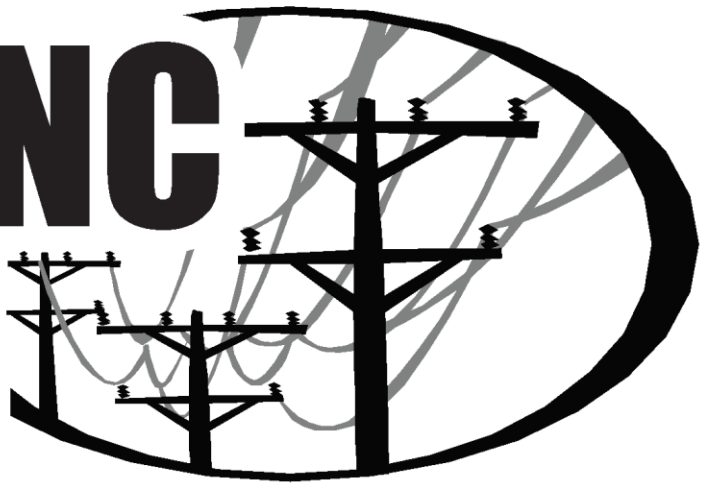


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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 newsletter finds everyone well and that you had a great first quarter 2025.

April Showers bring May Flowers! What do May Flowers bring? Can you believe it; the weather outside is perfect. I hope everybody had a good Easter. Our members are probably traveling more and involved in outdoor activities. Be safe, hydrate and get ready for the hot weather we know is coming!



Hopefully all of you are so 'over' tax season and ready for Cinco De Mayo. I was looking at a calendar for the Month of May and was surprised at all the important dates in May. The 5<sup>th</sup> of May is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico celebrating the date of the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. Cinco-de-Mayo in the United States has evolved into a commemoration

of Mexican culture and heritage. So Happy Cinco De Mayo everyone! Of course, we can't forget Mother's Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

We have only had one retiree meeting this year. In March we had two Southern Power representatives update us on their solar, wind and battery storage projects around the country. Lots going on with this side of the business, especially with such significant electrical load growth in the southeast and in the country.

All of you should have received registration information for our **May6<sup>th</sup> Spring luncheon at The Club**. Our keynote speaker is Stan Connally, Jr., Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of Southern Company. We hope you are able to attend the luncheon, What a great opportunity to catch up with fellow retirees and have a good time.

On Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have our next meeting at the Colonnade auditorium with David Crawley of Southern Nuclear as our keynote speaker. David manages the company's industry-leading inventory management operation.

**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)**

There is nothing quite like socializing and reminiscing with friends and fellow retirees, so plan to attend all the meetings you can. Why not phone a friend or bring a friend who might be interested in the next meeting? Membership is not required to attend. We all enjoy having great conversations with old acquaintances and friends.

Hope to see you at the May luncheon!

**Ken McElroy**



**Schedule for Remaining 2025 SCS/SNC Retiree Meetings**

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

**HOPE TO SEE  
YOU THERE**

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

**May Birthdays:**

2 Michael Eidson  
3 Pat Phillips Jones  
4 William Burmeister  
4 Jim Corbitt  
5 Malcolm Byrd  
6 Andy Dearman  
6 Alan Morrow  
8 Jeff Burleson  
8 Terry McAnnally  
8 Rhonda McGill  
9 John Adkins  
10 Sharon Beaty  
11 Mary Knobeloch  
11 George Lacey  
12 Donna Folker  
12 Lynda Freeman  
12 Faye Patterson  
13 Rick Graham  
13 Judith Irvin  
13 Mary Sue Ludwig  
13 Jeffrey Mulvehill  
14 Ricky Allen Jr.  
14 Lajuana Logan  
15 Douglas Farris  
15 John Morrow  
16 Dianne McCoy  
16 Cindy Patton  
18 Sohag Doshi  
18 Matthew Nall  
19 Brian Cates  
19 Linda Griggs  
19 Judy King  
21 George Hairston III  
21 Debbie Rice  
21 Roy Shanlever

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

23 Marvin Noland  
24 Thalia Freeman  
24 Leighton Mays  
25 Sandy Vance  
27 Stephen B. Smith  
29 Joe Katz, Jr.  
30 Jim Black  
30 Marcia Edmundson  
30 David Willingham

