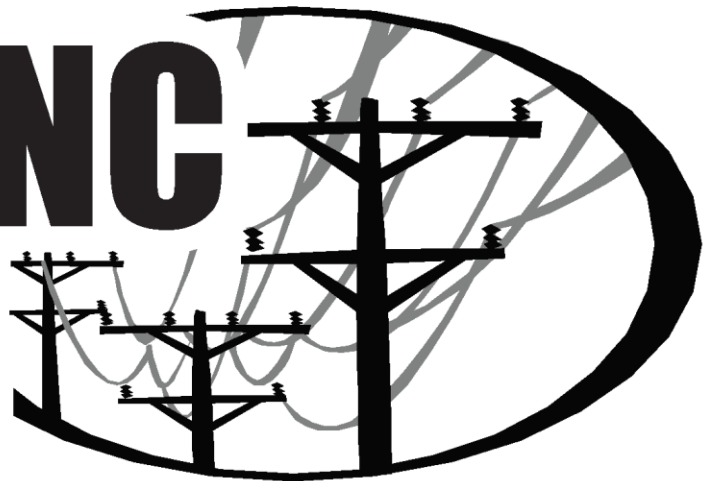


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Word from the editor:

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:

Grandbabies - Grandchildren -- Grandparents

Grand as defined by Webster: Having more importance than others, wonderful

There is a reason all those words begin with GRAND. Having grandbabies, grandchildren and being a grandparent is wonderful. I know we have all heard the saying that if we had known having grandchildren was so much fun, we would have had them first! Well, I'm not sure I can disagree.

Obviously, you might be able to tell I am a relatively new grandmother. My son has a 15-month-old son that is the cutest, and smartest kid ever, if you don't believe me, just ask me! I am also blessed with 3 foster grandchildren, two boys, an 11-year-old and a 3-year-old and a 9-year-old girl. My daughter has a house full of the best kids around. They have been in our family for two years and we pray every day they stay with us forever. They have changed the way I view the world.

I read a study recently about aging, and children. Did you know older adults that are active in children's

lives live an average of 15 years longer? So, what are we waiting for? There are so many children that would benefit from our life experiences. I am not advocating for any cause other than to continue to enrich the world we live in by sharing with a child. Contact your church, your neighborhood, your local school to see if they need someone to come read to the class or help guide a young adult. Our retiree organization has so many wonderful people with vast amounts of life knowledge that a child of any age would benefit from your help and just think of the joy they can add to your life.

One thing I have learned since being a grandma is that I didn't remember how tired I could become! A couple of days of just playing and spending time with your grandbabies can certainly wear you out. I hear many of you discussing taking your grandchildren on vacations without their parents. I hope to be in your shoes one day, but I have realized I have to keep active to keep my stamina up to keep up with them.

Teresa



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

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September – October SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

September Birthdays:

1 Shelia Hollis
1 James O. Welch
2 Keith Tenney
3 Linda Chastain
3 William A. Olmstead
4 Carol Newton
6 Rebecca Farris
6 Larry Weaver
7 Johnny Gwin
8 Jeane Rayburn
10 Wayne Carr
10 Larry Wall
11 Gene Kachelhofer
11 Bill Ponder
11 Alice Smith
12 Virginia Biddy
12 Fred Ehrensperger
12 John Hall
12 Rick Kaster
13 Betsy Kopecky
13 Grady Luster
13 Carol Yeager
15 Janice Hovey
15 Doug Maxwell
15 Tom Mueller
16 Sandra M. Perry
17 James Gregory Cherry
17 Juanita Leonard
17 Martha Price
17 Sarah Tackett
17 Charles Yates
18 Byron Rex Yance
19 Carol Garner
20 Gerald L. Daniels
20 Stanley L. Wilke
22 Sharon Venz
22 Dan Yates
23 Kathy Jones
24 Paula Ackley

September B'days (Cont'd)

24 Mark Freeman
24 Mary Varagona
25 Kay Davis
26 Liz Winter
27 Robert Oedamer
28 Donna McElroy
28 Bill Thurman
29 Ron Mosley
29 Mark Orr
29 Gerald Prince
29 William G. Ware
30 Jerry Hall
30 Mac Sumrall, Jr.
30 Charles Tucker

October Birthdays:

