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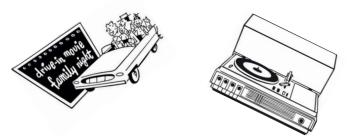
Remember that this is your newsletter. Make sure information you have that is relevant to all gets to me to be included in the newsletter.

Anyone else wish this pandemic would just go away??? While things have not been easy over the past 6 months we have managed to stay the course. For those of us who grew up in the 1930's, 40's and 50's we have been thru many things that helped to make us stronger and enhanced our coping mechanism.

> A Tribute to TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED GROWING UP IN THE 1930's. 40's and 50's !!

The best years to be born in the history of Earth & we got to experience it all!! Thank God for all the times, the adventures, wars won, technology developed. Generations after future generations will never experience what we did. What a generation we turned out to be.

• First, we survived being born to mothers who may have smoked and/or drank - while they were pregnant.



- They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.
- Then, after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored, lead-based paints.
- We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets, and, when we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps, not helmets, on our heads.
- As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.
- Riding in the back of a pick- up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.

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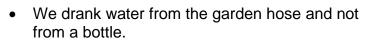
Want to keep up with what's happening? Got a computer? Visit the SCS Retiree Website http://www.scsretirees.com

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A Tribute to TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED GROWING UP IN THE 1930's, 40's and 50's !! (Cont'd)





- We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.
- We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar. And we weren't overweight. WHY? Because we were always outside playing -that's why!
- We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.
- No one was able to reach us all day and, we were OKAY.
- We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill, only to find out that we forgot about brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.
- We did not have Play Stations, Nintendo and X-boxes. There were no video games, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVDs, no surround-sound or CDs, no cell phones, no personal computers, no Internet and no chat rooms. WE HAD FRIENDS. And we went outside and found them!
- We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and lost teeth, and there were no lawsuits from those accidents.



- We ate worms, and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.
- We would get spankings with wooden spoons, switches, ping-pong paddles, or just a bare hand, and no one would call child services to report abuse.
- We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, 22 rifles for our 12th, rode horses, made up games with sticks and tennis balls.
- We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them.
- Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!!
- The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of ... they actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, and inventors ever. The past 60 to 85 years have seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

If you are one of those born between 1925 & 1955, CONGRATULATIONS!!



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September Birthdays:

1 Shelia Hollis 3 Pamela Aufdenkampe 3 Linda Chastain 4 John Brolund 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 12 Virginia Biddy 12 Fred Ehrensperger 12 John Hall 12 Raymond Herrin, Jr. 12 Tom Johnson 12 Rick Kaster 13 Betsy Kopecky 13 Grady Luster 13 Jacquelyn Mills 15 Janice Hovey 15 Doug Maxwell 15 Tom Mueller 17 Linda Ponder 17 Sarah Tackett 18 Byron Rex Yance 19 Ronald Bankester 19 Carol Garner 22 Alvin J. McGrew 22 Sharon Venz 22 Dan Yates

September B'days (Cont'd):

23 Kathy Jones 24 Paula Ackley 24 Alan R. Barton, Jr. 24 Mark Freeman 24 Mary Varagona 25 Kenneth Walker 26 Liz Winter 27 Robert Oedamer 28 Norma Crisler 28 Donna McElroy 28 Bill Thurman 29 Ron Mosley 29 Mark Orr 29 Gerald Prince 29 William G. Ware 30 Charles Tucker

October Birthdays:

Bill Hanks, Jr.
Bonita Burford
Gaye Choat
Tricia Logan
Mary Alice Thurman
Carol Alldredge
Donald Moore
Donald Riendeau
Patricia Hollis
Jill Shelton
Glenda Beason
David N. Evans
John Sorge
Mary Weaver



October B'days (Cont'd):

9 Luverne Blackwood 9 Don Franks 10 Teresa McCrillis 12 Cathy Eidson 12 Guy Mitchell 12 Regina Troulias 13 Gavle Price 14 Brenda Hall 14 Diane Milton 15 Becky Daugherty 15 Rick Rice 16 Philip Demyan 16 Ivette Williams 17 Carl Kraynak 18 Billie Ewing 18 James Ludwig 18 Kevin Mark Patton 19 Bonnie Russell 21 Chitra Desai 21 John Michael Elmore 21 Robert E. Elliott 22 Ernestine Craig 22 Jane Salter 23 Lester Bruce Weeks 24 Don Burdeshaw 25 Raymond Garnem 26 James Blackmon 26 Mindy Long 26 Ken Turnage 27 Pat Cofield 27 Robin Cox 27 Pam Stringfellow 28 Ken McElroy 28 Jennifer Sykes 29 Larry Dawkins 30 Howard Mahan 30 Stan Rilev 31 John Lucas

.....IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.....

Unfortunately, as a result of COVID 19 we are having to <u>cancel</u> our meeting scheduled at the Colonnade on September 14, 2020. We really miss seeing everyone and look forward to the day we can meet in person.

