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**Prez Sez** 

Greetings everyone and I hope each of you had a pleasant summer. I, for one, am ready for the fall season to arrive. As a youngster, I used to look forward to the summer months; no school, family vacation time, more time with grandparents and cousins. But now the fall is my favorite season; less yard work, milder temperatures than winter and summer without the heavy pollen of spring, less energy bills, and of course, it's football season. Bring on the cooler weather!

For those of you who were able to attend our July meeting, I hope you enjoyed James Lowery's presentation on the Historic **Birmingham Mineral Railroad.** The meeting was well attended and, if my memory is correct, we had to add a few chairs to accommodate the number of attendees before we got started. I'm glad I didn't miss it. I've lived in or around Birmingham all my life and I don't recall hearing about the BMRR. It was a very interesting and informative presentation. If you missed the meeting, you can go to the website www.Bham-MRR.com to learn more about the **BMRR** and the signs project that James Lowery initiated to bring attention to the many sites where the railroad once existed. The BMRR

played a major role in the Birmingham iron industry. Check out their website.

You may not recall, but our July 2016 meeting was a presentation pertaining to the project that involves the relocation of approximately 1700 Southern Company employees to the two redroofed buildings at the Colonnade. The latest info I have received indicates that the first moves are now projected to begin by this September and the final moves should be completed sometime late 2018. I bring this up just as a reminder that at some point during the process, we expect to move the SCS Retirees regular meetings to the Colonnade. I expect the date for us may depend on when the employees at Bldg 42 are scheduled to move, but it will most likely be sometime in 2018. Your leadership team will provide you with the specific date when we get that information. Our next meeting will be at 1:00pm on September 11 in the Horizons **Conference Room, Room 130, Building 42** Inverness. This will be our annual benefits presentation by Southern Company personnel. This year our speaker will be George Marling from Health and Wellness. He will be sharing the latest information regarding our retiree benefits. Remember this is a good opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have regarding your benefits. I expect to see many of you at our September meeting. -John McCoy

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

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## Word from the editor:

Greetings from the editor. My general saying is that "Life is good." I hope you agree and had a great summer.

My wife, Gaye, is the proof reader. If you see anything wrong, see her. I'm the original innocent bystander.

### **Attendance Report:**

Dora Brant reported that at our last July 10 general meeting we had 37 members and guests attending.

## **Good News:**

Dora and John Brandt will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 2, 2017. They were married in Homewood at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.

They have a son, John Jr., and two grandchildren, Virginia Kate (age 13) and John R. Brandt III (Jack) (age 11)

# September and October 2017 SCS/SNC Members Birthday List

#### **September**

1 Stacy Kilcovne 1 James O. Welch 2 Keith Tenney 3 Linda Chastain 3 Donald P. Hayes 4 Carol Newton 6 Larry Weaver 7 John L. Gwin 7 Lawrence Kilgore 8 Jeane Rayburn 9 Rebecca Farris 9 William L. Helms 10 James K. Bailey 10 Gisela Hancock 11 Gene Kachelhofer 11 Bob Patrick 11 Bill Ponder 11 Alice Smith 12 Virginia **Biddy 12 Fred Ehrensperger 12 John Hall 12 Rick** Kaster 12 Kathy Ann Perry 13 Ginger Coker 13 Betsy Kopecky 13 Grady Luster 13 Carol Yeager 14 Fred Justice 15 Gina Chesser 15 Janice Hovey 16 Barry James Butler 17 Tina Lea Belcher 17 Anna Flemming 17 Juanita Leonard 17 Martha Price 17 Charlotte J. Seals 17 Sarah Tackett 18 Nathan Rene Carter 18 Anees Farruk 18 Byron **Rex Yance 19 John Schmith 21 Richard E.** Mayfield 22 Jamie Anderson 22 Brad E.

Delcambre 23 Memuna Chandiwala 24 Paula Ackley 24 Mary Varagona 26 Liz Winter 27 Douglas W. Daughhetee 27 Terry Mitchell 27 Robert Oedamer 28 Bill Thurman 29 Stephen Fields 29 Gerald Prince 30 Jerry Hall 30 Mac Sumrall, Jr.

### October

1 Bill Hanks, Jr. 1 Paul Davis Henson 2 Bonita Burford 2 Tricia Logan 2 Mary Alice Thurman 3 Carol Alldredge 3 Donald P. Moore 4 Donald Riendeau 5 Ajit K. Ghuman 5 Patricia Hollis 6 Glenda Beason 7 Eldridge Cook 7 Mary Weaver 9 Luverne Blackwood 10 Teresa McCrillis 11 **Rebecca Franklin 11 Lewis Smith 12 Guy Mitchell** 12 Regina Troulias 13 Gayle Price 14 Ricky Aldridge 14 Brenda Hall 14 Diane Milton 14 Rhonda Talmadge 15 Ann Huddleston 16 Robert Dunn 16 Frank Studinka 16 Ivette Williams 18 **Billie Ewing 18 James Ludwig 19 Daniel Kinney 19** Bonnie Russell 20 Rhonda Cook 20 Kim Paul Kruse 21 Robert E. Elliott 21 Dianne Murray 22 Ernestine Craig 22 Charles H. Kitchens 22 Jane Salter 23 Hal Miner 24 Don Burdeshaw 24 Nell Smith 25 Raymond Garnem 26 James Blackmon 26 Mindy Long 26 Ken Turnage 27 Pat Cofield 27 Robin Cox 27 Donna Johnson 27 John J. Mitchell 29 Larry C. Dawkins 29 Linda Dreadin 30 La Tanya A. Davis 31 Clayton E. Hurst 31 Trish Weldon

