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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 hope this Newsletter finds everyone well. The summer is over, and fall has arrived with welcomed cooler temperatures. Also, the holiday season is on its way – what a great time of the year.

We had our September Meeting at the Southern Museum of Flight on September 13, 2022 and had a great turnout. Cindy Freeman, Alabama Power HR Specialist discussed our benefits and then conducted a Q&A session. She spent several hours after the presentation answering questions. I believe she demonstrated the type of support we desire from our benefits representatives, and I feel everyone was well pleased with her presentation. She is a great contact for all our benefit questions. In addition to Cindy, we also had excellent entertainment by Jay and the Elders.

Our last meeting of the year will be held on November 15 at the Vestavia Hills Country Club. We will be presenting our annual donation to three non-profit organizations and each organization will speak about what they do and what our donations will help them accomplish. Our proposed 2023 Officers and Board members will also be announced, and approval sought from retiree membership present.

I have been honored to serve as your President for 2022 and I will continue to work to do all I can to help make our meetings enjoyable and exciting. I have also been honored to serve with our dedicated 2022 Leadership Team. Their hard work has led to new ideas and actions that have enhanced our retiree meetings. I personally want to thank them for all they do and want everyone to know that they are what makes our retiree group successful.

I continue to ask all retirees to provide input and feedback throughout the year. We want to ensure that we have a retiree group where everyone knows they are a vital part. Complete success only occurs when everyone participates and does their part to help achieve excellence.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Vestavia Hills Country Club on November 15, 2022.

Dave Lisenby

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

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

November Birthdays:

- 1 Shelia Noland
- 1 Livingston Ross
- 1 Christie Whaley
- 2 Ronald Arthur
- 2 Billy Ely
- 2 Charlotte Graham
- 2 Lynne Madison
- 3 Susan Evely
- 3 Cindy Flowers
- 3 Wanda Manning
- 3 Rosalou Maxwell
- 4 Michael W. Horton
- 4 Sharon Miller
- 5 Skeet Edmonson
- 5 Jeanne Nelson
- 5 Terrence Reis
- 5 James C. Thompson, Jr.
- 7 Nan Altizer
- 7 Allison Lee
- 7 Betty Ponder
- 7 Jennifer Ricketts
- 7 Linda Sanders
- 7 Reiko Taylor
- 10 Dennis Kendrick
- 10 Stephen Minor
- 11 Meg Fowler
- 11 Charles Hickman
- 11 Jackie Wright
- 12 Thomas Sanford
- 13 Calvin C. England
- 13 Deborah Greene
- 14 Dora Brandt
- 15 Robert Crawford
- 15 Renee Gwin
- 15 Lamar Larrimore
- 16 Bruce Hunt
- 16 Stanley Varnum, Jr.
- 16 Larry Wallace
- 18 Sherry Baldone
- 18 Theresa Burns
- 18 Dale Evely
- 18 Beverly Lisenby

November Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 18 Rosemary Tenney
- 19 Charles Cantrell
- 19 Sharon Jones
- 19 Tim Long
- 19 Billy Walker
- 20 John Ives
- 22 Deborah B. Hodgson
- 22 Carl Logan
- 23 James Shivers
- 25 Michael Belford
- 25 Gary Daugherty
- 26 Trudy Strain
- 28 Noel Chambless
- 28 Tom Greene, Jr.
- 28 Dot Legg
- 29 Jerry Lee Monosky
- 30 Martha Gail Pugh
- 30 Sondra Smaha
- 30 Celia Yates

December Birthdays:

- 1 Sharon Chaffin
- 1 John Edmundson
- 2 James Alldredge Jr.
- 2 Jo Ellen Ives
- 3 Oliver Kingsley
- 3 Branden Thigpin
- 5 Terry Hatcher
- 5 Daniel Stephens
- 6 Betty Shivers
- 7 Cynthia Ballard
- 9 Kelly Falletta
- 9 Linda Henry
- 9 Vandalyn Kingsley
- 9 James Mike Reed
- 11 Lynda L. Bartlett
- 11 Kathy Porteous
- 11 Debra Taylor