1 Bill Hanks, Jr.
1 Robert B. Worthington
2 Bonita Burford
2 Tricia Logan
2 Mary Alice Thurman
3 Carol Alldredge
3 Donald Moore
4 Donald Riendeau
5 Patricia Hollis
5 Jill Shelton
6 Glenda Beason
6 Anne K. Lugar
6 Victor Alan Springfield
7 John Sorge
7 Mary Weaver
8 Ray Easterling
9 Luverne Blackwood
9 Don Franks
9 Alan S. McCullough
10 Teresa McCrillis
12 Cathy Eidson
12 Guy Mitchell
12 Regina Troulias

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October B'days (Cont'd):

13 Gayle Price
14 Brenda Hall
14 Diane Milton
14 Rhonda Talmadge
15 Rick Rice
16 Philip Demyan
16 Frank Studinka
16 Ivette Williams
17 Carl Kraynak
17 Gary Joseph Schnier
18 Billie Ewing
18 James Ludwig
18 Kevin Mark Patton
19 Bonnie Russell
21 Robert E. Elliott
22 Ernestine Craig
22 Charles Kitchens
22 Jane Salter
23 Hal Miner
24 Don Burdeshaw
25 Raymond Garnem
25 Billy Pickle
26 James Blackmon
26 Mindy Long
26 Ken Turnage
27 Robin Cox
27 Donna Johnson
27 John J. Mitchell
27 Patti Price
27 Pam Stringfellow
28 Ken McElroy
28 Jennifer Sykes
29 Larry Dawkins
30 Howard Mahan
30 Stan Riley
31 John Lucas
31 Lee Mansfield
31 Cheryl Maxwell

OBITUARIES

Linda (Lyn) Moore Brown, (SCS), age 72, passed on July 11, 2019. Lyn was preceded in death by her parents and her husband of 46 years, Roger A. Brown. She is survived by her children, Christopher Brown (Annie) and Karen Towers (Jeff); grandchildren, Daniel, Nicholas, Katherine and Evelyn Brown and Brandon Towers. She is also survived by her sister, Brenda Chapman (Steve) and family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Lyn's

memory to The Greater Birmingham Humane Society or the MS Society - Alabama/Mississippi Chapter.

Billie Fikes Davis, (SCS-Electrical Design), age 92, of Trussville, AL passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2019. Billie was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Davis; brothers, Charles W. Fikes and Bobby Fikes; and son-in-law Jackie Powell. She is survived by her children, Larry Davis (Jackie), Nancy Powell and Carol Cameron Alfano (Rick); sisters, Barbara White and Peggy Rideout; grandchildren Peter and Bradley Davis, Whitney (Powell) Brink and Lindsay (Powell) Bright, Barrett and Brent Cameron and 9 great-grandchildren.

Phillip Dyer Grissom (SNC), age 59, passed away on August 20, 2019. Phil is preceded in death by his parents, Dyer and Nell. He is survived by his wife Ruth; his three children, Kelsey (Lee), Lindsey (her cat), and Macy (Jacob); his three grandsons, Keller, Houston, and Morgan; and his brother Jeff (Kay), as well as several nieces, nephews, and many cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Branch UMC at 123 Camp Branch Road, Alabaster, AL 35007.

Michael B. Miller, Sr., (SCS-Electrical Engineering), age 72, of Trussville, AL passed away on July 18, 2019. Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Edna Miller and a sister-in-law, Bobbie Miller. Michael is survived by his wife Carol Richards Miller; his son, Michael B. Miller, Jr, (Suzanne); daughter, Christy Waldrop (Kevin); grandchildren, Michael B. Miller, III, Mason Miller, Caroline Waldrop, Lola Waldrop and Sam Waldrop; brother, Ralph D. Miller; sister, Marlin ETT Miller McNay (Dennis); numerous nieces and nephews.

Arnold Roy Sims Jr., (SCS), age 72, of Pelham, Alabama passed away on July 19, 2019. He is survived by his wife Sharon E. Sims, his two children Kelly Sims Herron (Keith) and Roy "Ro" Sims III (Stevi), grandchildren Charles Herron, Sims Herron, Caroline Herron, Hayes Sims and Madi Claire Sims. Preceded in death by A. Roy Sims, Sr. (Father), Ruth Hailey Sims (Mother), Sandra Sims Evers (Sister) and Herman Evers (brother-in-law). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church for budget needs: First Baptist Church of Pelham, 2867 Pelham Pkwy, Pelham, AL 35124.

