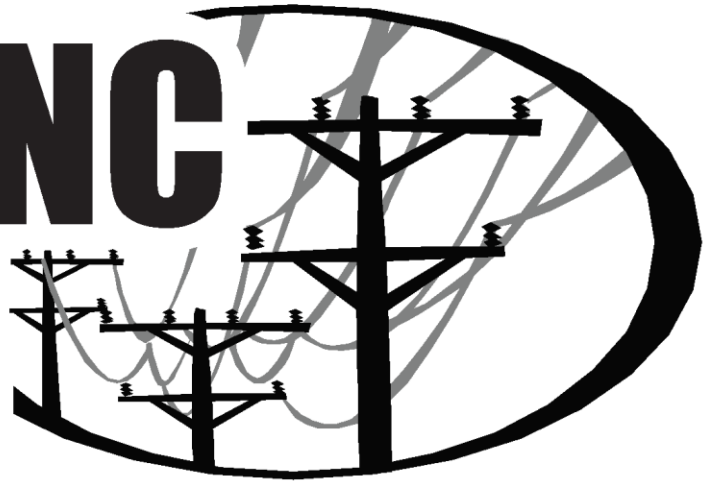


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Word from the editor:

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'm looking forward to our May 5th luncheon at The Club with Lou Long giving us a great look into our past. I'm sure the question will come up, if not obvious and addressed by Lou, on why we located our HQ in Birmingham and not Atlanta. For me, that works out to not having over 16,000 hours of extra driving, and that may just be a low estimate given the impact of Atlanta traffic over that time period!

March's meeting with Matt Coulter was another fine selection. He's an inspiring individual and very knowledgeable. Later in the month, a group of twenty-four of us will be going to the Vogtle Nuclear site. We've had some cancellations so there may still be some room if anyone else is interested in coming with us. Of course, as we pass through or avoid the Atlanta traffic, we will appreciate again how lucky we have been to have our SCS and SNC offices in Birmingham.

The November luncheon this year has been confirmed for the **Inverness Country Club**. Vestavia's Country Club is under renovation this year.

And, enjoy the nice weather now. Looks like winter's finally gone and summer is on the way.

Jim

Vogtle Tour for May 26 - 27

We have just sent out our detailed notification to the participants regarding the trip departing on the 26th, touring the morning of the 27th, and returning that afternoon. It includes the link to the Marriott hotel with the discounted room rate and other instructions. We have had a few cancellations and now have space for more to join us. If you now desire to participate, please contact Jim Ripple at jimripple1916@gmail.com, or 205-516-8810. As always, first come, first served.

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

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 Knobloch
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 John Morrow
16 Dianne McCoy
16 Cindy Patton
18 Sohag Doshi
19 Brian Cates
19 Linda Griggs
19 Judy King
21 George Hairston III
21 Debbie Rice
21 Roy Shanlever
23 Marvin Noland
24 Leighton Mays
25 Sandy Vance

May Birthdays (Cont'd):

27 Stephen B. Smith
29 Joe Katz, Jr.
30 Jim Black
30 Marcia Edmundson

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 Peggy Howard
8 John Brandt
9 David Gambrell
10 Michael Nelson
10 Preston Willis
11 Linda Grainger
11 Mark Sanders
13 Miriam Hollingsworth
14 Shanta Bantia
14 Anna Garlington
14 Bill Marlar
14 Bob Winter
15 Miriam Durden
16 Mike Burns
19 Penny Brothers
19 Joe Mau
19 Valerie O'Brien
20 Diane Cocherell
20 Dewana Green
20 Mark Scott

June Birthdays (Cont'd):

21 Charley Long
21 Lakshmi Reddy
21 Dan Summers
21 Ann Whitehurst
23 Randall Keith Fowler
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





OBITUARIES

Roy Thomas “Tommy” Carpenter (Southern Company Services), age 74, passed away on April 10, 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents Allie June Burton and Bill Thomas Carpenter and his brother, Christopher Bill Carpenter. Tommy is survived by his two daughters Joan Hedgepeth (Phillip) and Bailey Dickson (Andrew); his granddaughter, Dylan Dickson; and his sister, Vicki Carpenter. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Tommy’s memory to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org, honoring his lifelong commitment to his fellow service members.

