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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.

2018 Prez Sez:

I would like to end this year by thanking the retirees that gave their time to serve our organization in 2018. The 4 Officers, 6 Directors and 9 Committee Chairmen met six times during the year to conduct business and plan for upcoming events. The meetings and events were outstanding thanks, in part, to Doris Hardy for making arrangements, Amy Houston for planning our programs and Dora and John Brandt for managing invitations and reservations. This will be a hard act to follow.

If this is the first Newsletter you have received, you have probably recently retired from SCS or SNC. I understand that there have been 171 retirements so far in 2018. Congratulations! You made it to the other side. It's my hope and prayer that you enjoy many years of good health and freedom from hard work. Please enjoy some of that time with us!

As a recent retiree, you will enjoy one year of complimentary membership. You will be invited to all the meetings and events while giving us a "tryout". To become an active member, just respond to the annual notice for membership renewal. It's only \$15 a year to keep us afloat. I'm pleased to report that our active membership grew by 11% in 2018

I thank you for your interest and participation in 2018 and pass the torch to Teresa McCrillis and her team for 2019.

Jim Blackman

2019 Prez Sez:

I am so excited to be your president for the coming 2019 year. We have a great group of officers , board and retirees. I tell everyone that being retired is the best job I've ever had! I hope all of you feel the same. I am looking forward to all the great activities and meetings we have planned for the New Year. Below you will find a brief bio of your new officers. I know I speak for all of them when I ask that if you have any suggestions or ideas to make our organization better and more of what you are looking for, we would love to hear them. Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to help in the coming year.

President

Teresa McCrillis started her career with Southern Nuclear during the construction of Plant Vogtle Unit 1. After 7 years, she moved to Plant Hatch in the Outage scheduling department - her last five years there as the Unit 1 Lead Outage scheduler. In 2006 she moved to the corporate office to work on the Maximo project. Once completed she worked in Work Management until her retirement in October 2016 after 35 years. She is a new grandmother which, as many of you know, adds a richness to one's life that is unparalleled. She is also the grandmother of 3 foster children.

Vice President

Deanna McCombs started at Southern Company Services in 1982 as a cooperative education student from Auburn. She worked in HVAC Special projects for two quarters before being transferred to Hatch Project Recirc Pipe Replacement for the duration of her co-op stint. Initially working full time as an engineer in Hatch Mechanical Design, she was hired as a charter member of Southern Nuclear (SNC), or SONOPCO Project as it

was known as in 1988, in Hatch Project - Nuclear Licensing. She worked in Licensing and Engineering Projects for several years before being chosen for Planning and Performance Supervisor for Hatch in 1998. She then moved on to supervise Procurement Engineering and became the manager of Pooled Inventory Management (PIM) which manages emergency spares for the US Nuclear Industry. She was named the Supply Chain Material Services manager in 2008 with responsibility for managing warehouse and materials operations for the three sites in the SNC fleet. Her last assignment was serving as project manager for Strategic Alliance for FLEX Emergency Response (SAFER), an industrywide effort to make portable emergency equipment available anywhere in the US within 24 hours for severe accident response. After successful implementation of SAFER, Deanna retired in May 2016 with 34 years of service. She has two children, Caitlin and Connor, and enjoys traveling, art, and reading.

Secretary

Ken McElroy spent most of his 31 years with Southern Nuclear in Engineering, with the last few years working in Nuclear Licensing. He retired about 8 months ago and he and wife Donna have been traveling quite a bit. This summer they towed a small travel trailer out west to attend a friend's wedding in Yosemite and spent some time in the "fly over" states between Alabama and California. They are also spending a bit more time at their house on Lake Mitchell. All in all, pretty relaxed!!!

Treasurer

Fred Ehrensperger joined Southern Services in August 1960, as one of the first two employees in the Nuclear Power Section under Ruble Thomas. The early years were spent staying abreast of rapidly changing nuclear power technology and advising The Southern Company management on the competitiveness of nuclear power on the Southern Company system.

He was responsible for locating suitable nuclear plant sites and for the purchase of the nuclear steam

supply systems for Hatch 1-2, Farley 1-2, Vogtle 1-4, and Barton 1-4. He became Manager of the Steam Projects Planning Department, a position he held until retirement in March 1989.

After retiring, he joined SCS Retirees and has since held all elected offices plus numerous committee assignments. He currently is serving his third year as Treasurer.

Outside activities include serving as choir director (58 years) and Treasurer (45 years) at his church, and on the Board of Directors of his neighborhood homeowner's association (13 years). He bowls weekly and until recently he was an avid tennis player and jogger. He has been an active alumnus of Georgia Tech, holding season football and basketball tickets for over 30 years, and being active in the local Georgia Tech Network.

