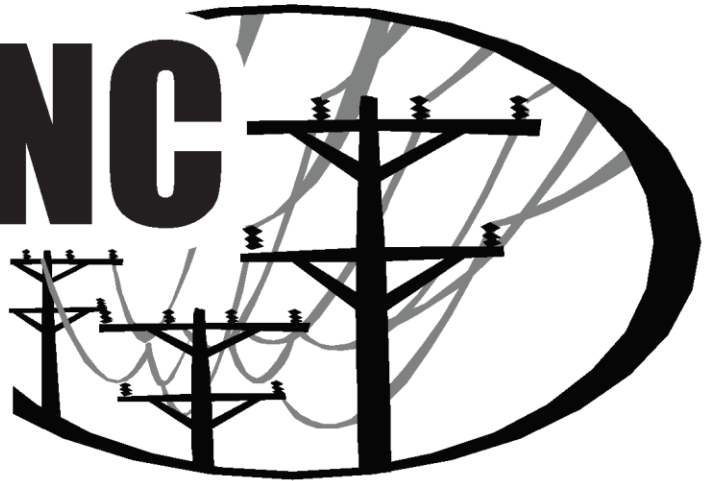


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Word from the editor:

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 everyone had a great holiday season and that you are looking forward to the coming year!

First, I'd like to thank last year's members for their service. In 2022 we were finally able to relax COVID restrictions and get together every other month. The spring and holiday luncheons were successful and fun, and we had excellent speakers for all our get-togethers.

As most of you know, our group's charter contains guidance to "further the common good and general welfare of the Greater Birmingham, Alabama Metropolitan Area communities." In the fall of 2022, board members screened and nominated non-profit charitable organizations to receive funding. Many of our members already support local community organizations, and our choice of funding in the past has targeted local charities. The board reviewed the nominations received from our members and three charities were selected. These recipients spoke at our holiday luncheon at Vestavia Hills Country Club on November 15. (More details / pictures on this event are contained in this newsletter. We have also included a list of the 2023 board members approved by our membership at the luncheon.

For 2023 please plan on six bi-monthly meetings, with the first meeting taking place on Tuesday January 10, at the downtown Alabama Power Building and the Spring luncheon which will be held in early May at The Club. Don't forget to bring your partner!

We will continue efforts to have quality speakers at all events. Speakers may be from our company or from our community, but always selected to bring us new and relevant information. We are always looking for interesting speakers and topics for our in-person events and for our newsletter. Your feedback and suggestions are very important to us.

On the last page of this newsletter are the phone numbers of your board members so please don't hesitate to call or, if you'd prefer, send an e-mail to the group's email address:

socosncretirees@gmail.com.

Don't forget to visit our website for more information on the group and events:

<http://www.scsretirees.com/>

I'm looking forward to serving as your president this year and thank you again to Dave Lisenby and the board members for getting our event schedule back on track in 2022!

Ken McElroy

Want to keep up with what's happening? Got a computer? Visit the SCS Retiree Website

<http://www.scsretirees.com>

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JANUARY-FEBRUARY SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST

January Birthdays:

2 Frederick Dixson-Whitt
2 Dennis Rickertsen
3 Reba White
5 Betty Ramsey
6 James Carman
6 Bob Folker
6 Bob Haubein
6 Marion Price
7 Elsie Graham
7 Wayne Jones
8 Willard Brooks, Jr.
8 Fred Ellis
8 Naysa Gallups
8 Jim Garner
9 Doug Boylan
11 Paul Brashier
11 Rena Coleman
11 Gary Little
11 Richard Vatovec
12 Dee Dee Lyon
14 Dwight Hostetter
15 Donald L. Roberts
16 Thelma Walker
17 Bobby Jones
17 Karen Sumerlin
18 Derek Ackley
18 Gaye Aultman
18 Alison Edmonson
18 Charles Lane
18 Vivian Mann
19 Janice Hamilton
19 Carolyn Ann Jordan
19 Randy Lee
20 Reed Edwards
20 Janine Hagan
22 Deborah Jennings
22 Betty Middlebrooks
23 Sallie Barham
24 Elizabeth Oedamer