Don Smaha, (Southern Company Services), age 83, passed away on April 7, 2026. He is survived by his wife Sondra, son John (Robyn), grandson Wes (Ashley), brother Joe (Shirley), sister Carol Smaha Cheshire (Monty), and several nieces and nephews.

Bill Thurman (Southern Company Services), age 89, passed away on April, 15, 2026. He is survived by his wife Mary Alice Thurman, his only child, Tiffany Thurman Lyons (P.J. Lyons), three grandchildren, Abigail Lyons, Lily May Lyons and Patrick Lyons, Jr., his brother, N.C. Thurman, and his nephew, Tim Thurman. The family requests donations be made in Bill’s memory to Vestavia Hills Methodist Church.

If you weren't at our March meeting.....

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

See pictures on page 5 and a complete list of 2026 meetings on page 6.

MAY LUNCHEON DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Location: The Club
1 Robert S. Smith Drive
Homewood, Alabama 35209

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Check-In of Retirees and Guests; Social Time
11:30 p.m. to 12:15 p.m. – Lunch
1:15 p.m. - Door Prizes and Adjourn

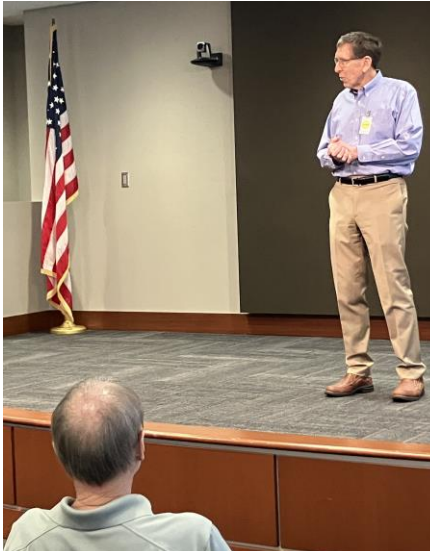
Speaker: Lou Long, SNC Retiree
Speaking on his early Experience at Southern Company, including the Barton Nuclear Plant and the Founding of Southern Nuclear



Lou Long began his career at Southern Company in 1970 and will be speaking to us on his early experiences at the company including the Barton Nuclear Plant and the founding of Southern Nuclear.

*See You
There*

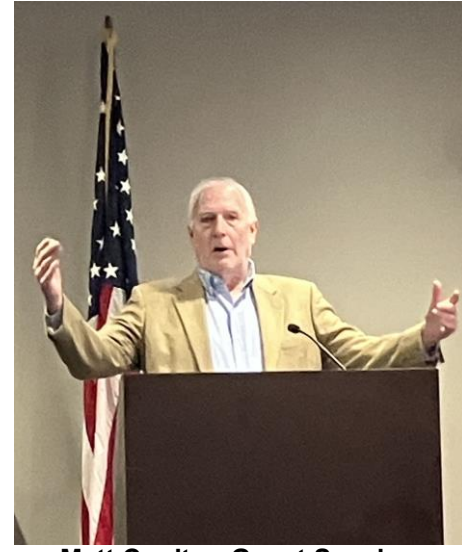
PICTURES FROM MARCH RETIREE MEETING



Board President Jim Ripple Kicks Off Our March Meeting



Rick Graham, Membership Chair, Introducing our Speaker Matt Coulter



Matt Coulter, Guest Speaker



Retirees Enjoying our Guest Speaker Matt Coulter



Jim Ripple and Mary Romano Drawing for Door Prizes

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**
- **Tuesday – November 10, 2026, Holiday Luncheon and Charitable Contribution Recipients – Inverness Country Club**



SCS/SNC Retiree Annual Charitable Contributions

In the near future we will be soliciting nominations for charities to be considered for a one-time donation from our SCS/SNC Retirees group. In July we will send out a nomination form to the membership which shows the necessary information to be provided about a charity you wish for consideration. This form needs to be filled out and submitted to our Charity Committee by September 30th.