Again, I say thank you to each one of you that attends a meeting because your attendance makes these meetings a success.

Teresa McCrillis

Hot off the press 2019 Calendars

Be sure to pick yours up at our next meeting January 14

SCS OUTSIDE

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JANUARY - FEBRUARY SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

January Birthdays:

- 2 Mollie Midlik
- 2 Dennis Rickertsen
- 4 Scott Eiserloh
- 4 Evelyn Myers
- 5 Betty Ramsey
- 5 Debra Smith
- 6 Terry Ballew
- 6 Robert Folker
- 6 Bob Haubein
- 6 Bernard Moore
- 6 Marion Price
- 6 Frederick D. Ratliff
- 6 Amy Smith
- 7 Elsie Graham
- 7 Wayne Jones
- 7 Tommy Otts
- 8 Arthur F. Ellis
- 8 Jim Garner
- 8 Dennis McCluskey
- 9 Doug Boylan
- 9 Carla Johnson
- 10 Ken Ingram
- 11 Paul Brashier
- 11 Rena Coleman
- 11 Ronnie Ellis
- 11 Susan Love
- 11 Richard J. Vatovec
- 12 Dee Lyon
- 12 John Kenton Whiddon
- 13 Charles Crane
- 13 Tom Massengale
- 13 Jack Myers
- 14 Dwight Hostetter
- 15 Nancy Bowers
- 15 Sue Dowdy

January Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 16 Donald Hurd
- 16 Edward Knobeloch
- 16 Thelma Walker
- 17 Bobby Jones
- 17 Stan Smith
- 17 Karen Sumerlin
- 18 Derek Ackley
- 18 Randall H. Marlow
- 18 David Strack
- 19 Don Thornburgh
- 20 Bradford Dobbins
- 20 Reed Edwards
- 20 Janine C. Hagan
- 22 Robert Bruce Bowling
- 22 Thomas Wood
- 23 James L. Green
- 24 Elizabeth Oedamer
- 24 Joyce Studinka
- 24 Peter Webb
- 25 Michael Moore Long
- 25 Barbara Wallace
- 25 Jane Webb
- 26 David W. Morris
- 27 Charles Craig
- 27 Gray Murray
- 27 Deborah Rouse
- 27 Robert Teague
- 28 Kathy Elliott
- 28 Jackie Imbusch
- 28 Lindsay Lucas
- 28 Bob Smith
- 29 Dan Bush
- 29 Janice Welliver
- 30 Charles Goodman
- 30 Margaret Moreland
- 30 Clyde Price

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January Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 31 Linda Lenier Brantley
- 31 Sidney Hoover
- 31 Barbara Quinn
- 31 Nina Wilson

February Birthdays:

- 1 Dorothy Cheeley
- 2 Homer Glen Scott
- 3 Richard Wells
- 4 Betsy Black
- 4 James O. Chaffin
- 4 Shirley East
- 5 Michael Burgess
- 5 Sherry Hornbuckle
- 6 Dortha Bailey
- 6 Paul Brown
- 6 William Gresham
- 6 Wanda McKelvy
- 7 Dot Kachelhofer
- 7 David Slovensky
- 8 Donald Falletta
- 8 John Tackett
- 9 John Quinn
- 10 Priscilla Andrews
- 10 Sandra Franklin
- 10 Judy Yance
- 11 Sherion Freeman
- 11 Bill Ramsev
- 12 Jimmy P. Cash
- 12 Russell Hoover
- 12 William Midlik
- 12 Donald Smaha
- 13 Becky Cheatwood
- 13 Gregory William Gilbert
- 14 Michael Hall
- 14 Barry Smith
- 15 Carol Lero
- 16 Phyllis Gilbert
- 16 George Imbusch
- 16 Charlotte Shanlever
- 16 John Lee Slaughter
- 16 Donna Read
- 17 Mary Anne Hornbuckle
- 17 Forest Lero
- 17 Dennis S. Read
- 17 Robert Talmadge
- 18 Walter Dean

February Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 20 David Lewis Abrams
- 20 Don Charles Hagan
- 20 Betty Sue Prince
- 20 Myrna Wise
- 20 Rocky Wright
- 21 Veva Naramore
- 22 Billie Sue Bristow
- 22 Louis Long
- 22 Judi Morris
- 23 Ken Carr
- 24 Kenneth W. Boyd
- 24 Doby Hanks
- 24 Carolyn Smith
- 24 Wayne Troulias
- 25 Gale Dougherty
- 25 Paul Hermann
- 25 Joe Leamon
- 26 Alison Smith
- 27 Carolyn Calhoun
- 28 John Hargett

OBITUARIES

William (Ricky) Ricks, age 67, passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018.

