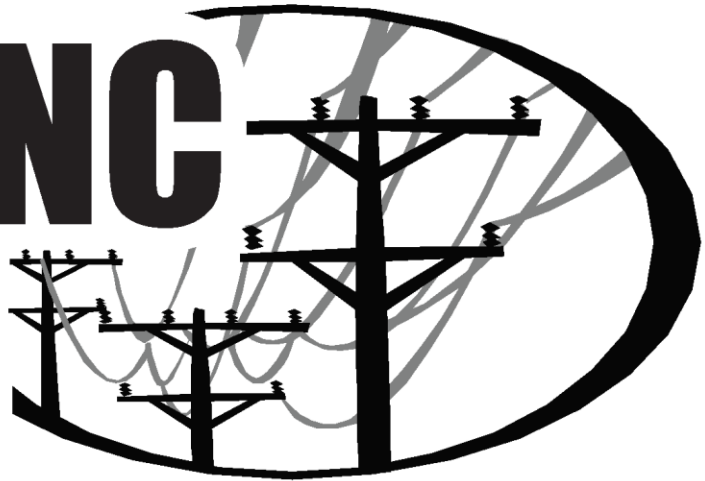


# SCS/SNC OUTSIDE



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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 everyone has recovered from the recent blast of Arctic air. I'm sure we will have some more before spring but doubt it will be as severe, at least as far as my power bill is concerned. Learned the other night on a Netflix movie that the word "Arctic" comes from Greek meaning "bear". Antarctica would then be the opposite of Arctic, or "no bears", as the movie suggested. However, since Antarctica wasn't discovered until the 1800's (1821 or 1895 depending on who you listen to or the 700's by the Polynesians), who really can say for sure. Anyway, I like the "no bears" explanation the best.

Our January 13 meeting featuring Scott Stantis proved to be very entertaining. Scott gave us a pictorial history of editorial cartoons. Our March meeting will feature Matt Coulter. Matt has 50 + years' experience in sports broadcasting (TV/Radio/Podcasts). He co-hosts

the weekday morning show on WSPZ-AM with Scott Griffin.

The speaker for the Spring luncheon at The Club will feature our very own retiree Lou Long who will give us the fascinating history on the founding of Southern Nuclear/SONOPCO in the 1980s. It is much more intriguing than many of us who were there may even remember and definitely something not well known outside of a select group.

On May 26 a group of twenty-four of us will depart for the Vogtle Nuclear Plant for a tour on May 27th. More details will follow for those who signed up concerning where to meet on the 26th and information on registering for the Marriott Convention Center in Augusta for the night of 5/26. Twenty-four is the max size for the tour, but if you wish to be on a waiting list, please email me at [jimripple1916@gmail.com](mailto:jimripple1916@gmail.com).

Looking forward to the rest of 2026.

**Jim**

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

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*Celebrate*

**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  
6 Ruth Flemming  
7 Linda Katz  
9 Russell Hall  
10 Diane Long  
11 Cindy Deerman  
11 Ginger Shipman  
11 Karen Tucker  
12 Harry Durden, Jr.  
12 Billy Goforth, Jr.  
12 Bruce Thomas  
14 Doug White  
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

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

23 Anne Campbell  
23 Larry White  
24 Daniel Blackwood  
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 Pradeep Vitta  
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

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

16 Paul Miller  
18 Diane Black  
19 Dennis Jones  
19 Brenda Kyle  
19 Randy Stovall  
22 Scott Fallon  
22 Don Irvin  
23 Don Walker  
23 Sheila McAnnally  
25 Christy Salter  
25 Mark A. Fehn  
26 Clyde Edwin Taylor  
27 James Baldone  
28 Ken Mooney  
28 Rebecca Retherford  
29 Judith Heatherly  
30 Bill Garner  
30 Patricia Jarrel



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## **OBITUARIES**

**Debbie Bates ( SCS Airport employee),** passed away on December 21, 2025.

**Juan Andres Blanco, Southern Company Services,** age 76, passed away on December 20, 2025. He was preceded in death by his mother, Berta Obana; his father, Andres Ferreiro Blanco; and his sister, Berta Teresa Blanco McGuire. Juan is survived by his wife, Lynn; his daughter, Teresa (Tesi); his son, John Andrew (Andy), and daughter-in-law, Monica; and his two grandchildren, John and Charlie Blanco.