OBITUARIES

Lester E. Daw, (SCS), passed away on June 20, 2020. He is survived by his wife Paula of Birmingham, AL, her daughter Stephanie Robinson (Robert), and granddaughter, Cary Marie Robinson of Calera, AL; sister Barbara Kirsch (Henry) of Gulf Breeze, FL, brothers Johnny Daw (Myong) and Jerry Daw (Tina) of Evergreen, AL; and two nieces Kelly Daw Mooney (James), and children Grace and Dawson of Eclectic, AL; and Kayla Daw Givan (Will) and their daughter, Pharibah of Auburn, AL.

Donald L. East passed away on March 1, 2020. He is survived by his wife Shirley. Donations in Donald's memory can be made to Graysville Methodist Church, P.O. Box 128, Graysville, AL 35073..

William Danny Herrin, age 69, passed away on July 17, 2020. Danny is survived by his wife Shirley, his son Gregory Herrin, and his sister Susan Langley.

Jan Stowe, age 72, passed away on May 24, 2020, She is survived by her husband Peter, her son Dr. William P. Stowe III of Mountain Brook, daughter-in-law Dr. Angela M. Stowe and their two children William P. Stowe IV (Liam) and Julia F. Stowe, son Michael B. Stowe and Christina Hendrix of Cumming, Ga., and brother David E. King (Merrily) of Mobile, AL. Donations in Jan's memory can be sent to Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church or a charity of your choice.

"To Our Friends at SCS/SNC Retirees,

Thank you so much for your donation to our church in Don's memory - He loved his church. And thanks for your words of comfort and encouragement in the sympathy card received. Don's journey with Parkinson's was not easy, but Praise the Lord he was completely healed on that Sunday morning. We are so thankful that the one we loved, loved Jesus too.

Shirley East and daughter Julie McLendon"



The 100 folds in a chef's hat represent 100 ways to cook an egg.

Yes, that tall, pleated white hat that chefs wear — technically called a *toque* — has 100 folds for a reason! According to Reluctant, the pleats used to signify a chef's level of experience, like the number of ways he or she knew how to prepare eggs.

The longest wedding veil was longer than 63 football fields.

If you thought veil was long, get this: there's a woman in Cyprus who set the <u>Guinness World</u> <u>Record</u> for the longest wedding veil. How long was it, you ask? Nearly 23,000 feet, which is the same length as about 63.5 football fields.

Some cats are allergic to people.

FYI for all you people allergic to cats: they <u>might be</u> <u>allergic to you</u>, too! It's pretty uncommon due to the fact that we bathe ourselves more often than other species and don't shed as much hair or dead skin, but yes, it *does* happen.

Trivia (Cont'd):



Apple Pie isn't actually American at all.

The next time you call something "as American as apple pie," you might want to consider the fact that neither apple pies nor apples originally came from America. <u>Apples are in fact</u> native to Asia, and the first recorded <u>recipe for apple pie</u> was actually written in England.

You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from more than 2 miles away.

The world's largest animal's heart weighs <u>about 400</u> <u>pounds</u> — approximately the size of a small piano.

The lyrebird can mimic almost any sounds it hears — including chainsaws.

Wildlife watchers have recorded the Australian species copying not only other birds but other animals, like koalas, and artificial sounds such as <u>car</u> <u>alarms and camera shutters</u>.

Elvis only won 3 Grammys.

The King of Rock and Roll had 18 #1 hits in his career, but struck out on 11 of his <u>14 nominations</u>. The record for the most Grammy wins actually belongs to <u>George Solti</u>, the longtime leader of Chicago Symphony Orchestra, with 31 awards to his name.

If Facebook were a country, it would have 1 billion more people than China.

At 2.45 billion monthly users, Facebook overshadows China's (1.4 billion) and India's (1.3 billion) populations. Even Instagram has three times as many people as the U.S. now.

Not every Model T was black.

For the first few years of production, Ford's famous car came in gray, green, blue, and red. It was only after 1914 that customers could order "any color so long as it is black," as the dark paint dried faster than other hues.

About 700 grapes go into one bottle of wine.

That's <u>approximately 2.6 pounds</u>, if you're wondering how much "fruit" you get when you uncork your favorite red.

A \$1 bill costs 5 cents to make.

According to the Federal Reserve, each buck lasts about six years, and there's about \$1.79 trillion of U.S. currency in circulation right now.

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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER



Victory over Japan Day (also known as V-J Day, Victory in the Pacific Day, or V-P Day) is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end. The term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made – August 15, 1945, in Japan, and because of time zone differences, August 14, 1945 (when it was announced in the United States and the rest of the Americas and Eastern Pacific Islands) – as well as to September 2, 1945, when the surrender document was signed, officially ending World War II.

