles Sappington. He is survived by his son Doug Sappington; grandchildren Cody Wright, James Sappington (Helen), Maggie Sappington, Noah Jones, and Bailey Jones; and great-grandchildren Abby, Ellie, Maddie Sappington, and Odin Wright. He is also survived by his brother Bobby Sappington. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to Dawson Baptist Church, Homewood, AL are gratefully appreciated.

Dennis "Wayne" Veitch, (Southern Company Services), age 79, passed away on December 3, 2024. Wayne is survived by his two daughters Jennifer Clark (Bill) of Morris, AL and Julie Scott (Chad) of Tunica, MS. Wayne is also survived by his brother George Veitch, his grandchildren: Michael, Kenna, Thomasina, James, Kimberly, Carley, Lexi, Collin and Walker; and great-grandchildren Kensley, Jayce, Alysa, Gavin, Charlie, Adley, Aron, and Bryce. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife Debbie Veitch, son Jim Veitch, brother Bob Veitch and sister Joyce Lunceford.

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THEY CALL US THE "ELDERLY"



- ✚ We were born in the 40-50-60's.
- ✚ We grew up in the 50-60-70's.
- ✚ We studied in the 60-70-80's.
- ✚ We were dating in the 70-80-90's.
- ✚ We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.
- ✚ We venture into the 80-90's.
- ✚ We stabilize in the 2000's.
- ✚ We got wiser in the 2010's.
- ✚ And we are going firmly through and beyond 2020.
- ✚ Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...
- ✚ TWO different centuries...
- ✚ TWO different millennia...
- ✚ We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.
- ✚ We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and Whats App.
- ✚ From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, color TV and then to 3D HD TV.
- ✚ We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix.
- ✚ We got to know the first computers, punch cards, floppy disks and now we have gigabytes and megabytes on our smartphones.
- ✚ We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long trousers, Oxfords, flares, shell suits & blue jeans.
- ✚ We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, polio, tuberculosis, swine flu and now COVID-19.
- ✚ We rode skates, tricycles, bicycles, mopeds, petrol or diesel cars and now we drive hybrids or electric.
- ✚ Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!
- ✚ They could describe us as "exennials," people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.
- ✚ We've kind of "Seen-It-All"!
- ✚ Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.
- ✚ It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE."
- ✚ A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE!!!

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Holidays to Remember - March 2025



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on **March 17**, the anniversary of St. Patrick's death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon.



Ramadan for the year **2025** starts on the evening of **Friday, February 28** lasting **30 days** and ending at sundown on **Sunday, March 30**. Islamic holidays always begin at sundown and end at sundown the following day/days ending the holiday or festival. It is a month of fasting, prayer, giving, and self-evaluation observed by Muslims.



Holidays to Remember - April 2025



Palm Sunday (April 13, 2025) is the Christian holiday that occurs on the Sunday before Easter. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels. In many churches, Palm Sunday is observed by the blessing and sharing of palm branches symbolizing the branches placed in front of Christ as he entered Jerusalem.



Maundy Thursday (March 28, 2025) is the day during Holy Week that commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the gospels.



Good Friday (April 13, 2025) is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of Jesus Christ. Many Christians spend Good Friday in fasting, prayer, repentance, and meditation on the agony and suffering of Christ.



Easter (April 20, 2025) is the principal festival of the Christian church, which celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his Crucifixion. The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the second century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier.



Passover (Pesach in Hebrew), (April 12 – April 20, 2025) is a Jewish festival celebrating the exodus from Egypt and the Israelites' freedom from slavery to the Egyptians. The Feast of Passover, along with the Feast of Unleavened Bread, was the first of the festivals to be commanded by God for Israel to observe. Commemorations today involve a special meal called the Seder, featuring unleavened bread and other food items symbolic of various aspects of the exodus.


Passover is one of the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays. Along with *Shavuot* (the Feast of Weeks or Pentecost) and *Sukkot* (the Feast of Tabernacles), Passover is one of the three "pilgrimage" festivals in Scripture, during which the Jews were commanded to travel to Jerusalem and observe the feasts together.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the weather in January, we did not have the January 2025 Meeting. For those that were planning to attend to hear Stan Connally, we will be rescheduling him for a future meeting.

We hope everyone will be available to attend our March 11, 2025 meeting at which time we will have two speakers from Southern Power.