Judy Margaret McCleney Reagan, age 65 of Gardendale, AL passed away on December 8, 2018. Judy retired from Southern Companies with 42 years of service. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Michael Reagan and her parents, James S. and Louise M. McCleney. Judy is survived by her son, Jonathan Reagan, two sisters, Pat Thomas (Don) and Carolyn Gregory; and several nieces and nephews.

From Family and Friends

"Dear friends,

On behalf of **TEAM** I would like to thank you for your generous donation. With your gift we can buy blankets and coats and wrap warmth around our neighbors. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas.

Blessings, Louise Jensen, TEAM President"

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

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 you would like to share.

Please send your input to us at the following email address. This newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter and we truly appreciate all contributions.

Rick and Charlotte Graham dricharlo@gmail.com

Recap of October 15, 2018, Meeting at Earthborn Pottery

SCS/SNC Retirees and their guests met Monday, October 15, for a tour/fellowship at the famous EarthBorn Pottery (http://earthbornpottery.net/) in Leeds, Alabama.

About 20 attendees enjoyed the 45-minute tour, which included the production area, the onsite store where pottery can be purchased, and the studios for lessons and space to create your own works. The group gathered for lunch at a local restaurant following the tour.

Earthborn Pottery's owner Tena Payne creates distinctive handcrafted pottery prized by high-end restaurants and retailers nationwide. Tena, a former Homewood High school student, creates unique pieces that are made for long-lasting beauty.

Tena was gracious to give the tour, and also to donate a bowl that will be given as a door prize at the January 14 meeting

As you may know, Earthborn's client Chris Hastings, chef at <u>Hot and Hot Fish</u> <u>Club</u>, challenged Bobby Flay on Iron Chef America on the Food Network. Chef Hastings

commissioned Earthborn Studios to create a custom line of Iron Chef plates for his featured dishes on the show. Hastings credits Earthborn dishes as helping him win points for presentation that ultimately led to his win in the tight contest. You can see links to videos and articles in the press stories on the Earthborn Pottery website.







JANUARY RETIREE MEETING

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: January 14, 2019

Location: SCS/SNC Offices at the Colonnade

3535 Colonnade Parkway Birmingham, AL 35243

Room: North Towers, 6th floor, Rm. 600

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: -

- Welcome Teresa McCrillis, President
- Retiree Lifestyle Speaker- The Birmingham Iron Football Overview
- Keynote Speaker- Tuscaloosa's Mayor Walt Maddox

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January Retiree Meeting (Cont'd):

Topic: "A Talk with Mayor Walt Maddox"

- 2011 Tornado Response and Restoration
- Economic Development
- Education
- · Issues facing the State of Alabama.

Program Summary:

On Monday January 14, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., we meet again at the Energy Center, the new Southern Company Services/Southern Nuclear offices at the Colonnade (map attached. Please allow ample time to find parking and sign in at the North Tower. The cafeteria is now OPEN for lunch, so come early and enjoy lunch on your own. The Alabama Power Company (APCO) Credit Union HAS relocated to the first floor of the North Tower.

We are delighted to have as **Keynote Speaker the 4-term Mayor of Tuscaloosa, Walt Maddox**.

Mayor Maddox was in office during the April 27, 2011 tornado that devastated Tuscaloosa. He was named Municipal Leader of the Year by American City and County for his strong, decisive and comforting leadership. Walt Maddox was the Democratic 2018 Alabama gubernatorial candidate, seen by many supporters as providing a fresh new vision for the state. He has worked to support data-driven economic development efforts, and to promote education. While completing degrees at UAB, Mayor Maddox was a four-year letter-winner on the football team.



Walt Maddox Biography

Nationally recognized for his crisis management, Walt Maddox leads initiatives to increase economic development through data-driven models, improve customer service with the implementation of Tuscaloosa 311 and provide quality pre-k education for academically at-risk four-year-old children.

On May 22, 2017, Maddox was sworn in for his fourth term as Tuscaloosa's 36th mayor. He recently served as a fellow with the Program on Crisis Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy

School of Government. In 2012, Mayor Maddox was named Municipal Leader of the Year by American City and County (the publication for state and local governments) for his strong, decisive and comforting leadership following the April 27, 2011 tornado.

Mayor Maddox is a Tuscaloosa native and graduated from Central High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science and master's degree in public administration from The University of Alabama at Birmingham. While at UAB, Mayor Maddox was a four-year letter-winner on the football team.