**Harold Wayne Nipper, Southern Company Services,** age 58, passed away on December 30, 2025. He was preceded in death by his father Thomas M. Nipper; grandparents Marvin E. and Willie Kate Nipper, and grandparents Marvin H and Lois Brown. Harold is survived by his mother Pauline Nipper; brother Samuel Nipper and his wife Monica; sister Donna Poole and her husband William (Bo); nephew Tyrel Poole and his wife Kayla; niece Bethany Burke and her husband Will; three great nephews, four great nieces and seven cousins. If you wish to make a donation in Harold's memory, the family requests you make a donation to your favorite charity in his memory.

**James P. Jarrell, Southern Company Services / Southern Nuclear,** age 80, passed away October 28, 2025. James is survived by his wife, Patricia Cain Jarrell, sons Mark (Janice), David (Erin), six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. The family suggests donations be made to Third Presbyterian Church, 617 22nd Street South, Birmingham, AL 35233 or to Enhabit Home Health and Hospice at One Chase Corporate Dr. Suite 210B, Hoover, AL 35244.

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**If you weren't at our January meeting.....**

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

We had a great January meeting at the Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium featuring Scott Stantis, a nationally syndicated cartoonist, as our speaker. Scott shared about his life as a cartoonist and showed different cartoons he had created throughout his career about different political personnel and times. If you missed it, you missed a great meeting and a great time visiting and sharing with fellow retirees. (Pictures page 5; list of 2026 meetings page 6.)

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**MARCH MEETING DETAILS**

- Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- Location:** Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium  
3535 Colonnade Parkway  
Birmingham, Alabama 35242
- 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
- Speaker:** Matt Coulter,  
Sports Announcer and Radio Host

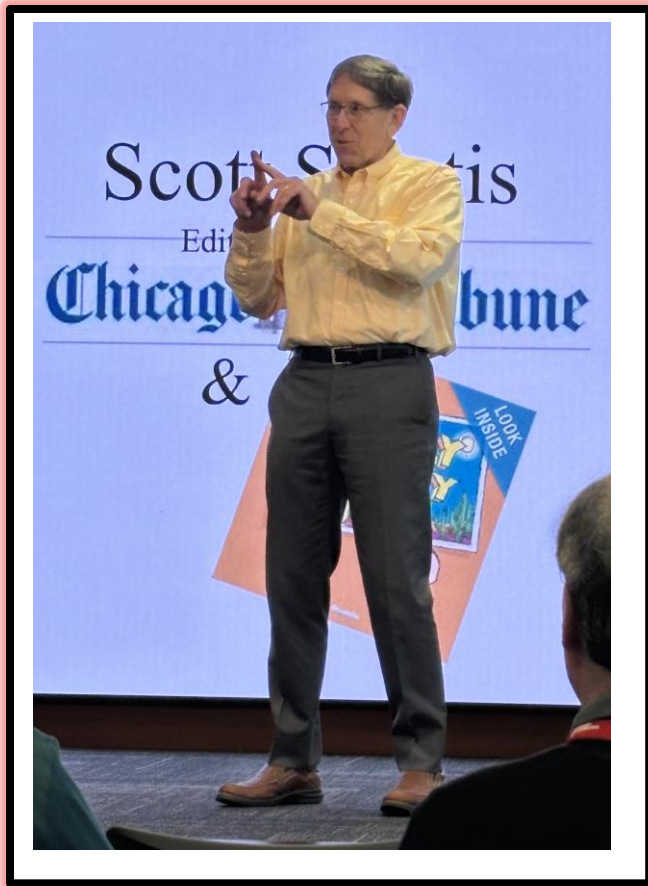


Matt Coulter is a sports announcer and radio host. He co-hosts a weekday morning show on WSPZ-AM with Scott Griffin. He is also the radio voice of the Birmingham Steeldogs and the Jacksonville State Gamecocks. Matt has been the voice of the Talladega Super Speedway for 35 years (leading to a role in *Talladega Nights: The Legend of Ricky Bobby*), and he hosts "Talkin' Hoops with Wimp Sanderson and Sonny Smith on the College Sports South television network.