Candidates must be non-profit 501(c)(3) charities located in Alabama, not based on or connected to a religion, and ones that do not receive any government or United Way funding. As we have done previously, each charity selected will attend our holiday luncheon in November and will be presented with a \$1,000 donation.



IT'S NEVER TO LATE!!!



If you have not yet sent in your dues for 2026 Membership please do so at your earliest convenience. Membership form on following page!! (page 8)

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SCS/SNC RETIREES ASSOCIATION

2026 PURPOSE:

To serve as a voluntary Association of Retired Employees of Southern Company Services and Southern Nuclear. Specifically, to:

1. Foster fellowship.
2. Promote recreational activities.
3. Facilitate social contacts and updated information concerning retirees and retired life.
4. Communicate information on the activities of Southern Company, Southern Nuclear and Southern Company Services.
5. Perform community service projects in the Birmingham area.

2026 SCS/SNC Retirees Membership Qualifications & Dues:

(Note: For employees retiring after September 2025, the 2026 dues are NOT required.)

1. Regular Members –
 - Employees retired from Southern Company with pension or long-term disability **Dues \$20.00**
 - Employees retired from Southern Company with pension or long-term disability outside (50-mile radius) the Birmingham area. **Dues \$10.00**
2. Associate Members:
 - Spouse of a dues paying Regular Member **No dues required**
 - Surviving spouse of a deceased Regular Member **Dues \$10.00**
3. Honorary Members: Employees retired from Southern Company with a pension or long-term disability who are **physically unable** to participate. **No dues required**

SCS/SNC RETIREES – 2026 Membership Application

Retiree Name: _____ Phone: _____
Associate / Spouse Name: _____ Phone: _____
Honorary Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Birthday (Month/Day): _____ Date of Retirement: _____
Spouse's Birthday (Month/Day): _____
E-Mail Address: _____ Retired: (circle) SCS or SNC

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SCS/SNC RETIREES

Mail to: Dave Lisenby
1213 Boundary Street
Birmingham, AL 35242



Scan to Pay

Or PAY ON-LINE by credit card by clicking on the **QR Code** provided on this form **Or** using the **PAYMENTS** tab located in the menu below the big picture on our website at www.scsretirees.com.

Please check here if you paid On-Line

Please make your payment and return this form either by US mail to the address shown above.

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Submitted by: Shannon Sampson

The Southeast Division Energizers kicked off the 2026 year with their first meeting of the year on March 5 in Eufaula, AL. The group enjoyed a delicious catered lunch while planning meetings and projects for the remainder of the year. Four new members joined at this meeting. The service project for the quarter was the Boys and Girls Club of Eufaula. Energizers brought in snacks for the Boys and Girls club to distribute to their after-school clients.



Energizers Sorting Snacks for the Boys and Girls Club



Left to right: Alan Morrow, SED Energizer President; Mark Kent, Eufaula Boys and Girls Club representative; Allen White SED Energizer and Girls & Boys Club Board Member



RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS – Cont'd

Submitted by: Jim Blackmon

Jim Blackmon snapped this selfie while playing golf at Oak Mtn State Park.



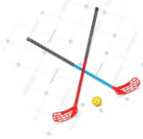


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Submitted by: Shannon Sampson

The SE Division Energizers Partnered with the SE/Farley APSO Chapter participating in the Wiregrass Area Alabama Kidney Walk. The Energizer participants were Shannon Sampson, Bobby Durr, Shannon Reed, and David Reed.





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.



REMAINING 2026 GAMES FOR BIRMINGHAM STALLIONS

Sunday
May 3



At Orlando Storm, Inter&co Stadium, Orlando, FL

Saturday
May 9



Renegades, Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL

Sunday
May 17



Columbus Aviators, Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL

Saturday
May 23



at Columbus Aviators, Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus, OH

Saturday
May 30



Houston Gamblers, Protective Stadium, Birmingham, AL



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ALABAMA ENERGIZERS TRIPS FOR 2026

Choose **experiences over things** and join **Energizers Travel** as we see this big, beautiful world we live in!

