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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 have always believed that God gives us many talents. Sometimes it takes a while to discover what they are and make the most of them. When my children were younger, I told them, I had had a terrific voice but by having them they robbed me of that. (I don't believe they EVER believed me though.) They both have beautiful voices, whereas I never have been able to carry a tune in a bucket. So, they knew their singing voices did not come from me, but obviously from God. I know many of you sing in bands, choirs and maybe in the shower. I envy you, your voices. I know, we all have voices, it's just some, like mine, don't really have a recognizable pitch. Lol

Writing is another talent I envy. Rick and Charlotte give me until the very last minute to put this article together. Thank you for being so patient! Every time, I struggle for a topic. I want to be informative, uplifting, entertaining and well, not boring. Amy made a comment that

she dislikes it when articles start with "can you believe its... spring, June, summer, football season... etc., you get the idea. I'm guilty but will try to start my notes off with something more original.

Recently we were in Atlanta and were going to a Braves game. The driver of the Marriott van was such an interesting person. His name is Paul R Hillman. Originally from Jamaica, in 1995 he was a two-time New England champion in boxing. The most amazing thing I found out from him is that he loves to write books. He has written 10 books and had at least 5 published – and here I was struggling to write an article! I asked him how he started writing and he just said he gets an idea in his head and must write it down; then the next thing he realizes, he has written a book. See a God given talent!

I'm still searching for my talent, I know I have one, I just may not, as yet, recognize it. So be patient with me and when you hear me singing, understand I do like to sing Solos, you know, So Low you can't hear me.

Teresa



JULY - AUGUST SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

July Birthdays:

- 1 Frank C. Jones
- 1 Gregory Keith Roberts
- 2 Sonia Garnem
- 3 Albert Burford
- 3 Raymond D. Giroux
- 4 Mohinder Ghuman
- 4 Carolyn Muglach
- 5 Ann Garrett
- 5 Donna Mueller
- 6 Kathy Rickertsen
- 7 Douglas O'Neal Hobson
- 8 James Michael Beeker
- 8 Robin Dyle
- 9 Lee Haubein
- 9 Richard Hovey
- 9 Rhonda Powell
- 9 Marvin D. Salter
- 10 George E. Lum
- 12 Ralph Phillips
- 13 Doris Hardy
- 13 Gerri Monosky
- 13 Larry Posey
- 14 Ginny Green
- 14 John Lontine
- 14 Sandra McCoy
- 14 Sherry Runyans
- 14 George Russell, Jr.
- 15 Peggy Brashier
- 15 Ellan Thigpen
- 17 Jimmy J. Morris
- 17 Russell Noble
- 18 Barry Sykes
- 20 Virginia Brown
- 20 Paula Hairston
- 20 Daniel Wise
- 21 Dennis Runyans
- 22 Mike McKelvy

July Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 23 Judy Long
- 23 Theresa Reed
- 24 Sandra Morgan
- 26 Mike Green
- 27 Carter Leonard
- 28 Kerry Adams
- 28 Teri Pickle
- 29 J. Aufdenkampe
- 29 Ricky W. Cox
- 29 Warren Hopson
- 29 Roy Lyon
- 30 Pam Ely
- 30 John Garlington
- 30 Marv Koski
- 31 Annette Dean
- 31 Howard Foshee
- 31 Mary Ann Glover
- 31 Brenda Kendrick

August Birthdays:

- 1 Ruth Shepherd
- 2 Hubert Pair
- 3 Jim Coleman
- 3 Randall Kyle
- 4 VACIII
- 4 William Fuller
- 4 Willard Payne
- 4 Jerry Wilson
- 5 James W. Dailey
- 5 Gary Hollis
- 6 Robert Beason
- 6 Cindy Holcomb
- 6 Judy Martin
- 7 Andy Patko
- 8 Joyce Amick
- 8 Donald East
- 9 Norman Stringfellow
- 10 Jim Gordy

August Birthday's (Cont'd):