January Birthdays (Cont'd):

24 Nedra Smith
24 Peter Webb
25 Barbara Wallace
25 Jane Webb
26 Phyllis Ford
27 Charles Craig
27 Deborah Rouse
28 Lindsay Lucas
29 Dan Bush
29 Janice Welliver
30 Charles Goodman
30 Clyde Price
31 Sidney Hoover
31 Skip Kitchens
31 Barbara Quinn
31 Nina Wilson

February Birthdays:

3 Jeanne Fallon
3 Mark Allen Kelley
4 Betsy Black
4 James O. Chaffin
4 Dennis Middlebrooks
5 Albert Jones
6 Paul Brown
6 Dot Kachelhofer
6 Wanda McKelvy
7 Allan Lane Morton
8 Don Falletta
9 Marvin Leo Dunagan
9 John Quinn
9 Frances Walker
10 Judy Yance
11 Bill Ramsey
11 Valerie Webster
12 Russell Hoover
12 Donald Smaha

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February Birthdays (Cont'd):

- 13 Dale Elliott
- 13 Dave Lambert
- 13 Gary McKinney
- 14 Joseph Ciza
- 14 Mei Mulvehill
- 14 Charlotte Shanlever
- 16 Donna Read
- 17 Elizabeth Eastis
- 17 Dennis Read
- 18 Walter Dean
- 18 David Marsh
- 19 George Walter Robson
- 20 Don Charles Hagan
- 20 Betty Sue Prince
- 20 Myrna Wise
- 20 Rocky Wright
- 21 Veva Naramore
- 22 Mallory Burt
- 22 Louis Long
- 22 Robert Tillery
- 23 Ken Carr
- 24 Doby Hanks
- 24 Carolyn Smith
- 24 Wayne Troulias
- 25 Paul Hermann
- 25 Tricia Hiller
- 27 Carol R. Lisby
- 27 Melissa Marsh



OBITUARIES (CONT'D)

and her sister Jane Uzzell Dowling. She is survived by her husband Kenneth Edwin Blackmon; her brother Thomas Randolph Uzzell, III (Libby); three children, Mary Jo Blackmon Buckley (Gene), David Kenneth Blackmon (Mary Claire), Jonathan Taylor Blackmon (Lindsey); three grandchildren (Lucy, James Rowe, Kate), and many nieces and nephews.

Glenn Eugene Lacey Jr. (Southern Company), age 74, passed away on November 12, 2022. Gene was preceded in death by his father and mother, Glenn Eugene Lacey, Sr., and Dorothy Smith Lacey; one grandson, Duncan Collins; and son-in-law, Jeff Cobb, Sr. He is survived by his wife Nancy Duncan Lacey; his children, Amanda Lacey Purkey (Kevin), Anna Lacey Keef (Alex), Robyn Avery Cobb, and Angie Avery Mayfield (Shane); grandchildren, Avery Langley, Cole Langley, Bella Collins, Claire Purkey, Libby Cate Collins, Andrew Purkey; one brother, Tim Lacey (Belinda); great-grandchildren, Nolan Langley, Liam Langley and Jack Langley; numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Butterfly Bridge; 502 5th Avenue N., Clanton, AL 35045.

Thomas Allen Nunnely, (Southern Company), age 90, passed away on December 26, 2022. Mr. Nunnely is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Nunnely and their three children; sons Paul Nunnely (Bonita) and Jeff Nunnely (Angie); and daughter Jill Yoder (Greg); 11 beloved grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Dunwoody Baptist Church Samaritans Sunday School Class.