SIGN UP TODAY! All trips are sold on a first come first serve basis.



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

What better way to kick off the holidays!! Experience the “Big Apple” at its festive best. Take advantage of our \$500 discounted fare! Any unused seats will be returned to Collette on May 21, 2026.

The lights and energy of the "Big Apple" captivate as you walk NYC's bustling streets to dinner, Broadway shows and The Rockette's Christmas Spectacular at the Radio City Music Hall, Statue of Liberty, etc.

Pay tribute to the lives lost during a visit to the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum. Convenient hotel, all entrance fees, airline, and transfers are included. For more information go to: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1360161>



Holland and Belgium Springtime River Cruise April 13 – 21, 2027

This unforgettable springtime journey showcases the very best of Holland & Belgium. Cruise along Amsterdam's iconic canals, explore the historic city of Arnhem, enjoy a medieval walking tour of Bruges, visit the famed windmills of Kinderdijk, and experience the breathtaking beauty of Keukenhof Gardens, home to more than seven million blooming tulips. This tour truly captures the romance, color, and renewal of spring in Europe.

We will be sailing aboard The Nobleman, part of the Van Loon Cruise line, which was christened on November 21, 2025. This elegant, four-deck ship accommodates just 170 guests and is designed to the maximum allowable dimensions for river navigation. Notable features include floor-to-ceiling windows on the mid and upper decks, a panoramic salon, a spacious sun deck, and eighty-six all-outside staterooms. Additional amenities include a gym, sauna, and a massage room.

This trip is available until May 7, 2026, at which time any unsold space will be returned to Collette. After that date, you may be waitlisted. **At this time there is a very limited number of cabins remaining!** 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

For those interested in joining Alabama Power Energizers attached for your convenience is an application (Page 14).



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 18th Street North
17N-0671
Birmingham, AL 35203

Contact Info:
Kim Savage (Energizer
Coordinator)
kssavage@southernco.com
O: 205-257-2473
C: 205-427-7279

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Note: This below invitation is officially sent to retirees of Alabama Power, but other system retirees living in Alabama are welcome to attend.

Greetings Alabama Power Retirees!

We are excited to once again host retiree gatherings in each of our six divisions this year. These events known as the Retiree Reunions, are a chance to get together with old and new friends in a fun and causal setting.

The Retiree Reunions serve as an opportunity for us to provide company updates and stay connected with you, our retirees, while also giving you the ability to engage with company leaders.

Please use the QR code below **OR** visit the following website to view the schedule of this year's reunions, and RSVP for the **one** reunion you and your guest would like to attend.

<https://events.southerncompany.com/2026retireereunions>

Please note that registration for the reunion closes a week before the reunion is scheduled.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these Retiree Reunions this year!

Alabama Power Company
The Retirees and Energizers Team

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QR Code



Hold your cell phone's camera over the QR code,
then touch the highlighted link that appears.

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY

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.

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 2026 will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 10.**



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 2026 will occur on **Monday, May 25.** 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JUNE

Since 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation establishing a national **Flag Day** on **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. This year Flag Day will be celebrated on **Sunday, June 14.**



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 21.**





Fun Facts

- ✚ The average smartphone today has more power than all of NASA's computers during the Apollo moon missions.
- ✚ AI is now designing microchips that are faster and more efficient than those made by human engineers.
- ✚ In Japan, there is an AI system that predicts suicides based on online behavior and alerts local authorities.
- ✚ The first computer mouse was made of wood in 1964.
- ✚ Google's search algorithm changes over five hundred times per year.
- ✚ Over 90% of the world's data was created in just the last 2 years.
- ✚ AI-generated art has sold for over \$400,000 at auctions.
- ✚ The word "robot" comes from a Czech word meaning "forced labor."
- ✚ China has a social credit system powered by AI that ranks citizens' behavior.
- ✚ Scientists are training AI to detect earthquakes before humans feel the tremors.
- ✚ 5G technology can theoretically download a 2-hour movie in under 4 seconds.
- ✚ The world's first website (info.cern.ch) is still online since 1991.
- ✚ Your microwave has more computing power than NASA had in 1969.
- ✚ The average human spends over 7 years of life looking at a phone screen.
- ✚ More people own a mobile phone than a toothbrush worldwide.
- ✚ Remote work has increased productivity for 65% of global workers.
- ✚ The shortest war in history lasted just 38 minutes between Britain and Zanzibar in 1896.
- ✚ There are more than twenty countries in the world today with no standing army.
- ✚ Napoleon was once attacked by a horde of rabbits during a hunting event.
- ✚ The Eiffel Tower was originally meant to stand for only 20 years.
- ✚ Ancient Romans used concrete that could heal itself with water.