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Obituaries (Cont'd):

Joseph Cullen Vance III (Buzz), (SCS – Mechanical Engineering), passed away just after his 73rd birthday. Buzz was preceded in death by his beloved parents, and is survived by his wife, Sandy, their 3 daughters and son's in law, Christina and Charlie Rogers, Ryan and Eddy Horton, Erin and Brad Meacham, four grandsons (Biggs, Hunter, Sam, Finn) and three granddaughters (Sofia, Cheyenne, Dana), his younger brother Robert Steven "Steve" Vance, and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be sent to any of Buzz's favorite charities in his honor: MathCounts Foundation at mathcounts.org, at heart.org, at act.ALZ.org

Carol Yeager, (SCS), passed away on August 14. Carol was predeceased by her parents, George David Langston and Maude Lee Wallace; brother, Erskine Durwood Langston; and sister, George Ann Morgan; beloved husbands, Lee C. Williams (1973-1991) and Dewey Yeager (1994-2016). She is survived by nephew, David Langston and his fiancée, Tina Paio, Tina's daughter, MeiLing Wong of West Palm Beach, FL; niece and husband, Jennifer and Tim Garnto; great nephew, Joshua Garnto; and brother-in-law, Jim Morgan; stepdaughter and husband, Martha (Williams) and Lin Burdette; step son-in-law, Charles Hines; sisters, Peggy Murphy and Nettie Williams. She is also survived by beloved Wallace, Langston, Williams and Yeager cousins;

Donations are encouraged to the following organizations: Alabama Animal Adoption Society, 2808 Crescent Ave., Homewood, AL 35209; Greater Birmingham Humane Society, 300 Snow Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209; Shelby Humane Society, 381 McDow Road, Columbiana, AL 35051; Sylacauga Animal Shelter, 41 Shelter Lane, Sylacauga, AL 35151; Crestway Baptist Church, 6400 Crestwood Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35212 or Mountain Chapel United Methodist Church, 2541 Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, AL 35243.

YOU REALLY MISSED IT.....

.... if you weren't at our July Meeting

We kicked off our July meeting with our Retiree Lifestyle Segment featuring **Liz Smith, VP of**

Operations for Milo's Hamburgers. Liz shared her inspirational story of 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

Our Keynote Speaker was **Jason Kirby, Archivist at Birmingham Botanical Gardens Archives and Rare Book Room.** Jason's presentation covered the history of Lane Park, a 200-acre park which became the future home of the Birmingham Zoo and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Pictures from July 8 Retiree Meeting



As you may remember, in 2018 we had a presentation featuring the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. At that time, we asked for volunteers to teach as well as encouraged retirees to sign up for their classes. On June 5, Southern Nuclear's David Lambert spoke to Olli in Vestavia on commercial nuclear power in the U.S. He touched on the newest storage plans for spent fuel and explained that nuclear power is the cleanest of all power sources, leaving NO carbon footprint. David made this topic interesting and understandable to nontechnical folks. Fall classes begin soon with registration underway. Check out their catalog at Olli.ua.edu



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SEPTEMBER RETIREE MEETING

MEETING DETAILS:

Date: Monday September 9, 2019
Location: Heart of Dixie Harley-Davidson Dealership in Pelham
333 Cahaba Valley Pkwy N,
Pelham, AL 35124
Room: Harley-Davidson Clubhouse
Time: 1:00-2:00 pm - Benefits Update
2:00-3:30 pm - Band Featuring
"Jay and the Elders"

Program Summary:

We're doing something a little different for our September meeting. The Colonnade room was unavailable, so we are going to a NEW location just for this one meeting. Bring your spouse/guest and come join us (casual dress.) It will be a bash you don't want to miss!

Our first-ever "See You in September" lemonade social will be held at the Heart of Dixie Harley-Davidson Dealership in Pelham, in the HOG Chapter room near the Oak Mountain Amphitheatre, up on the hill behind Cracker Barrel and Golden Corral. The address is: 333 Cahaba Valley Pkwy N, Pelham, AL 35124

After our regular meeting from 1:00-2:00 featuring our annual Southern Company Benefits update and special retiree speakers, we have the fabulous band "Jay and the Elders" playing from 2:00-3:30.