Clara Gipson Posey (Pierce) (Southern Company), age 85, passed away on November 25, 2022. Clara was preceded in death by her parents Andrew Gipson and Ruby Gipson; brother Bobby Gipson; first husband Don Pierce; two sons John Pierce and Bart Pierce. She was also preceded in death by her second husband Tom Posey. Clara is survived by her son Timothy Pierce; grandchildren Ashley Pierce Smith (Steven), Bradley Pierce, Amanda Hartley Partacz (Dustin); great-grandchildren McKenzie Smith, Charlie Smith, and Ryland Partacz; her daughters Teresa Posey Capra and Vicki Posey Rogers; grandchildren Thomas Capra, Claire Capra, Emily Creel (Joseph), Jacob Rogers, Sarah Rogers (Baker); and great-grandchild Sutton Rogers. Additionally, she is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.



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Melinda Jo Uzzell Blackmon, (Southern Company Services), age 61, passed away on December 19, 2022. Melinda was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Randolph Uzzell, Jr; her mother, Martha Taylor White Uzzell;

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FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS



**FORGING A FUTURE BEYOND BREAST
CANCER. UNTIL THERE'S A CURE
THERE'S FORGE!**

Dear Retirees:

You are making a lasting impact on breast cancer survivors. Thank you for your donation of \$1000. This donation will help care for Alabama breast cancer patients, survivors, and those who love them. We are so grateful to be honored by the retirees and for the ability to tell your group about Forge.

At Forge, we count ourselves as lucky to be able to work with such strong and vibrant individuals, who show courage and grace through adversity each day. Forge was created to walk alongside each person who is affected by breast cancer, providing personalized services, support, and resources. Your contribution continues to make our vital work possible.

Thank you again for your commitment to Forge and to the breast cancer community.

**With gratitude,
Lauren Roberts
Executive Director**

Dear Retirees:

Thank you sincerely for helping us to reach out to the hungry, the homeless, the hurting, the helpless and the hopeless, especially the many, many kids who need our help.

**Daniel Cason
KIDS CHRISTIAN MUSIC CENTER**



Dear Retirees:

Jay and I so appreciate the donations you made to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation in his honor. We are so touched by this gesture.

Thank you for remembering him and then acting on it by donating. Jay continues to have a very positive attitude toward his disease and inspires many every day.

Thank you again for your gift.

**Much love,
Jay and Sabre Whitt**

YOU REALLY MISSED IT...

... if you weren't at our November Holiday Luncheon.

During our absolutely delicious luncheon at Vestavia Country Club, we were entertained by Nathan Lyon, a local musician and minister currently on Staff at Birmingham First Baptist Church. (See additional pictures on Page 6.)



Nathan Lyon

Additionally, checks were presented to the three organizations selected as our 2022 Charitable Contributions recipients. Those selected were (1) Hearts in Hands, (2) Daniel Cason Ministries, and (3) Forge Breast Cancer Survivor Center. Below is a brief description of the powerful ways these organizations impact our communities.

Hearts in Hands is a non-profit organization working in partnership with people in the greater Birmingham area. They provide critical home repair services and wheelchair ramp construction to people who cannot afford them and have nowhere else to turn. This group of skilled volunteers is dedicated to helping those most in need. Many of their clients do not have family living in the area or family able to help them. Hearts In Hands is frequently able to meet these needs



YOU REALLY MISSED IT... (Cont'd)

2021 Charitable Contributions (Cont'd):

Daniel Cason Ministries reaches out to the homeless, the helpless, the hurting, the hungry and the hopeless with love and compassion. The week leading up to Thanksgiving 2022, free groceries were distributed to those living in the poorest communities of Birmingham.

Last year they served families in ten communities and their goal for 2022 was twenty communities! The Tuesday before Thanksgiving the ministry distributes hot meals, groceries and clothing all day at the ministry center, located at the corner of Graymont Avenue and 7th Street North.



Forge Breast Cancer Survivor Center supports, empowers, and improves quality of life for Alabama breast cancer patients, survivors, and those who love them from the day of diagnosis through the rest of life.

Forge was organized to provide educational, logistical, and emotional support to breast cancer survivors through a patient-centered, community-based partnership with local health systems and other strategic partners. We assist Alabama patients, survivors, and co-survivors in taking an active role in their fight against breast cancer by offering support, knowledge, strength, and direction.