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December Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 13 Dan Javorka
- 13 Benjamin Pilleteri
- 14 Doyle Crews
- 14 Dean Drinkard
- 14 Jeffrey Franklin
- 15 Cynthia Jones
- 16 Ted McGill, Jr.
- 17 C. Ross Armstrong
- 17 Rhonda Lancaster
- 17 William Norton
- 18 James Bailey
- 18 Marc Butts
- 19 Patsy Evans
- 19 Bradley Long
- 20 Pat Moore
- 20 Christel Purinton
- 20 Jerrell Rowell
- 20 Teresa Sampson
- 20 Shireen Thomas
- 20 Skip Wells
- 21 Daniel Craven
- 21 Debbie Dulion
- 22 Joan Brooks
- 22 Mary Lou Knight
- 22 Doug Shelton
- 22 Steve Wilson
- 23 Richard Chastain
- 23 Malcolm Garner
- 24 Wayne Moore
- 25 Tallulah DeMarco
- 25 Herb Erbskorn
- 25 Phillip W. Garrett
- 26 Peggy Byars
- 26 Mary Dean Shelton
- 26 Kenneth Sransky
- 27 Edward Price
- 27 Mary Willis
- 27 Charlene Yates
- 28 Deborah Hostetter
- 28 David Varner
- 29 Kathy Dawkins
- 29 Penny Manuel
- 30 Lucille Belford
- 30 Sandi Boylan
- 31 Buddy Coggin
- 31 Joseph Elliott
- 31 Dave Lisenby



Don't forget to set your clock back one hour on November 6!!





Reminder: Don't Forget to Vote on November 8!!!

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OBITUARIES

Eric Gray Huckabee, age 73, (Southern Company Services), passed away on September 27, 2022. Eric was preceded in death by his father, mother and sister, Francis Kay Huckabee. He is survived by his wife Melinda Huckabee, children Adrienne (Mark) Thornblom, Eric (Jennifer) Huckabee, and Jessica Huckabee; seven grandchildren; and a brother William Barry Huckabee. The family requests that donations in Eric's memory be made to The University of Arkansas for Medical Services (UAMS) Foundation designated for Multiple Myeloma Research, Myeloma Center.

Haynes Stokley Morgan, age 78, (Southern Company Services), passed away on September 7, 2022. Stokley is survived by his wife, Sandra Savage Morgan; two sons, Wade Morgan (Vicki) and Kerry Morgan (Megan); five grandchildren, Chris Morgan (Nikki), Trent Morgan, Will Morgan, Mollie Kate Morgan, and Tripp Morgan; one great-grandson, Cooper Morgan; and one sister, Malissa Haslam (Larry).

William Burch Reed, age 94, (Southern Company Services), passed away on September 14, 2022. Bill was preceded in death by his wife Betty Reed and his parents Eugene M. and Clara Reed; brother Eugene Reed Jr., and sisters Barbara Hester and Patricia Gardner. He is survived by daughter Susan Hene (Paul); son Scott Reed (Stacey); grandchildren Stuart Hene (Sarah); David Hene (Kristin); Russell Hene (Brogan); Winston Reed; and Kendall Reed; great grandchildren: Harper Hene; Burch Hene and Cullen Hene; Worth Hene, Haze Hene, and Rove Hene. The family requests dontions in Bill's memory be made to American Stroke Association.

Euel Wade, age 85, The Southern Company, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2022. He was preceded in death by his wife Ann Wade. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Donna Wade; son and daughter-in-law Bill and Suzanne Wade; grandchildren Morgan and Blake Wade (and fiancé Emily Harlow), and Taylor and Hailey Wade. The family requests that donations be made in Euel's memory to the Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 485, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.





David Lambert, retired Chief Engineer – Mechanical, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, will be teaching a class on nuclear advancements for The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) as part of the Spring 2023 course package.

The 2-lecture class will meet on Thursdays, January 19 and 26, at 10:30 am and it is titled "Rethinking Nuclear Energy: Is it time to look at new small reactors and consider this clean form of energy as a possibility for today?" This class is offered by Greater Birmingham OLLI chapter which is part of the University of Alabama OLLI program (https://olli.ua.edu/) and is only open to OLLI members, so consider joining OLLI now to take advantage of all the great benefits!

To join, there is an annual OLLI Membership Fee of \$50, plus the Spring Semester Course Package Fee \$50 that will enable you to take any of the courses in the spring catalog. To register, go online at www.olli.ua.edu/register, or call 205-348-3000.

OLLI Member Benefits include:

- Intellectual, cultural, and social interaction in a member-governed organization
- Opportunity to increase knowledge and explore new interests where learning is fun
- A diverse program offered through an online platform
- Bonus presentations on an unlimited variety of topics
- Field Trips- visiting places of interest
- Socials and special events
- UA library card privileges
- UA Action Card and Bama Perks
- Participation in OLLI Special Interests Groups
- Meeting and enjoying peers actively involved in lifelong learning
- Engagement in senior-friendly learning
- Invitations to campus lectures and presentations

Thanks to the financial support from the Bernard Osher Foundation, The University of Alabama's College of Continuing Studies, partners, and contributors, the OLLI membership fees remain very low.