"Jay and the Elders" is a local eight-piece band, playing oldies from Elvis to the Eagles. You will recognize band members SNC retiree Jim Blackmon, and APC retiree David Cooper. Come prepared to enjoy some of your favorite music and

light refreshments and show your smooth moves on the dance floor (electric slide welcome too).



"Jay and the Elders" featuring retirees Jim Blackmon (SNC) and David Cooper (APC)

The 1:00 regular program kicks off with the Retiree Lifestyle Segment featuring retired Executive VP/ SoCo Generation Chief Production Officer Jerry Stewart and his lovely wife Ella Ruth, sharing their experiences riding their Harley motorcycles all over the country.



Ella Ruth and Jerry Stewart riding their Harleys. The couple started riding in 1996-97 mainly with power company folks. Come hear as they share their unforgettable experiences at our September 9 meeting at Heart of Dixie Harley-Davidson in Pelham!

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Ella Ruth and Jerry Stewart getting ready for another ride!



Our featured speaker is George Marling, Senior Consultant in Southern Company Benefits. We are delighted to have George back with us to provide a high-level overview of the benefits program and take questions from the audience. This talk is customary before we sign up for benefits this fall and is a great way to have face-to-face discussion of any changes. **We will send out a separate email for retirees encouraging them to submit questions ahead of time so that George can do some research prior to the meeting;** however, you will also be able to ask additional questions at the meeting.

George Marling currently works in Southern Company Benefits as a Senior Consultant. Marling joined Southern Company in 2000 as a recruiter for Southern Company Generation and Alabama Power. In 2001, he assumed the role of HR Business Consultant for Engineering and Construction Services. In 2005, he assumed the same role supporting Competitive Generation, Southern Power and Generation Finance.

Marling earned a bachelor's degree from Atlanta Christian College in Human Resource Management. Originally from Eaton, Ohio, George and his wife Brandi currently live in Calera, Alabama. They have 5 children Drew, Hannah, Olivia, Ben and Maggie. George enjoys hunting and fishing and college sports.

We hope to see all of you on September 9. Guaranteed to be a GREAT time!!!



Humor – the BEST medicine!!!

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- I'm bored. I think I'll go to the mall, find a great parking spot and sit in my car *with the reverse lights on.*
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- #####
- If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
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- #####
- When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing" it doesn't mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
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- #####
- Sixty might be the new forty but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
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- #####
- If you answer the phone with "Hello, you're on the air!" most telemarketers will quickly hang up.
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- #####
- When you do squats are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?"
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- #####
- If my body is ever found on a jogging trail just know that I was murdered somewhere else and dumped here.

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Football Trivia



Can't believe the football season is already upon us!! To kick things off here are a few bits of trivia you may find interesting.

- Football was essentially rugby until 1882, when new rules were established that gave each team three tries to advance the ball five yards.
- That's also why the field looks like a gridiron. Lines had to be established so teams knew how far they had to go.
- Kickers got more respect in those early days. Originally, touchdowns were only worth four points, while field goals were worth five.
- In football's early days, the forward pass was illegal, so most plays were variations on a theme of "ball carrier smashes into the line of scrimmage." Unsurprisingly, this limited playbook led to a lot of injuries.
- As president, Teddy Roosevelt threatened to ban football unless new rules were established to ensure player safety. The revised rules introduced the forward pass.
- The new rules also cut the time of the games by ten minutes. Games were originally 70 minutes long.
- The huddle was first used in the 1890s by quarterback Paul Hubbard, who was deaf. Hubbard was concerned the other team could interpret his hand signals, so he brought his teammates into a round formation to call plays.
- The first professional football player was William "Pudge" Heffelfinger. He was paid \$500 to play in a game in 1892.
- The first televised professional football game took place in 1939. It wasn't quite the huge spectacle that pro football has become—that first broadcast only appeared on approximately 500 TV sets.
- If you're talking to a mathematician, the shape of a football is best described as a "prolate spheroid." But everyone will know what you're talking about if you just say "football-shaped."
- Fans who pay attention to the ball itself will notice a subtle difference between the pro and college balls. While both levels use identically sized balls, college games are played with balls that have white stripes painted on either end. These markings supposedly make a passed ball easier to spot while it's in flight.
- The longest field goal made in pro football history was 64 yards. The longest attempted field goal in pro football history was 76 yards. It missed.
- The name "football" was originally fitting since the game was largely played with players' feet. The first college game took place in 1869, but modern fans likely wouldn't have recognized the action. Each team had 25 men, and players weren't allowed to pick the ball up. Instead, they advanced towards the goal by kicking it or swiping at it with their hands.
- When future president Herbert Hoover attended Stanford in the early 1890s, he was a student manager of the football team. According to team lore, when Stanford and Cal met on the field for the first time in 1892, there was a delay after Hoover forgot to bring the ball.
- Modern games don't have this problem: Pro rules dictate that the home team has to have 36 balls (for outdoor games) or 24 balls (for indoor games) ready for inspection by the referee two hours before a game's starting time.