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Pictures from November 15 Holiday Luncheon



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JANUARY RETIREE MEETING

MEETING DETAILS:

- Date:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023
- Location:** Alabama Power Building Auditorium
600 18th Street North
Birmingham, AL 35203
- Time:** 1:00-2:00 pm
(See Parking Lot Access Instructions **Page 8**)
- Program:** **Lifestyle Speaker** : Robert Cornelius
Elder Law & Probate and Estate Planning Attorney



Robert Cornelius practices throughout Alabama in the legal field of Elder Law and Special Needs. His office has over 50 years of experience in the areas dealing with issues such as protection of personal and business assets, paying for long term care and/or nursing homes, guardianships and conservatorships, elder abuse, wills and trusts, Power of Attorney, Living Wills, and Health Care Directives.

Keynote Speaker :

We are working to get a Southern Company speaker to give us an update

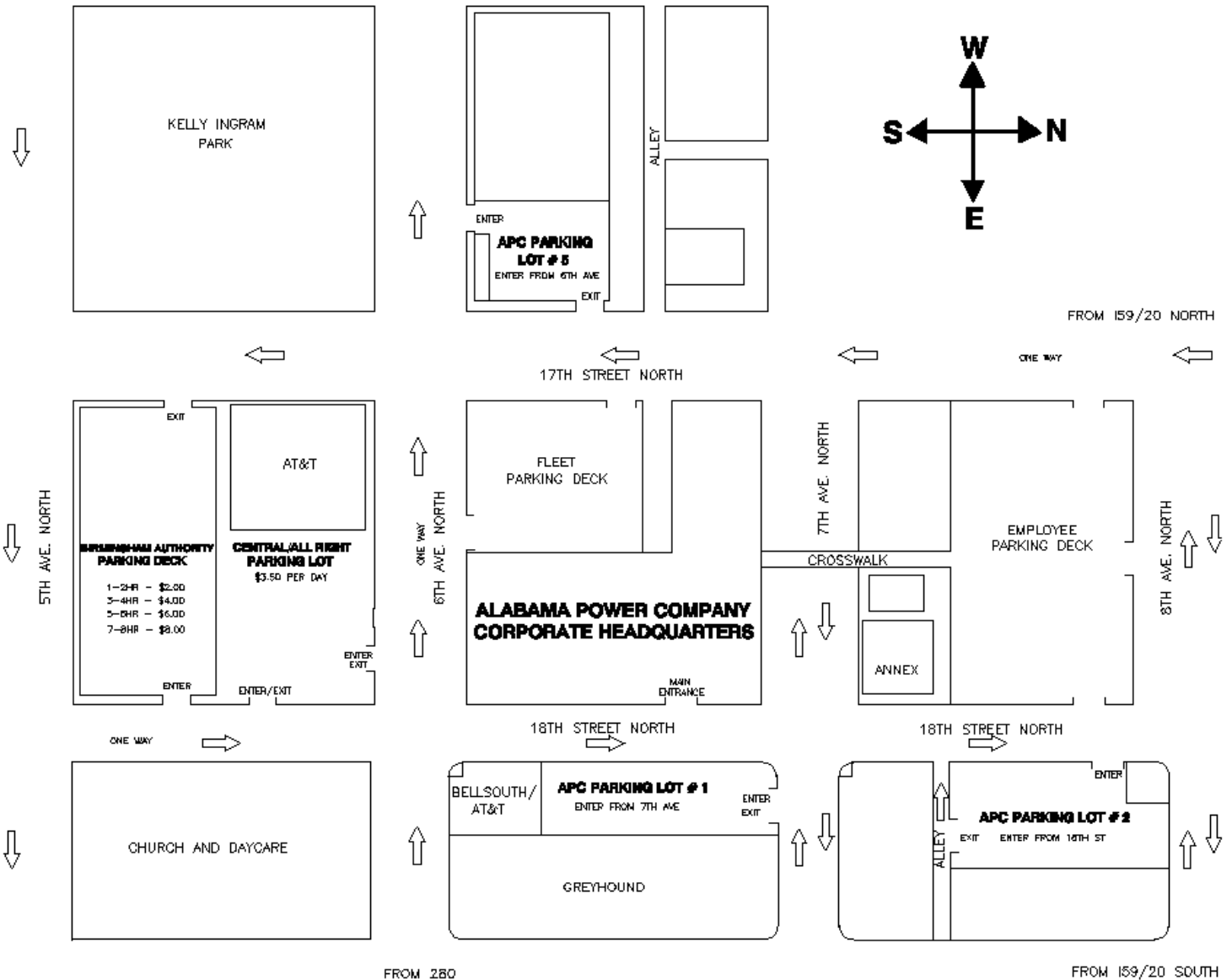
Schedule and Locations for the 2023 SCS/SNC Retiree Meetings