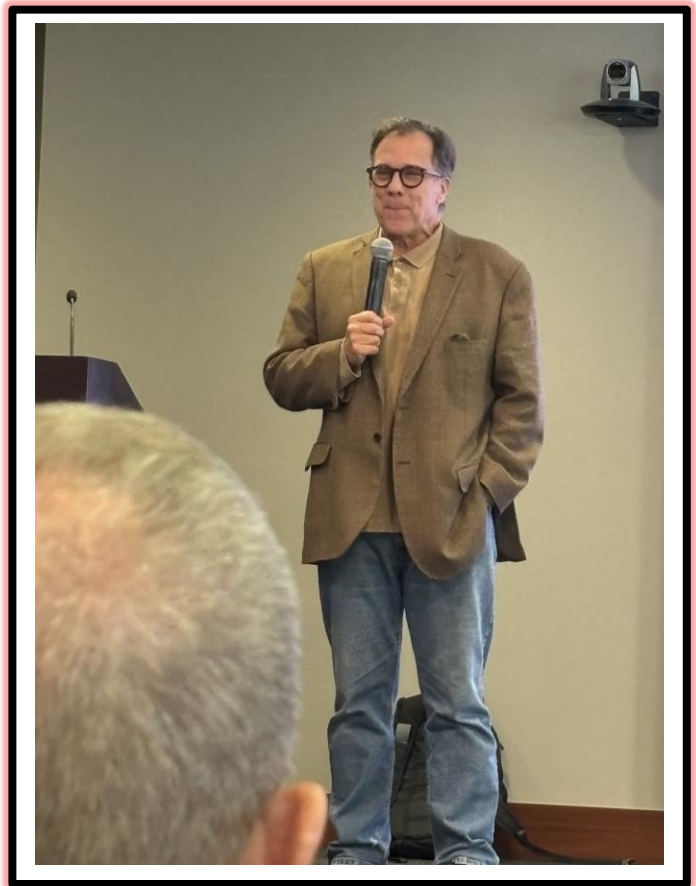
Previously, Coulter was a sports reporter for WVTM. He has also provided play-by-play for the Birmingham Fire and Birmingham Barracudas and color commentary for UAB Blazers basketball and football for 8 years. He began his tenure with the Steeldogs in 2005.

*See You There*

**PICTURES FROM OUR JANUARY 13 RETIREE MEETING**



**Board President Jim Ripple  
Introducing Scott Stantis**



**Scott Stantis, Guest Speaker**



**Scott Stantis, Guest Speaker**



**Retirees Enjoying Fellowship and a  
GREAT Speaker**

**ANNOUNCING.....**

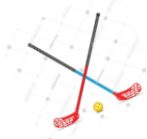


## **Schedule for the 2026 SCS/SNC Retiree Meetings with Locations**

- **Tuesday – January 13, Meeting at the Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium**
- **Tuesday – March 10, 2026, Meeting at the Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium**
- **Tuesday – May 5, 2026, Spring Luncheon at The Club**
- **Tuesday – July 14, 2026, Meeting at the Colonnade Energy Center Auditorium**
- **Tuesday – September 15, 2026, Southern Company Retiree Benefits Presentation – Location TBD**

**DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD!!!!**

When you go to bed on March 7 don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour. **Daylight savings time begins on March 8.**



LIFE IS A LIKE  
GAME



BUT FISHING  
IS SERIOUS



**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.***

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**RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS**

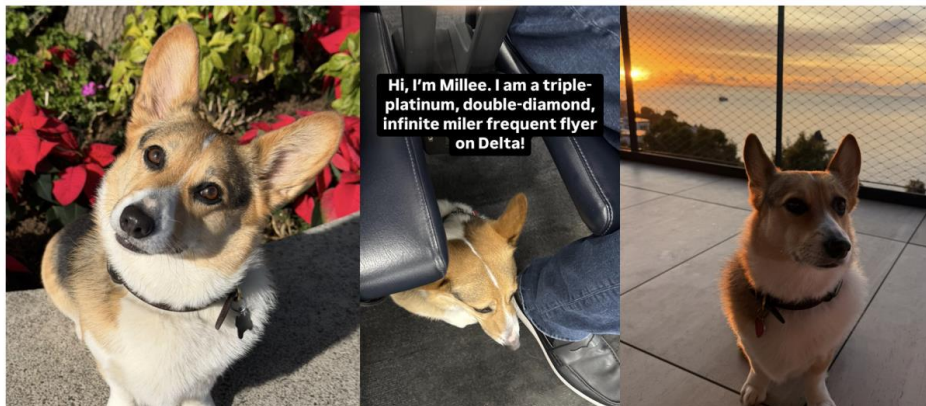


Submitted by: **Patrick Scarbrough**

**From Southern Company to the Shores of Portugal: A Well-Planned Leap (with a Corgi in Tow)**

After retiring from Southern Company, I traded familiar routines for a new adventure abroad -- moving to Portugal in 2025 with my husband after two years of careful planning and, truly, mountains and mountains of paperwork. Our visa journey officially began in 2023 with the first applications filed, and from there it was a steady march of forms, appointments, checklists, and “Did we already print that?” moments that somehow multiplied overnight.