August 15 is the official V-J Day for the United Kingdom, while the official US commemoration is September 2nd. The name, V-J Day, had been selected by the Allies after they named V-E Day for the victory in Europe.

On September 2, 1945, a formal surrender ceremony was performed in Tokyo Bay, Japan, aboard the battleship USS *Missouri*. In Japan, August 15 usually is known as the "memorial day for the end of the war"; the official name for the day, however, is "the day for mourning of war dead and praying for peace". This official name was adopted in 1982 by an ordinance issued by the Japanese government,





Apart from the fact that it's celebrated on the first Monday in September every year and that you get a day off work on Labor Day, what else do you know about the public holiday that started in 1894? According to the US Department of Labor, the holiday "constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country." Today, Labor Day is all those things and more as it's also a great day for retailers, and for some Americans it's the unofficial end of the summer.

<u>History</u>

We owe two men a debt for creating Labor Day. The history books don't conclude whether Matthew Maguire, who was with the International Association of Machinists, or Peter McGuire, who was part of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, initiated the holiday but both are said to have been equally important in establishing the day. When Peter McGuire witnessed the annual labor festival in Canada, he proposed a similar holiday in the US. When Matthew Maguire proposed Labor Day to the Central Labor Union in 1882, he did so without reference to McGuire's proposal that occurred earlier in the same year.

Labor Day Parade

The first Labor Day Parade occurred on September 5, 1882. On that day, approximately 10,000 New Yorkers participated. Each took unpaid leave to support the event. That parade began at City Hall, went passed Union Square and then along 42nd Street. It came to an end at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue in Wendel's Elm Park, where the participants stopped for a picnic and a concert. Today, Labor Day is celebrated with parades and carnivals across the nation.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER (Cont'd)

Happy Labor Day (Continued):

Federal Law

Although Labor Day isn't directly responsible for the Adamson Act, it certainly helped gain national recognition that change was needed in the employment laws. The Adamson Act was a law passed in 1916 that regulated working hours and limited them to eight hours a day in private companies. Overtime pay was also part of the act that stood in place until 1996 when it was repealed, although all of the major terms within it remain within the United States Code.

Labor Day Traditions

Many consider Labor Day to signal the end of the summer but it's also thought of as the start of the college football season. Many still wonder why the NFL doesn't begin its season on that weekend but at least it gives NCAA football the spotlight. Tennis fans come out in force on Labor Day as the US Open coincides with the holiday and NASCAR mark the weekend with Throwback Weekend at Darlington. The Southern 500 has been a Labor Day tradition since it began in 1950, although the traditional date was lost for 15 years as the race moved around the schedule to accommodate larger markets.





On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al Qaeda hijacked four airplanes and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the planes were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, a third plane hit the Pentagon just outside Washington, D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Almost 3,000 people were killed during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which triggered major U.S. initiatives to combat terrorism and defined the presidency of George W. Bush.

In the decade since the September 11, 2001, attacks the country has been mired in protracted wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Department of Homeland Security was established, and Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the attacks, was killed. The Patriot Act and other legislation expanded presidential authority and government intrusion into our personal lives while decreasing our civil liberties



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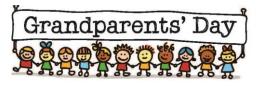
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 National Grandparent's Day



An auspicious day to honor grandparents, Grandparents Day is **celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day** in the United States and several other countries. As such, this respectable day marks the celebration of all grandparents, who play a significant role in lives of numerous young people and their families.

It is not just a day to sell cards and flowers and present them to your grandparents, but it is observed for honoring the grass roots that have made efforts to keep the generations continuous. Initiated by the Americas,

National Grandparents Day is commemorated mainly for three purposes: honoring grandparents, giving grandparents an opportunity to shower their love for their children's children, and helping children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer.





Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on **September 18, 2020** (but dates vary year-toyear.) Many Jewish holidays begin at sunset. Some internet websites record these holidays on the first full day, while others sites state the date when it begins at sunset.

Rosh Hashanah is the celebration of the Jewish New Year. In celebrating the New Year, Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation of the world. It is also one of the holiest days of the Jewish year.

Yom Kippur begins at sunset of September 27, 2020; (but dates vary year-to-year.) "Yom Kippur" means "Day of Atonement". Appropriately, people set aside this day to atone for sins they have committed. It is a day of prayer, fasting, and a time to attend the synagogue. Jewish people will also not work on this day, one of the most important days in the Jewish calendar. During Yom Kippur, people seek forgiveness from God, and seek to give and receive forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Yom Kippur always occurs ten days after Rosh Hashanah. Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah are the only Jewish holidays that do not have roots in a historical religious event.



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Halloween is a holiday celebrated each year on October 31. The tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints. Soon, All Saints Day incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows Eve, and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a day of activities like trick-or-treating, carving jacko-lanterns, festive gatherings, donning costumes and eating treats.



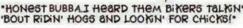


Laughter... The best Medicine









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

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