- 10 Gisela Hancock
- 10 Jean Horton
- 10 Jessica McCullough
- 12 Deborah Javorka
- 12 Jim Rooker
- 12 Diana Turner
- 13 Alice Lawrence
- 13 Arthur Lawrence
- 13 Nancy Mooney
- 13 Sandra Spidle
- 14 Ed Muglach
- 16 Margaret Carter
- 16 Mark Greenberg
- 17 John Naramore
- 18 Juan Blanco
- 18 David Burford
- 19 Nancy Moore
- 19 Sherry Morrow
- 19 Debbie Pike
- 20 Peggy Case
- 20 Yon S. Smith
- 20 Don Welliver
- 21 Janet Nebrig
- 23 Jon Hornbuckle
- 24 Steve Sisson
- 24 Lana Thompson
- 25 Lee Ravburn
- 26 Sharon Horn
- 26 Rebecca McKinney
- 26 Lamar Sumerlin
- 27 Jay Dorrance
- 27 Anne Fucich
- 27 James Jarrell
- 28 Forrest S. Brazzell
- 29 Charles David Pugh
- 29 Ty Robin, Jr.
- 30 Mary Romano
- 31 Charles Biddy
- 31 Fran Goforth
- 31 Gene Jennings

OBITUARIES

Alice Mitchell Green passed away on Saturday, May 25 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Frank Mitchell and Eila Jane Mitchell; her husbands, Harold Powell and

Obituaries (Cont'd):

O.K. Green.; her beloved daughter, Joanne Powell Rohling; and her brother, James Frank Mitchell, Jr. She is survived by her sister, Eila Jane Mitchell; her son, Mitchell Richard King Green; her grand-daughters, Stacie Ann Jinks Aldridge, Kelly McCown and Shaun McCown Knight. Also, her nephew Jeb Mitchell, his wife Marisa and their children, Lila and Bennett; seven great-grandchildren and six great, great-grandchildren.

Sarah Ann Skelton Micklewright (SCS) passed away on May 9, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Micklewright, her parents John Hubert Skelton & Vera Edna Channell, brothers Raymond (Bertha) Skelton, Oscar (Betty) Skelton, Alton Skelton, sister Mildred Frances Edge, and son-in-law, KK Brewster. Ann is survived by daughter Suzanne Micklewright Brewster-Bush (Billy), five grandchildren Haley Sanford (Jerry), AJ Bush (Megan), Sarah Anne Brewster, Jackson Ward Brewster and Wyatt Elliott Brewster, four great grandchildren Skylar & Levi Bush, Addie Grace & Logan Sanford and Grace Boyle. Donations in Ann's memory should be made to Huffman Baptist Church.





COME OUT FOR A FUN NIGHT!!!

Please join us as a group on July 13, 2019, as we cheer on the Birmingham Legion. As we heard in a previous meeting, this club began its first professional season on March 10, 2019. They compete in the United Soccer League Championship, the second division of American Soccer.

Birmingham Legion (Cont'd):

Details are as follows:

- Birmingham Legion vs. North Carolina
- July 13th, 7:00 PM at BBVA Compass Field (800 11th Street South, Birmingham, AL, 35205)
- Game consists of two 45 minute halves, and a 15 minute halftime
- Tickets are \$12 each, and seats are being held in a block together on our newly renovated grandstand
- Promo code is **SCSNCR**
- Direct link to input promo code: https://ev2.evenue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/EVExecMacro?linkID=t wblfc&evm=prmo&caller=PR

Tickets can also be purchased at bhmlegion.com under the "Promotions" tab or by directly contacting Allison Cochran at ACochran@bhmlegion.com, or by calling her at 206/600-4635.

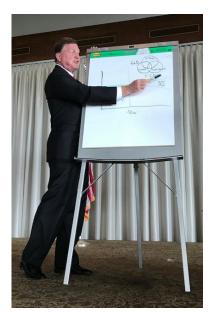
YOU REALLY MISSED IT.....

.... if you weren't at our May Luncheon

Our featured speaker was Tom Fanning, Chairman President and CEO of Southern Company. Mr. Fanning gave a thorough update on the latest happenings within Southern Company and our industry, followed by a time for questions and answers.









JULY RETIREE MEETING

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: Monday July 8, 2019

Location: SCS/SNC Offices at the Colonnade

3535 Colonnade Parkway Birmingham AL 35243

Room: South Tower, Auditorium

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm

Program:

 Retiree Lifestyle Speaker- Liz Smith, VP Operations Milo's Hamburgers

 Keynote Speaker- Jason Kirby, Archivist at Birmingham Botanical Gardens Archives

Topic: "History of Lane Park" (now Birmingham

Botanical Gardens and Zoo)

Program Summary:

Please join us on Monday, July 8, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., at the Energy Center, the Southern Company Services/Southern Nuclear offices at the Colonnade. In a nod to this year's Alabama State Bicentennial, come learn about some beloved attractions as our speaker Jason Kirby makes history come alive!

Address is 3535 Colonnade Parkway, Birmingham AL 35243. We meet in the South Tower, Auditorium, located on the same floor as the South Tower security desk. The cafeteria is on the floor above the auditorium. Please allow ample time to find parking and sign in at the South Tower. The Alabama Power Company (APCO) Credit Union is on the first floor of the North Tower.