**June Birthdays:**

1 Janice Luster  
2 Jeanne Mahan  
2 Kamora Savage  
3 Theda Griffith  
3 Brenda Marlar  
4 William Newman  
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  
11 Mark Sanders  
13 Malek Barroody  
13 Jim Davis  
13 Miriam Hollingsworth  
14 Shanta Bantia  
14 Anna Garlington



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

14 Bill Marlar  
14 John Thies  
14 Bob Winter  
15 Miriam Durden  
16 Mike Burns  
16 Beverly Robinson  
17 Adel Alapour  
17 Jeff Hester  
17 Joe Powell  
19 Penny Brothers  
19 Joe Mau  
19 Valerie O'Brien  
20 Keith Calhoun  
20 Diane Cocherell  
20 Dewana Green  
20 Mark Scott  
21 John Heatherly  
21 Charley Long  
21 Lakshmi Reddy  
21 Dan Summers  
21 Ann Whitehurst  
23 Randall Keith Fowler  
23 Jack Woodard  
24 Kathy Buchanan  
25 Richard Patton  
26 Jane Kinsaul  
26 Don Mooney  
27 Kate Newman  
28 Ron Cocherell  
29 Mary Bergeron  
29 Charlton Salter  
29 Janet Thompson  
30 Susan Burmeister  
30 Gayle Busby  
30 Sherri McBee  
30 Marty Turnage

## Birthday Wishes

- ✚ Now's the time to sit back, relax and really enjoy your birthday. You're in the right position to watch the sunset, put your feet up, enjoy your friends and family and get lost in your hobbies. Take a deep breath and enjoy.
- ✚ May your birthday be full of your dreams, hopes, desires and wishes. May they all come true, day by day.
- ✚ May this birthday be the beginning of your next big adventure,
- ✚ No gold watches, no handshakes from the president, no silly party hats and favors. Just a nice, quiet, comfortable evening to do nothing in particular. You think so? Not so fast. You have lots of family, friends and loved ones who want to celebrate with you. Happy birthday!
- ✚ Hope you have many new adventures for many birthdays to come!
- ✚ Age is something that doesn't matter unless you're a cheese.
- ✚ Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.





## OBITUARIES

**Bobby Martin Armistead, (Alabama Power and Southern Company)**, age 88, passed away on March 31, 2025. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents Henry Martin Armistead and Julia Irene Yaw Armistead and his wife, Bonnie Saunders Buchanan Armistead. He is survived by his son; Martin Nathaniel Armistead, his daughter; Suzanne Armistead Richardson (Christopher), and his stepson; Ronald Edward Buchanan, Jr. (Christy), grandchildren; Ann Martin Richardson, Jack Armistead Richardson, Bonnie Virginia Buchanan, Hillary Claire Buchanan, Maximillian Augustus Buchanan, Emma Camp-Orr, and Anderson Edward Camp. Donations in Bobby's memory can be made to The Parkinson Association of Alabama.

**Donald Eugene Frizzell, (Southern Company)**, age 76, passed away on April 5, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Evelyn Frizzell, and his brother, James Frizzell. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Carole Frizzell, Montgomery, AL, and nieces, Kathryn Perdue, Montgomery, AL, and Bonnie Kelly (Steve), Montgomery, AL, great niece, Marilyn Musick, Wetumpka, AL, and great nephews, Chris Musick, Daphne, AL, and Garrett Kelly, Montgomery, AL. Donations in Don's memory can be made to Wounded Warrior Project or to Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

**Jerry Allan Nalley, (Southern Company Services)**, age 62, passed away on April 22, 2025. He was preceded in death by his parents Lee R. and Geneva Nalley. He is survived by his wife Teresa Nalley, daughters Crystal Bolin (Andrew), grandchildren Luke and Emory Bolin; daughter Linda Trotter (Greg) and son Lee Nalley; niece Katey Cousineau (Courtney); and sister-in-law Janice Johnson (Bill). Donations in Jerry's memory can be made to the PKD Foundation, P.O. Box 871847, Kansas City, MO 64187, or by visiting [pkdcure.org](http://pkdcure.org); or to Operation Christmas Child at Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 or by visiting [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