#### **Obituaries**

Mr. William D. Rowe has passed away; he was Manager over Civil and Architectural retiring in 1956. The funeral was held Sunday in Elba, Al. Larry Delano McNair passed away the Sunday morning on June 11th. Born in Georgia on the 21st of June, 1934, raised in Macon where he attended Lanier High, graduating from the Darlington School in Rome, Ga. After graduation from Georgia Tech, he enjoyed a successful career as a Chemical Engineer with Combustion Engineering, Alabama Power and the Southern Company. He is survived by his four children, Jennifer, Shannan, Jeff and Andrew. Many thanks to Georgia Hospice for their care and the Neptune Society for the aftercare services.

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Wayne Avant, of Hoover, passed away Friday, July 28, 2017, at the age of 77. Wayne was retired from Southern Company after more than 30 years. He was an avid Alabama Fan. He is survived by 2 daughters, Tani Self and Lori Frank; 3 grandchildren, Tab, Slater, and Sarah Grace Brazeal; and a great granddaughter, Lucy Brazeal. Interment was at Hillview Memorial Cemetery in Alexandria, TN.

Larry Delano McNair passed away the Sunday morning on June 11th. Born in Georgia on the 21st of June, 1934, raised in Macon where he attended Lanier High, graduating from the Darlington School in Rome, Ga. After graduation from Georgia Tech, he enjoyed a successful career as a Chemical Engineer with Combustion Engineering, Alabama Power and the Southern Company. He is survived by his four children, Jennifer, Shannan, Jeff and Andrew. Many thanks to Georgia Hospice for their care and the Neptune Society for the aftercare services.

Samuel Robert Hart Jr. (Bob) age 90 of Vestavia Hills Alabama passed away on July 12, 2017. Bob was a native of Birmingham graduating from Ensley High School in 1944 and he served in the Army during WWII. Bob graduated from the University of Alabama in 1949 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and began a 38 year career with the Southern Company until he retired in 1986. He held positions such as Assistant to the President of Alabama Power and retired as Vice **President of Research and Environmental Affairs** for Southern Company Services. He was married for 65 years to the former Corinne Donnelly Hart who preceded him in death in 2014. Bob is survived by a son Gary (Marcia) and a daughter Lisa Reynolds (Preston) as well as three granddaughters Leigh Hart Lehman (Gordon), Ashley Reynolds Nail (Cliff) and Lesley Reynolds and a great granddaughter Carson Nail. Throughout his life Bob was a faithful Alumnus of the University of Alabama. He helped start the **Capstone Engineering Society at the University** and was its first Chairman. Bob was recognized as

an "Outstanding Alumni" by the UA College of Engineering in 1979 and as a Distinguished Engineering Fellow in 1981. He was a huge fan of Alabama football. Bob was very involved in the community where he was President of the Birmingham Jaycees in 1959 and received the Vulcan Medal for his work with the Boy Scouts in 1966. Bob was a long time substitute Adult Sunday School teacher at Shades Mountain Baptist Church and a member of the Vestavia Historical Society. Mr. Hart established an endowed scholarship at the Big Oak Ranch and requests that in lieu of flowers any donations be made to the Big Oak Ranch, PO Box 507 Springville Alabama 35146 and that your donation be added to the Hart **Family Scholarship** 

Previously left out of the last News Letter Elizabeth O. Wintter, 93, of Birminghan, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. She was the 2nd wife and widow of SCS Retiree the late Jackaon E. Wintter of the SCS Electrical Design Department. A funeral service was held for Mrs. Wintter at the Elwood Chapel, Birmingham, Alabama on Saturday, May 27th at 11 am.

## **MEMBER CARE**

If you know of any member who is sick or has a death in his or her family that you would like to share, please contact Patsy at (205) 991-7900.

A LITTLE OF THIS, A PINCH OF THAT We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.

-Abraham Lincoln

Perspective makes the difference. Let us all keep the proper perspective.

Please also share good news.

Laughter is the best Medicine; it's internal jogging.

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## RETIREE LEADERSHIP For 2017

# **Officers**

President: **OPEN** Vice President: **OPEN** Treasurer; Fred Ehrensperger 655-2725 Secretary: Peggy Burdeshaw 608-9636

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Gerald Aultman: 516-1528 John Brandt: 956-0502 Walt Dean: 879-5775 Jackie Imbusch: 991-8472 Dennis Read: 879-6617 David Strack: 565-4714 John McCoy (ex-officio): 285-4843

# **Committee Chairs**

Audit: Glenda James 240-2458 Fellowship: **OPEN** Member Care: Patsy Evans 991-7900 Membership: Dora Brandt 956-0502 Newsletter: Gerald Aultman 516-1528 Nominating: **OPEN** Program: **OPEN** 

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## **MEETING DETAILS:**

When: Monday, September 11 Where: Inverness Building 42, Room 130 Board Meeting: 11 a.m. Lunch in the Cafeteria at Noon General Meeting Presentation: 1 p.m. This will be our annual benefits presentation by Southern Company personnel