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- Date:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025
- Location:** Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium
3535 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, Alabama 24242
- Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12 Noon - Board Meeting
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – General Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Door Prizes and Adjourn
- Speakers:** Two Speakers from Southern Power’s National Market (see bios below)
Kerri Keith, Commercial Markets Manager
Elizabeth Wash, Commercial Markets Manager

MARCH SPEAKER INFORMATION



Kerri Keith - Kerri has been with Southern Company since March 2008. She began her career in SCS System Planning and came to Southern Power in 2013. She worked for several years in the Finance organization, moving into the role of Planning Manager in 2016. In this role she managed the gas and renewable Financial Plans as well as well as Resource Planning, while also working on gas remarketing and short term gas trading deals. In 2020, she came to the Commercial Optimization Trading and Transmission organization as a Commercial Markets Manager for our renewable facilities in SPP, ERCOT, PJM and NE-ISO. Her team manages the PPAs and customer relationships for the majority of our wind fleet as well as some solar and fuel cell assets. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in Civil Engineering (2001) as well as her MBA (2003), earning her Professional Engineering license in 2012. She lives in Hoover, AL with her two labradoodles, Shelby and Clyde.

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Speakers for March 11 Meeting (Continued):



Elizabeth Wash - Elizabeth joined Southern Company in 2012 and has held various external affairs, siting and corporate real estate roles at Alabama Power and Southern Power. In 2020, Elizabeth joined Southern Power's Business Development team and lead the successful acquisition of Deuel Harvest Wind Farm and South Cheyenne Solar Facility. In 2023, she joined Commercial Optimization Trading and Transmission as a Commercial Markets Manager for the western fleet covering CAISO, WECC, and MISO markets. Her team manages the PPAs and customer relationships for most of our solar and battery storage fleet as well as two wind facilities. Elizabeth earned a bachelor's degree in English and a business minor from Auburn University and a J.D. from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. She lives in Vestavia, with her husband, Robert, and two boys, Owen (6) and Thomas (3).