When the move finally became real, we didn’t do it alone. We brought our dog, Millie—a Welsh Corgi with short legs, strong opinions, and a talent for making friends faster than we can. If there’s a universal language, it might be “Hello, can I pet your dog?”



Settling in has been its own kind of adventure—equal parts practical and exciting. We’ve learned quickly that moving countries isn’t just about changing addresses; it’s about learning how life works all over again. That includes finding doctors, understanding a new healthcare system, and figuring out which offices to call for what—often while practicing Portuguese in real time. It’s humbling... and occasionally hilarious... to realize you can confidently order coffee but still blank on how to describe something like “seasonal allergies” without resorting to interpretive hand gestures.





## **RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd**

**Submitted by: Patrick Scarbrough**

At the same time, the best parts of Portugal have met us at every turn. We're learning a new language (slowly, but with enthusiasm), adapting to new customs, and making friends from all over the world—people who also chose reinvention, just in different ways. And one of the unexpected joys is how close everything feels: fun places that used to be “someday” trips are now just a quick flight away, turning long-weekend travel into a normal part of life.

Food has been another gateway into the culture. We're learning new traditions through meals—local markets, regional specialties, and the rhythm of how people gather and eat. There's something grounding about discovering a place one dish at a time, even if we're still building our Portuguese vocabulary beyond “delicious.”



Looking back, the planning was worth it. Retirement has become less about slowing down and more about choosing a new direction—with purpose, curiosity, and just enough humor to survive the next round of paperwork... because we all know there's always another form.















*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!*





## BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS 2026 SCHEDULE

Friday Mar. 27		<b>at Louisville Kings</b> , Lynn Family Stadium, Louisville, KY
Sunday Apr. 5		<b>at Houston Gamblers</b> , Shell Energy Stadium, Houston, TX
Sunday Apr. 12		<b>at St. Louis Battlehawks</b> , The Dome, St. Louis, MO
Saturday Apr. 18		<b>Orlando Storm</b> , Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL
Friday Apr. 24		<b>DC Defenders</b> , Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL
Sunday May 3		<b>at Orlando Storm</b> , Inter&Co Stadium, Orlando, FL
Saturday May 9		<b>Renegades</b> , Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL
Sunday May 17		<b>Columbus Aviators</b> , Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL
Saturday May 23		<b>at Columbus Aviators</b> , Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus, OH
Saturday May 30		<b>Houston Gamblers</b> , Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL

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**ALABAMA ENERGIZERS TRIPS FOR 2026**

Pack your bags and travel with the Energizers. We have 3 great upcoming trips available, something for everyone! All trips are sold on a first come first serve basis! **SIGN UP TODAY!** Details for the three trips can be found below.



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**Discover Southern Italy & Sicily –  
September 18 – October 1, 2026**

Featuring Taormina, Matera and the Amalfi coast. Journey through a crossroads of civilizations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy. Allow the unique culture to capture your heart and get a glimpse into an age-old heritage composed of ancient monuments and cultivated lands. Optional extension available to visit Rome! For detailed itinerary and more information go to: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1360159>



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**Discover Spotlight on New York City Holiday  
December 5 – 9, 2026**

Experience the "Big Apple" at its festive best. The lights and energy of the "Big Apple" captivate as you walk NYC's bustling streets to dinner, Broadway shows and Christmas Spectacular at the Radio Music City Hall, Statue of Liberty, etc. Pay tribute to the lives lost during a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum. For more information go to: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1360161>



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**Holland and Belgium Springtime River Cruise  
April 2027**

Savor springtime in Holland and Belgium with a cruise that highlights the Dutch tulip fields in peak season! Relax as you make your way along picturesque scenery and visit beloved sights such as Amsterdam and Bruges, Keukenhof Gardens, Arnhem, Middleburg, Antwerp and Kinderdijk Windmills. For more information go to: <https://groups.gocollette.com/en-US/link/1360202>

**Any questions or to be added to future email distributions of new travel opportunities, please send your contact information to Jane Lewis: at [energizerstravel@gmail.com](mailto:energizerstravel@gmail.com)**

**For those interested in joining Alabama Power Energizers attached for your convenience is an application (Page 13).**

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**Alabama Power  
Energizers**

**2026 Membership Application**

**Circle the chapter you are joining:**

Corporate HQ    Birmingham    Eastern    Gadsden    Jasper  
Mobile    Southeast    Southern    Western

Please provide all information to ensure you receive all Energizer communication.