Laughter – the BEST Medicine!!!

**RARE PHOTO OF A
REMOTE CONTROL
FROM THE 1970s...**



**A police officer came
to my house and
asked me where
I was between 5 & 6.
He seemed irritated
when I answered:
"Kindergarten"**

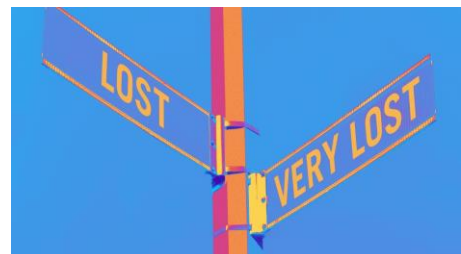


**"In a waiting room so quiet
you can hear your own
thoughts..."**

**Stomach: I will now
demonstrate a whale's call.**



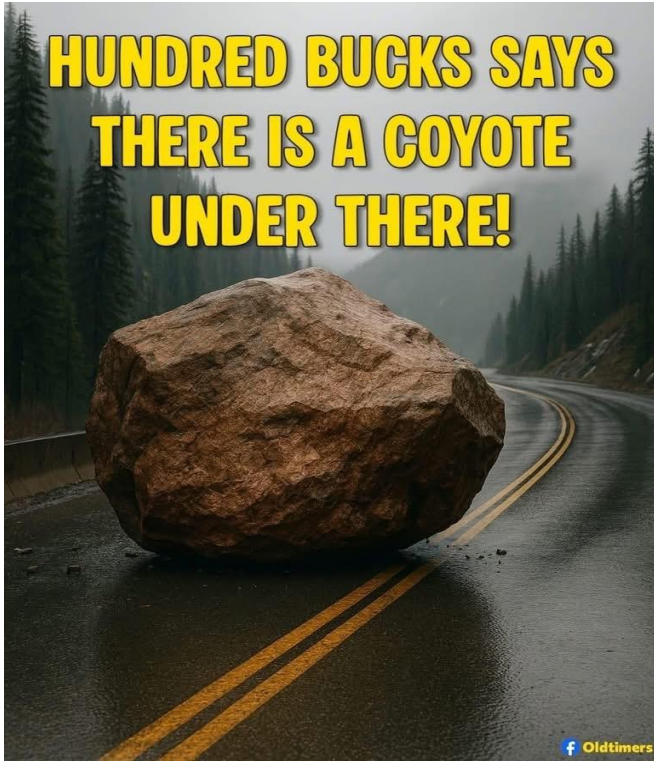
**I DON'T ALWAYS
GO THE EXTRA
MILE, BUT WHEN
I DO IT'S BECAUSE
I MISSED MY EXIT.**





And More Laughter

**HUNDRED BUCKS SAYS
THERE IS A COYOTE
UNDER THERE!**



When I point my remote control directly at the television, it barely works. If I accidentally sit on it, it will switch from Peacock to Netflix, turn on closed captioning, and turn itself on and off four times.



WANTED:

Someone to brush their teeth with me because 9/10 dentists say brushing alone won't help tooth decay.

No weirdos please.



WHOEVER SAID "OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND" NEVER HAD A SIDER DISAPPEAR IN THE BEDROOM



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

Charlotte Graham
dricharlo@gmail.com

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Website:	Cary Campbell	205-641-9137

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