Come Celebrate!!

IT'S TIME FOR OUR RETIREES HOLIDAY LUCHEON! PLEASE JOIN US!

MEETING DETAILS

DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Vestavia Hills Country Club

400 Beaumont Drive Birmingham, AL 35216

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

(sign in/social hour begins at 11:00 a.m. Seated luncheon

begins at noon)

Entertainment will be provided by accomplished pianist, Nathan Lyons. Nathan is a local musician and minister, currently on staff at First Baptist Church of Birmingham. He is a graduate of Samford University, where he earned both a bachelors and master's degree in music. Nathan is married to his best friend Lindsay, and they have two children.





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If you were not at our September 13 Meeting.....

.....YOU MISSED A GREAT SPEAKER AND GREAT ENTERTAINMENT!!

Our Keynote Speaker, **Cindy Freeman** from Alabama Power Health & Well Being, spoke to us about our Insurance & Retirement Benefits and she also took questions from the audience. This was followed by "**Jay and the Elders**", an eight piece band (which includes our very own Jim Blackman, SNC retiree and APC retiree David Cooper) played oldies from Elvis to the Eagles. Everyone seemed to enjoy their time that day. (See pictures below and on the following pages.)

PICTURES FROM OUR SEPTEMBER 13 RETIREE MEETING



Dave Lisenby, SCS/SNC Retiree Group President



Cindy Freeman, Alabama Power Health & Well Being

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PICTURES FROM OUR SEPTEMBER 13 RETIREE MEETING (Cont'd)



Mary Romano and Fred Ehrensperger, SCS Retirees



Margaret Carter, SCS Retiree



Susan Venz and Fred Ehrensperger, SCS Retirees



Speaker Cindy Freeman and Retiree Beverly Lisenby

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PICTURES FROM OUR SEPTEMBER 13 RETIREE MEETING (Cont'd)



Retirees enjoying Music by Jay and the Elders





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Spotlight on our Employees

Submitted by: Gary and Jo Ann Hollis

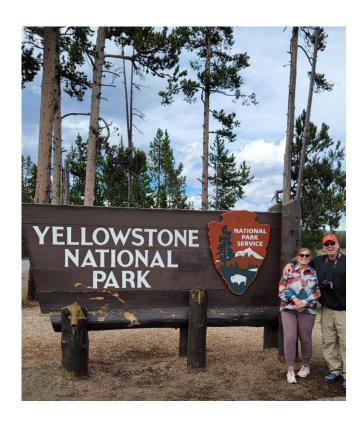
Jo Ann and I recently returned from a 3-week trip out West: Eight states including Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota. We visited Sedona, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Canyon, Arches National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Little Bighorn National Park and finally Mount Rushmore. The majesty of our National Parks and uniqueness of towns like Taos, Jackson Hole and Sedona must be seen in person to fully comprehend the beauty and culture permeating those areas. The resourcefulness of native Americans and their will to maintain their wonderful persona is exemplary. It must be seen in the 1st person. We traveled into several reservations including Navajo, Pueblo, Cheyenne, and Crow. The artwork, pottery and native population is beautiful and very distinctive.

The wildlife was more active near the end of our travels, including deer, elk, moose and buffalo. Rut season had begun. Yellowstone was under heavy road construction throughout.

We begin planning this bucket list vacation some three years ago but put together our final itinerary and nightly stays this summer. With three cameras available, we took over 700 photos. Needless to say, we highly recommend a similar tour.







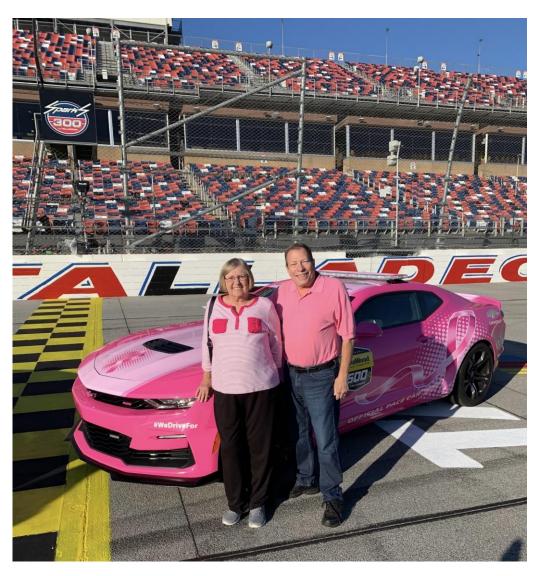
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Submitted by: Deborah Javorka

On October 2nd, Deborah & Dan Javorka were invited by the American Cancer Society to attend NASCAR at Talladega. Chevrolet promoted Breast Cancer Awareness month during this race. We actually got to ride on the track in the Chevy Pink Pace car going up to 152mph! What a rush! Also, we attended the Garage (Pit) Experience watching the teams get their cars ready for the race. This was a very unique experience and one we will never forget!