Retiree Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$15.00 for retiree only; \$30.00 for retiree and spouse)

**Please return check payable to Energizers and mail check and membership form to:**

**Kim Savage  
Alabama Power Company  
600 18<sup>th</sup> Street North  
17N-0671  
Birmingham, AL 35203**

**Contact Info:  
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O: 205-257-2473  
C: 205-427-7279**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER IN MARCH**



Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is **always 46 days before Easter Sunday**. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.



**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.



**DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL**



**Palm Sunday (March 29, 2026)** 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.



**Passover (Pesach in Hebrew), April 1, 2026**, 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.



**Maundy Thursday (April 2, 2026)** 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 3, 2026)** 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 5, 2026** 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.



**AND NOW FOR A LITTLE HUMOR**

**EVER WONDER....**

- ✚ Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- ✚ Why is the man who invests all our money called a broker?
- ✚ Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- ✚ If flying is so safe why do they call the airport the terminal?
- ✚ If you're waiting on the waiter aren't you the waiter?
- ✚ Why do we say "heads up" when we actually duck?
- ✚ Why do you put suits in garment bags and garments in a suitcase?
- ✚ Is it weird that we have a little voice in our heads when we think?
- ✚ If you're trying to fail and you succeed what did you actually do?
- ✚ Why do they call it a "drive-through" if you have to stop?
- ✚ Why do they call it "falling asleep" when you're actually lying in bed?
- ✚ Why did kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- ✚ Why do you call it a "pair" of pants when there is only one?
- ✚ Why is it called a "hot" water heater if it heats cold water?
- ✚ Why do they put Braille on drive-through bank machines?
- ✚ Do clothes made in China say "made around the corner"?
- ✚ Why are there no "B" batteries?
- ✚ If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

**Hope this made you smile a little bit!!**





*Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!*

House for rent, 5 minutes from the beach. 8 seconds if you trip.



If you're feeling sad, just go for a run, cuz then you'll realize your physical health is way worse than your mental health

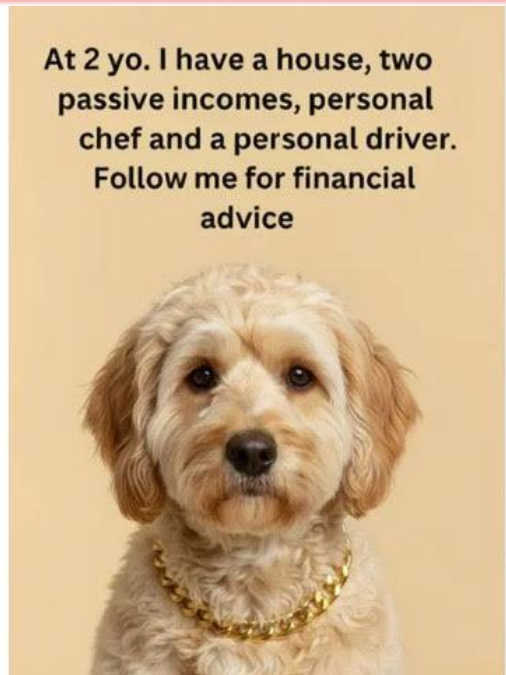


I pulled out a nose hair last night to see if it hurt.



Judging by how fast my husband woke up screaming, it seemed pretty painful.

At 2 yo. I have a house, two passive incomes, personal chef and a personal driver. Follow me for financial advice





## And More Laughter



"Your body is a temple."

My body is, at best, a bouncy castle that is slowly deflating.



My boyfriend broke up with me when he found out I only had 9 toes....



He was lack toes intolerant!

Okay – I know that was pretty corny. SORRY!!



In bowling we don't dribble the ball!!



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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](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 me at the following e-mail address. This newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter, and we truly appreciate all contributions.

**Charlotte Graham**  
**[dricharlo@gmail.com](mailto:dricharlo@gmail.com)**

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