**James Donald Thornburgh, (Southern Company)**, age 89, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Sue Maples Thornburgh and his parents Amos Thornburgh and Josephine Peavy Thornburgh. Don is survived by his two sons, John Winston (Joanie Connell) and James Donald Thornburgh, Jr. (Chu Kim), three granddaughters, Elizabeth Thorell and Riley and Kaylee Thornburgh of California. Memorial contributions in Don's name can be sent to Presbyterian Church located at 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35205 or by visiting their website at <https://www.ipc-usa.org>, or to the Virginia Samford Theatre located at 1116 26th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama 35205 or by visiting their website at: <https://www.virginiasamfordtheatre.org>



## Holidays to Remember - May 2025



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 11**.

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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 26**. 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 2025



Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national **Flag Day** on **Saturday, 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 15**.

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

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

We had a great March 2025 meeting at the Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium featuring Keri Keith and Elizabeth Wash from Southern Power as our speakers. They discussed the current status and focus of Southern Power including the generating capacity in both solar and wind and the customers they are providing power to. If you missed it, you missed a great meeting and a great time visiting and sharing with fellow retirees. (see pictures on Page 9)

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### **May 2025 Retiree Spring Luncheon**

**Date:** May 6, 2025

**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:** Stan Conally, Jr., Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Southern Company



Stan is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Southern Company. He oversees Southern Company system electric operations to deliver on the promise of providing customers with the clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy that meets growing energy needs. He is responsible for how the system makes and moves electricity. This includes safety; system generation; transmission operations and policy; technical and business shared services; commercial operations and Southern Wholesale Energy; system planning; research and development; environmental affairs and sustainability; and systemwide power delivery strategy. He leads the company's work to assess and deploy the full portfolio of electric generation technologies, including potential new nuclear development.

He served as chairman, president and CEO of Gulf Power from 2012 through 2018. In that role, he is responsible for the integrated electric operations of the former Southern Company subsidiary serving nearly 450,000 customers across northwest Florida, including external and regulatory activities and company's financial results. (Continued on Next Page)





### **Stan Connally Bio – Continued**

Earlier in his career, he was responsible for fossil and hydroelectric generation at Georgia Power as its senior vice president and senior production officer. His earlier experience across the company ranges from customer operations, sales and marketing to power plant leadership. He has served across all Southern Company regulated electric subsidiaries in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

He has served on the boards of a number of community and economic development organizations that support children and families and help communities grow. He was vice chair of Enterprise Florida, the state's public-private partnership for economic development, served on the Florida Chamber of Commerce board as chair of the policy council, and sat on the Florida Council of 100 board.

He served on the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) board of directors from 2017 to 2024, including as chairman. He is the lead independent director of Capital City Bank Group's board and serves on its audit committee. He serves on the Georgia Tech Advisory Board, which provides strategic vision and counsel for the institute's president and senior leadership.

He serves as the national response event coordinator for the Electricity Subsector Coordinating Council (ESCC). As the principal liaison between the federal government and the electric power industry, the ESCC coordinates efforts to safeguard America's critical energy infrastructure during major emergencies, including natural disasters and other threats.

Stan earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and National Academy for Nuclear Training's Reactor Technology Course for Utility Executives. He also has completed the Goizueta Executive Education Program at Emory University.

*See You  
There*



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**Pictures from March 11 Retiree Meeting**



**Ken McElroy, President introducing our speakers Kerri Keith and Elizabeth Wash**



**Retirees enjoying presentations by two Southern Power Employees, Kerri Keith and Elizabeth Wash**



**Speaker – Kerri Keith**



**Speaker – Elizabeth Wash**



**AND, the winner is....  
Jim Ripple draws for the lucky door prize numbers as Ken McElroy looks on**

## *RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS*



**Submitted by: Shannon Sampson**

Southeast Division Energizer members brought laundry supplies to their first quarter meeting to be donated to City Hope in Dothan, Alabama. City Hope is a non-profit that provides necessities to foster kids and their foster families in the Wiregrass Area.