We are delighted to have as Keynote Speaker
Jason Kirby, Archivist at Birmingham Botanical
Gardens Archives and Rare Book Room
(https://www.bbgardens.org/). This year 2019 is
the Alabama State Bicentennial, a great time to
learn about some of Birmingham's most beloved
attractions. Jason's presentation covers the

history of Lane Park, a 200-acre park which became the future home of the Birmingham Zoo and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Come see how this park grew from its meager beginnings over the decades to what you see now! (Did you know this area used to be a Tuberculosis Sanitarium?)



Jason Kirby's Bio

Jason Kirby is a native of Gadsden, Alabama, and has lived in Birmingham most of his life. He attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) with a background in Biology. Kirby has worked within the Jefferson County Public Library System for the past nineteen years. He currently works for the Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens (FOBBG), formally known as the Birmingham Botanical Society, Inc. for over twelve years in the position of Archivist for The Library at Birmingham Botanical Gardens. He is the institution's first Archivist, and created the Archives and Rare Book Room in August 2008. Kirby oversees over 300 rare books, Japanese Tea Ceremony artifacts, scrapbooks, antique seed catalogs and garden manuals, plant fossils, botanical prints, photographs and other horticultural and botanical ephemera.

He is currently President of the Society of Alabama Archivist (SALA), and a graduate of the Jefferson County Master Gardeners Association (JCMGA) in 2007 and a recent Harrison Fellow of the Historic Landscape Institute at Monticello in 2016. He is a recent yoga teacher graduate at Birmingham Yoga in 2018. He was honored to receive a lifetime membership to the Garden Club of Alabama by the Edgewood Garden Club in 2015. Kirby has a deep love for gardening, science and history and gives numerous presentations to different garden clubs and plant societies across Jefferson County.

July Meeting (Cont'd):

Retiree Lifestyle Segment:

We will kick off our meeting with our Retiree Lifestyle Segment featuring Liz Smith, VP of Operations for Milo's Hamburgers, a Birmingham-based regional chain with over 20 locations. Started by Milo Carlton, Milo's is known for its secret hamburger sauce and sweet tea, and now also serves breakfast. As Vice President of Operations, Smith is responsible for the restaurant operations, field human resources and training for all Milo's restaurants.

Liz has an inspirational story, overcoming a difficult childhood in Colorado with hard work, faith, and a loving grandmother. She worked her way up in the food service industry from her high school job in a cafeteria to several executive positions nationwide, leading to her current role with Milo's Hamburgers. Liz also volunteers with Hope Inspired Ministries (HIM), a faith-based, local non-profit designed to train low-skilled, poorly educated, and/or chronically unemployed men and women to obtain and maintain employment

(https://www.hopeinspiredministries.org/)



Liz Smith's Bio

Liz Smith is Vice President of Operations of Milo's Hamburger's, Inc. Milo's Hamburgers is a regional fast-food restaurant chain based in Alabama. Milo Carlton honed his burger craft as a mess cook in the U.S. Army and opened his first burger shop in 1946.

As of 2019, Milo's has 20 restaurants, 14 in the Birmingham metro area, two in South AI, one in Tuscaloosa and three in North AL. Milo's is known for its secret hamburger sauce and sweet tea, both included with a pie in the Mega Meal combo.

Prior to Milo's, Smith served as Vice President of Operations for Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc.

(ARG), the second largest quick-service sandwich chain in the U.S. with more than 3,600 restaurants system-wide. Smith also served as Vice President of Operations with Furr's Restaurant Group and then Regional Director with Whataburger, Inc. Smith joined Milo's Hamburgers in February of 2014.

As Vice President of Operations, Smith is responsible for the restaurant operations, field H.R and Training for all Milo's restaurants. Smith graduated from the University of Phoenix with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. Smith and her husband, Robert, enjoy spending time with their son, Key, and dogs, Murphy and Amos.



Alabama Bicentennial

Would you like to have a fun guide to Alabama's historic destinations, to explore all parts of this beautiful state in its Bicentennial year? The Alabama Bicentennial PastPort does just that! It comes in both a hardcopy form that you can get "stamped" like a passport when you visit locations, or is available in a free mobile app. Hardcopy PastPorts are \$10 each, are 7 inches by 5 inches and feature 174 full color pages with nearly 300 destinations statewide. The hardcopy versions are available online at ALABAMA 200 shop, or you can get a copy at Vulcan's gift shop The Anvil in Birmingham. Retirees can take advantage of free time to take short jaunts to many interesting spots.