*See You
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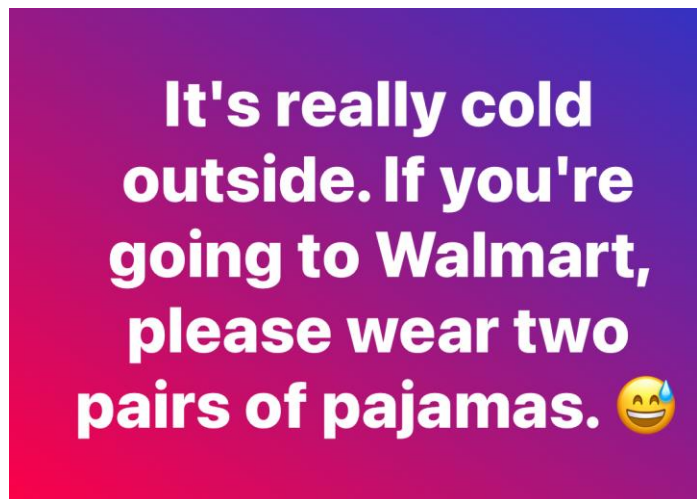
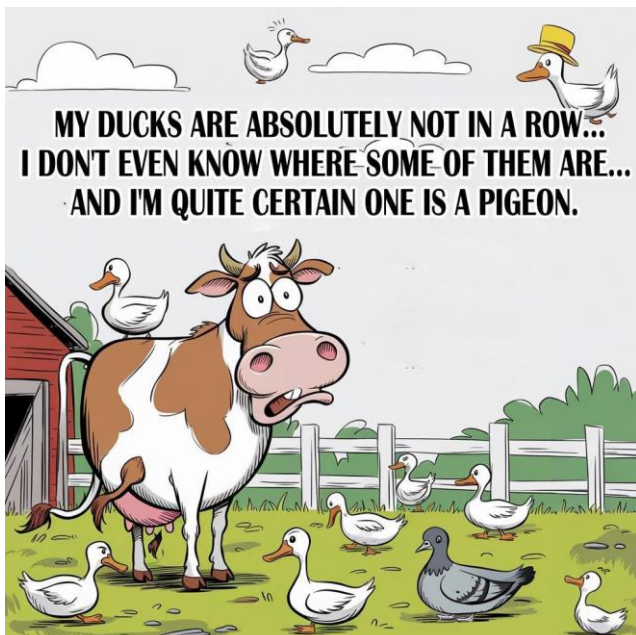
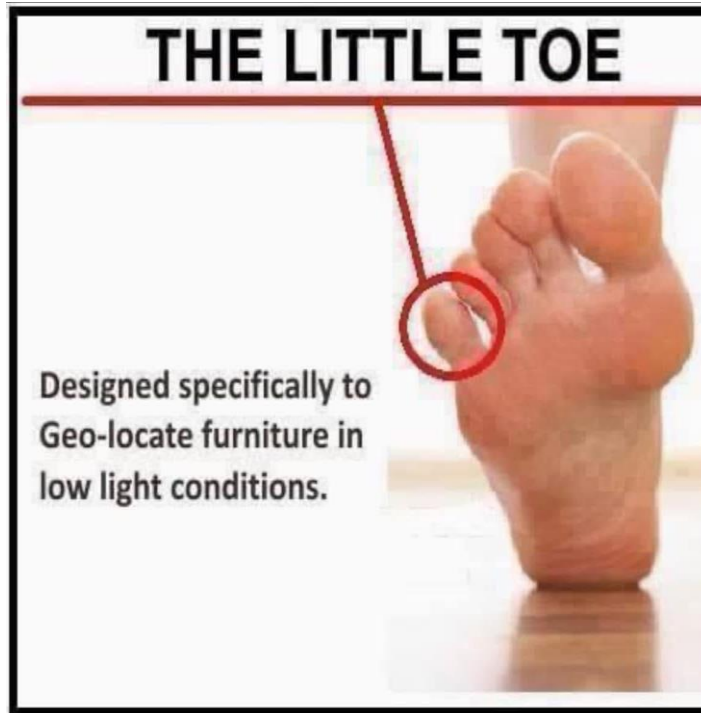
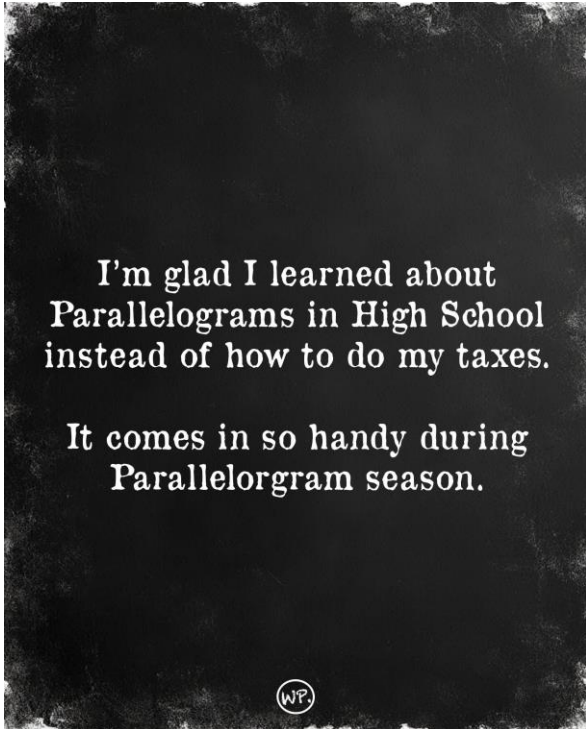


**Schedule for Remaining 2025 SCS/SNC Retiree Meetings
(Dates with Locations)**

- Tuesday – March 11, at the Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium
- Tuesday – May 6, Spring Luncheon at The Club
- Tuesday – July 8, at the Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium
- Tuesday – September 9, Southern Company Retiree Benefits Presentation – location TBD
- November 11 - Holiday Luncheon at Vestavia Country Club



Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!





AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!

**THE BIGGEST JOKE
ON MANKIND IS
THAT COMPUTERS
HAVE STARTED
ASKING HUMANS
TO PROVE THAT
THEY AREN'T A ROBOT.**

off the mark.com

by Mark Parisi



**GOD DIDN'T CREATE
ANYTHING WITHOUT A
PURPOSE BUT MOSQUITOES
COME CLOSE.**



**I really think it's
time to take the
warning labels off
of everything and
let stupidity work
itself out of
the gene pool.**

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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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