**Pictured: Alan Morrow, President Elect and Mike Tew Current President**



## ***RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS***



**Submitted by: Bill Norton**

Below is an article, along with a photo, that Bill Norton wrote and prepared for a local magazine. Good job Bill!!



In another life, I worked in southern California and attended the church of a different culture. The opening prayer regularly intoned, “we thank you today that we have the use of all our limbs.” As a twenty-something, this was mildly humorous (now as a senior, I appreciate the sentiment). However, I suggest we can all join in an updated expression of gratitude: “We are thankful that—for today—we have the use of all our electronic devices.”

In our home, there resides four legs and four arms in various states of functionality. However, even a cursory count of electronic devices—TVs, modems, routers/repeaters, computers/cameras, phones, watches, air-tags and ear-buds—sums to dozens. And this doesn’t even list appliances. Our washing machine plays a cute little tune when turned on, but the cuteness fades into rock-hard denial when you want to pick your own water level.

Of course, these devices are great. I instantly zoom with my kids, conduct work absent the joy of Highway 280, and stay apprised of how much rain will fall in the next twenty-four hours in Kenya. I order tooth-picks or stock-picks in seconds. From Apple+ to Disney+ to whatever else I have subscribed—but can’t keep track of—I have more entertainment possibilities than sweet-gum balls after a James Spann wind event.

However, do ALL these devices work ALL the time? Hardly. Walking thru the house at night reveals a constellation of pinpoint red and green LEDs. If any are blinking it’s bad: some transistor buried in something somewhere is having a hissy-fit. Heaven help us if the power goes off: The house erupts into a blinking and beeping riot. Indeed, I suggest that at any one time we are each wrestling with some electronic device. I offer two ongoing personal examples.

My wife has a late model German car. We quickly learned that, like some Prussian prince, the car’s AI-driven ego has no tolerance for being ignored. The new car began warning us that it needed an oil change months before the due date. Without our response, it added increasingly dire warnings of catastrophe. Then it upped the ante: it advised that our “Adaptive Lighting” was faulty! Obviously, that sweet, innocent lighting system was being held hostage to the oil change. Next, our case was referred to the car’s dreaded “MMI” dashboard display which is a form of gasoline-enabled gestapo.



**Submitted by: Bill Norton (Continued)**

Next, I offer my experience with an electronic timer. The timer's sole function is to turn our exterior lights on and off as dusk varies across the year. It's about the size of my fist; the same fist with which I have threatened it. Apparently, the device has sunrise and sunset times for the entire western hemisphere hard-wired into its tiny silicon brain. So, to set it up one must enter the date and time, not too hard, but also country, state, region, time zone, and daylight saving time beginning and end dates. Setup requires toggling through all these selections while reading the microscopic instructions written in anglicized Cantonese.

So, in conclusion, our devices save us time but it ain't all LED rainbows and Hulu unicorns. . . .  
Oops, gotta go; the power's out. My computer has given me thirty seconds or it will summon the MMI. Shiver!!!!