He is married to Stephanie Roberts Maddox and has two children. His favorite hobby is running, and he has completed several marathons and halfmarathons

Link to website for more information: https://www.tuscaloosa.com/government/mayor

Our Retiree Lifestyle Segment features an overview of the new Birmingham Iron professional football team, which begins their season February 10. By the time of our January meeting, the college football champions will have been decided and Super Bowl fever will be under way. Don't despair, football fans will now be able to continue the mania into the spring, as Birmingham Iron kicks off its inaugural game Feb. 10 at Legion Field against the Memphis Express. Birmingham is one of eight franchises in the Alliance of American Football. Birmingham's roster includes former Alabama players Blake Sims and Trent Richardson and Chris Davis, Auburn's Kick Six hero and a Birmingham native. See website https://aaf.com/birmingham-iron/ for more information.

A BIG "Thank You" to Nell Larson for allowing our retiree group to use her membership at Vestavia Country Club for our holiday luncheon. What a great location. Everyone had a wonderful time.



Every year, millions of people make New Year's resolutions, hoping to spark positive change. The recurring themes each year include a more active approach to health and fitness, improved finances, and learning new things for personal and professional development. Chances are, more than a couple of the top ten most common resolutions will look familiar to you:

- 1. Exercise more
- 2. Lose weight
- 3. Get organized
- 4. Learn a new skill or hobby
- 5. Live life to the fullest
- 6. Save more money / spend less money
- 7. Quit smoking
- 8. Spend more time with family and friends
- 9. Travel more
- 10. Read more

Good luck with your 2019 resolutions and may this be your best year ever!

A retired couple had dinner at their friends' house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went to the kitchen.

The two men were talking and one said, "We've been going to a new restaurant and it's really great. I'd recommend it very highly."

The other man asked, "What's the name of the place?"

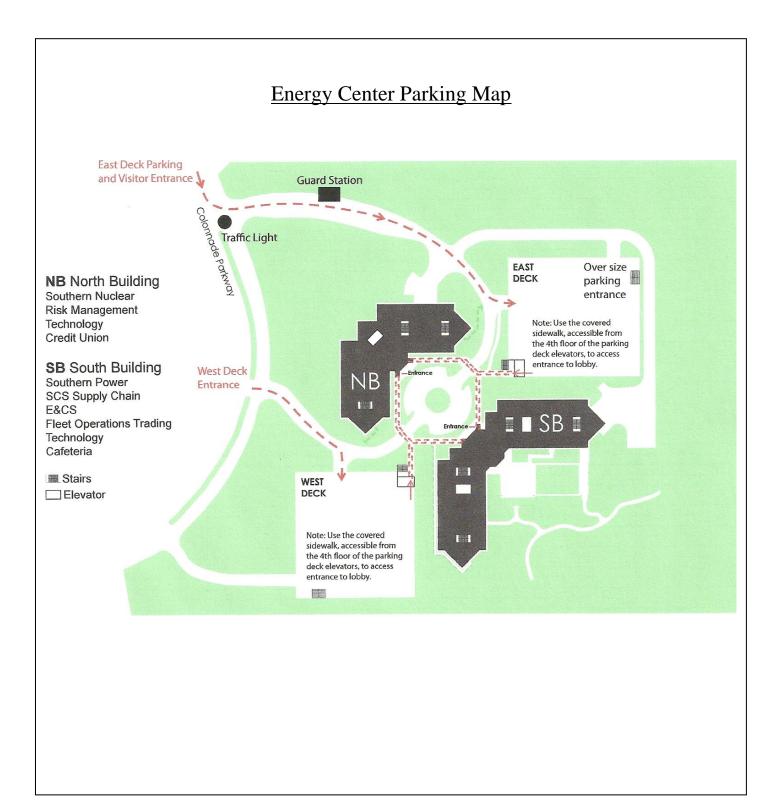
The first man thought awhile and finally said, "What are those flowers you send a woman you love? The ones with red petals and thorns?"

"You must mean roses," he replied.

"That's it," said the man. He yelled to his wife, "Rose, what's the name of the new restaurant we like?"



- Don't let worry kill you let the church help.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Smith, the sin of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Smith.
- Wednesday, the Ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me in my Little Bed," accompanied by the pastor.
- This being Easter Sunday, we ask Mrs.
 Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the alter.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early, and listen to our choir practice.
- The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled.
 Proceeds will be used to cripple Children.
- The eighth-graders will be performing Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- For those who have children and don't know it, we have a new nursery.
- Eight new choir robes are urgently needed, due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.



2018 Leadership

Officers

President: Teresa McCrillis- 912-293-4247 Vice-President: Deanna McCombs – 205-915-9448 Treasurer: Fred Ehrensperger - 205-655-2725 Secretary: Ken McElroy – 205-907-6011

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