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September Fun Facts

- The **name of the ninth month of the year – September** – comes from the old Roman word “**septem**”, meaning “seven”, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month.
- The Romans believed that the month of September was looked after by the god of the fire and forge – **Vulcan**. Therefore, they expected fires, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions in this month.
- The **zodiac signs** for September are Virgo (August 23 – September 22) and Libra (September 23 – October 22).
- The **birthstone** for September is the sapphire, which is said to reduce inflammation, treat fever and act as a lucky charm for the person wearing it. The sapphire, present in almost every color (rich blue, pink, yellow, green etc.), symbolizes intuition, clarity of thought, peacefulness, as well as loyalty and trust.
- There are three **traditional flowers** of the month of September: the aster, symbolizing love; the forget-me-not, representing memories and love; and the morning glory, symbolizing unrequited love.
- Special **holidays** in September include Labor Day (the first Monday in September), the September equinox (September 22nd), National Grandparents’ Day (celebrated in the U.S. on the first Sunday after the first Monday of September).
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October Fun Facts

- The **name of the month of October** comes from the Latin “**octō**”, meaning “eight”, because in the Roman calendar October was the eighth month of the year. With the adding of January and February after the Julian calendar reform, October became the tenth month of the year, as we know it today.
- The Anglo-Saxons called October “**Wintirfylith**”, meaning “fullness of winter”.
- The holiday of **Halloween** comes from “All Hallows’ Eve” or the night before “All Hallows” day (“All Saints” day) In old English “hallow” means “to sanctify”.
- The **zodiac signs** for October are Libra (September 23 – October 22) and Scorpio (October 23 – November 21).
- The **birthstones** for October are the tourmaline and the opal. Tourmalines display a wide spectrum of colors (yellow, pink, blue, red, green, black or brown). They are believed to help you stay calm under pressure, bring peace and tranquility and defeat emotions like anger and jealousy. Opals exhibit different colors (green, white, yellow, blue, pink) depending on the conditions under which they were created. Opal gemstones are believed to cure eye infections, strengthen memory, calm nerves and enhance creativity.
- The **traditional flower** of the month of October is the calendula, symbolizing comfort, healing, protection and grace.
- Special **holidays** in October include Halloween (10/31), Columbus Day (second Monday of October), Yom Kippur, Diwali, and International Peace Day (October 2nd).

Call for Nominations!!!

Each year our organization donates to three charities selected from the nominations we receive from our retirees. It's that time of year again. If you would like to submit a nomination, please complete the form on the following page (Page 10) and submit via e-mail to:

dricharlo@gmail.com

or by USPS to:

Charlotte Graham
2521 Magnolia Place
Birmingham, AL 35242

If you prefer you can go to our Retiree Website at <http://www.scsretirees.com> and click on "Operations" and then click on "Nominations for Charitable Contribution Form".

Please submit no later than October 1.

Thank you.

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Nomination Form

Designated Charity for SCS Retiree Contribution

1. Name of Charitable Organization: _____

2. Address of Charitable Organization: _____

3. Contact Information@ Organization: _____

Name

_____ email address

_____ Telephone

4. Mission/Work of Charitable Organization:

5. Nominated by: _____

6. Reasons why SCS Retiree Organization should contribute to this Organization (use additional sheet if necessary):

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2018 Leadership

**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 e-mail address. This newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter and we truly appreciate all contributions.

Rick and Charlotte Graham
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