**By Bill Norton**  
**billnortonauthor@gmail.com**



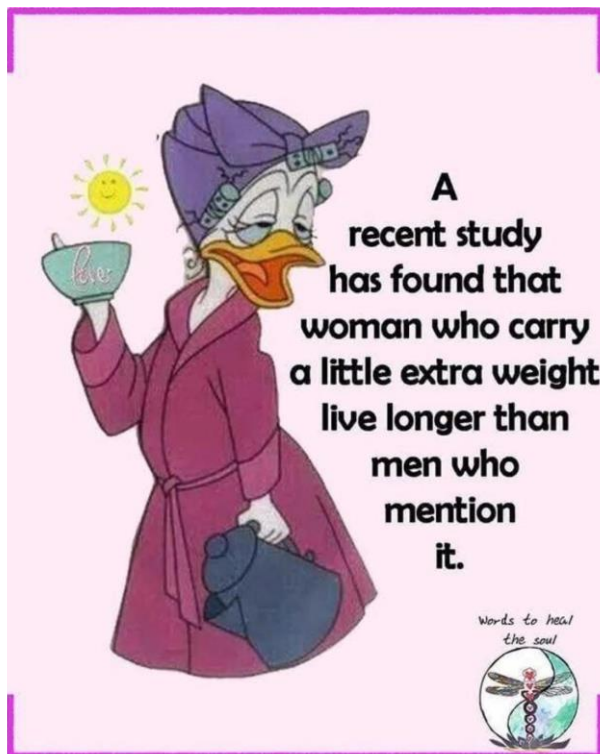
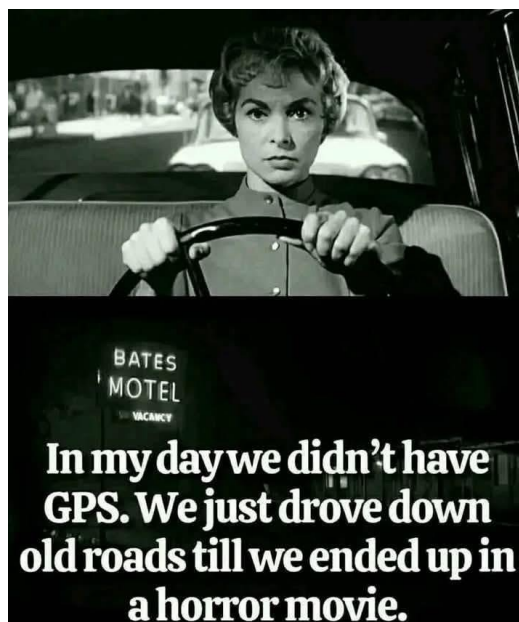
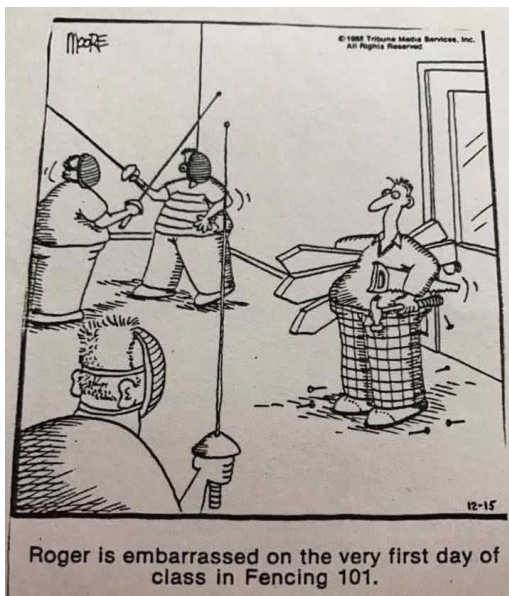
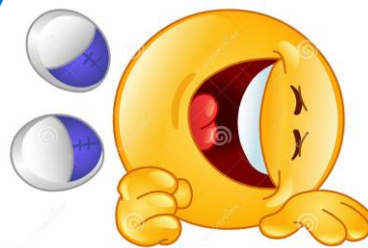
**PONDERISMS!!! (to let your mind wander a bit)**



- ✚ Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are almost dead?
- ✚ Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?
- ✚ Why does someone believe you when you tell a ridiculous story; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?
- ✚ What happens to an unstoppable force when it hits an immovable object?
- ✚ If con is the opposite of pro, is Congress the opposite of Progress?
- ✚ How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?
- ✚ Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- ✚ Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?
- ✚ Why do we watch the weatherman tell us the "guestimation" of the weather when we can just look outside and tell ourselves?
- ✚ Is there ever a day that stores aren't having sales?
- ✚ Why do we tell kids to behave all the time, then when they become adults tell them to be free?
- ✚ In the word, "scent" is the "S" or "C" silent?
- ✚ When there is no food in your fridge, why do you continuously return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?
- ✚ Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?
- ✚ Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?
- ✚ How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?
- ✚ Why do you have to "put your two cents in." But it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?
- ✚ Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up cranky like every two hours?



*Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!*





# AND MORE LAUGHTER!!!

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM COWS,  
HIPPOS AND ELEPHANTS?



It's impossible to reduce weight by  
eating green grass, salads, and walking.

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

I renamed my toilet Jim instead of John.  
people are really impressed when I tell  
them I go to the Jim every morning.

Just because I like  
to walk around in my  
Underwear, eating  
Doritos, does not  
make me strange.

You folks in aisle 4 just  
need to stop staring

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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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