You will learn about a wide variety of history in each county. As noted on al.com, "For example, Macon County lists the Tuskegee Airmen, the Tuskegee University, and the spot where the Commodores recorded "Brick House." Hale County is home to Magnolia Grove, Moundville State Park and the Safe House Black History Museum."

Another example is in Madison County, where the U.S. Space and Rocket Center is located, where "brilliant minds built the rockets that put man on the moon", a must-see in the 50th anniversary of the moon landing this July. But you may not be aware that Madison County had "one of the most elegant health resorts in the New South crowning the top of Monte Sano Mountain. Celebrities traveled from far and wide to soak in the cool air and big views. Also, delegates argued, wrote, and rewrote drafts of Alabama's first constitution in a local cabinet shop." Follow the founders' journey at Alabama Constitution Village.

This website:

http://alabama200.org/engage/participate/pastport/includes the following information:

The *Alabama Bicentennial PastPort* is a passport to the past. Presented by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and co-sponsors Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc., Airbus, Verizon, and Alabama NewsCenter, the PastPort encourages people of all ages to explore every corner of the state.

The guide features destinations—including historic sites, museums, and landmarks—in each of Alabama's 67 counties combined with historical information and beautifully designed original artwork by the Birmingham-based firm Tatum Design. The PastPort is available in two forms:

An engaging, 174-page printed PastPort featuring nearly 300 destinations statewide.
 Travelers can have their PastPort stamped at select sites in each of Alabama's 67 counties.
 The PastPort is available for purchase online at the <u>ALABAMA 200 shop</u>. (Note: Vulcan gift shop in Birmingham, AL also keeps some copies for sale).

Or

A free, interactive mobile app complete with content provided by the *Encyclopedia of Alabama*. The PastPort app ensures that anyone, anywhere can make a virtual visit to the state's historic destinations. The app is available now through iTunes and Google Play. To download the app on an iPad, refine your search results to include iPhone apps.



Humor-the BEST medicine!!!

A boy breaks an old vase at a rich Uncle's house. The uncle gets extremely angry and yells: "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!" The boy sagged in relief: "Oh, good that it wasn't new."

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I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. The fly didn't stand a chance.

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Level of cooking expertise: Using smoke alarm as timer.

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An old guy in his Volvo is driving home from work when his wife rings him on his cell phone.

"Honey," she says in a worried voice, "please be careful. There was a bit on the news just now, some lunatic is driving the wrong way down the highway."

"Oh it's worse than that," he replies, "there are hundreds of them!"

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An old lady comes to her doctor and says, "Doctor, you know how you told me I should avoid going up and down stairs as much as possible?"

"Yes," nods the doctor, "we agreed on that after the latest X-rays."

"Well I don't know if it was such a great recommendation. All the climbing up and down the rain gutter is really exhausting!"





Funny Church Signs

- Adam and Eve: The first people to read the Apple terms and conditions.
- Don't give up. Moses was a basket case.
- We are still open between Christmas and Easter.
- Experts made the Titanic. Amateurs made the Ark.
- Jesus was the original potter, not Harry.
- Acting perfect in church is like dressing up for an x-ray.



To many revelers, the Fourth of July is an excuse to relax under the hot sun with cold beers while indulging in high-calorie foods, but the history of America's Independence Day is richer than anything on their holiday bill of fare. Below are some fun facts about the U.S. birthday that you may find interesting:

 John Hancock was the only member of the Continental Congress to formally sign the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, 1776.

- The Fourth of July was not declared a federal holiday until 1938.
- The first White House Fourth of July party was held in 1804.
- Back in 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed, 2.5 million new people lived in the U.S. Now 240 years later, 311 million people live in the U.S.
- The now American-celebrated song, Yankee Doodle, was originally written by officers of the British army to make fun of backwoods Americans.
- Three United States presidents died on the Fourth of July: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.
- In one year, \$600 million is spent on fireworks alone in the U.S.
- Most of the signers of the Declaration did not formally sign until August 2, 1776.
- Though it is no treasure map as predicted by Nicholas Cage in "Treasure Hunt 2", the message "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776" is written upside down on the back of the Declaration of Independence.
- Bristol, Rhode Island is home to the world's oldest Independence Day celebration. It dates back to 1785!
- In 1781, the great state of Massachusetts became the first one to declare Independence Day a holiday.



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 also 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 email address. This newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter and we truly appreciate all contributions.

Rick and Charlotte Graham dricharlo@gmail.com

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