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Submitted by: Joe Katz

Linda and I celebrated our 60th Anniversary on September 15. We had a trip planned but had to cancel due to a health procedure. We moved our trip to October 10. We traveled to a Bed and Breakfast in Waynesville, NC referred to as The Yellow House. This is a quaint old home converted to a B & B and in the past, we have celebrated our anniversary there. If you have never heard of it please check it out on the internet at www.theyellowhouse.com. This is a beautiful area to visit this time of year.



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HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER – NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER



Veterans Day, observed annually on <u>November 11</u>, is a tribute to military veterans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Not to be confused with Memorial Day, which honors those who died while in service, Veterans Day honors all military veterans, including those still with us.







Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States, and Thanksgiving 2022 occurs on Thursday, November 24. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.



Christmas is celebrated on <u>December 25</u> and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending

church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.





Every year on <u>December 31</u> people around the world celebrate New Year's Eve, the last day of the year. It's a day to say "goodbye" to the old and "hello" to the new.





FACTS TO PONDER



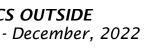
- ♣ You're born with just 1 pint of blood, but by the time you're an adult you have 4 to 5 quarts.
- The human body contains enough fat to make seven bars of soap.
- It's impossible to hum while holding your nose. Go ahead, try it!
- Your stomach acid is strong enough to dissolve metal.
- The average lifespan of an MLB baseball is just 7 pitches.
- ♣ Golf is the only sport to have been played on the moon. In 1971, Alan Shepard hit two golf balls on the lunar surface with a makeshift 6-iron.
- The term "winning something hands down" came from horse racing. A jockey who is far enough ahead can slacken the reins and keep his hands down.
- Sperm whales are the loudest animal on Earth at 230 decibels. (By comparison, an airplane is 150 decibels at takeoff.)
- ♣ To prevent themselves from drifting apart, sea otters hold hands while they sleep.
- Blue whale hearts weigh almost a ton and beat once every 10 seconds.
- ♣ A dog's sense of smell is so good that it can detect a teaspoon of sugar in a million gallons of water, or two Olympic-sized pools.
- That apple you buy in the grocery store could be over a year old.
- Most wasabi paste you get in a sushi restaurant isn't wasabi at all, but horseradish.
- Lobsters used to be so cheap that they were frequently used to feed prisoners.
- Dentures were once routinely made out of actual human or animal teeth.
- The Pacific Ocean is larger than all land masses on Earth combined.
- ♣ The pressure in the deepest part of the ocean is over 8 tons per square inch, which is equivalent to having 50 jumbo jets piled on top of you.
- ♣ You can't visit the world's biggest waterfall, because it's actually deep underwater in the ocean, between Iceland and Greenland. The flow of the Denmark Strait cataract is 2,000 times more powerful than Niagara Falls.
- Beer was legally classified as a soft drink in Russia until 2011.
- A hummingbird's heart can beat up to 1,260 times per minute (in one species, at least).
- The longest hiccupping attack lasted 68 years.
- Tsunamis can move at speeds over 500 miles per hour!
- Flamingos turn pink due to the sheer amount of shrimp they consume.

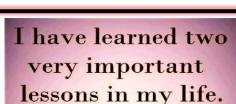




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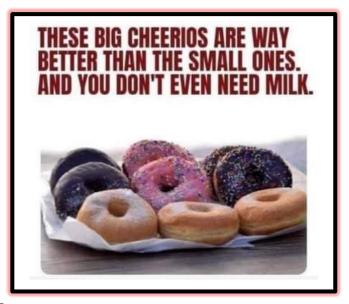


FUNNY BUSINESS

It's Amazing **How Much Exercise** and **Extra Fries Sounds Alike**

A man is suing **Smart Water for not** making him smart, and I'd like to formally announce my lawsuit against Thin Mints.

I'm not trying to make waves here, but in my opinion: Dove chocolate taste way better than their soap.



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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.

Rick and Charlotte Graham dricharlo@gmail.com

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