- Tuesday – January 10, APC Auditorium
- Tuesday – March 14, APC Auditorium
- Tuesday – May 9, Spring Luncheon at The Club
- Tuesday – July 11, APC Auditorium
- Tuesday – September 12, APC Auditorium (but continuing to locate a fun venue)
- Tuesday – November 14, Holiday Luncheon at Vestavia Country Club

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Parking Lot Access Instructions for the Alabama Power Building:

PARKING NEAR APC CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS



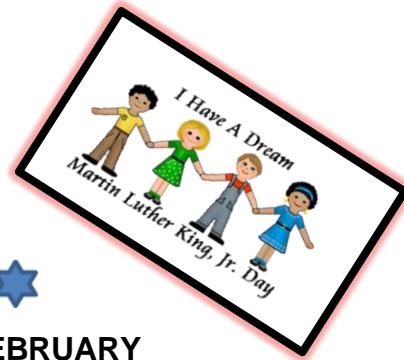
Parking is available in Lots #1 & #2 across the street from the Main Entrance to the Alabama Power Building on 18th Street. If these two lots should be full, please use lot #5 on 17th Street. Instructions for entrance into each lot is as follows:

- Lot #1 - 7th Avenue and 18th Street (Enter from 7th Avenue) ***Press Call button, gate will be opened
- Lot #2 - 8th Avenue and 18th Street (Enter from 18th Street) ***Open lot, no access code needed
- Lot #5 - 6th Avenue 17th Street (Enter from 6th Avenue) ***on keypad enter code 4142*

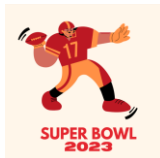
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HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY

In the United States, there are two major holidays celebrated in January: New Year's Day (January 1, 2023) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 16, 2023). Both are federal holidays as decreed by Congress, which means that banks and many businesses will be closed, including federally run departments like the post office. In 2023, the lunar calendar begins its new year during the same month as the Gregorian calendar's new year, which means that Chinese New Year will be celebrated on January 22, 2023.



HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY



- **February 2 - Groundhog Day** - According to tradition, if a groundhog sees its own shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. No shadow means an early spring.
- **February 12 – Superbowl Sunday** – For all you football fans, Super Bowl 57 will be played on Sunday, February 12 with kickoff slated for 5:30 p.m. CT.
- **February 14 - Valentine's Day** – Love is in the air on Valentine's Day. Even though we believe that love should be spread and celebrated every day, we don't always remember to do that. So on this dedicated day, go above and beyond in expressing your love for family, friends, and, of course, your significant other.
- **February 20 – President's Day and Washington's Birthday** - Presidents Day is also called Washington's Birthday as a celebration of the nation's first President.
- **February 22 – Ash Wednesday** - Ash Wednesday is celebrated on Wednesday seven weeks before Easter and the day after Mardi Gras. This is a Christian observance which represents the first day of Lent and the starting of approximately 6 weeks of fasting and penance.

RETIREE CORNER

Submitted by: Dale Evely

My father, Paul Evely, passed away on August 11th of this year. We had celebrated his turning 99 years old back in April, along with a large group of friends and family. Dad had a good long life and had many friends. He was the last to pass of 7 children and was healthy and independent until his last two years. He was able to spend those last two years in a wonderful assisted-living facility in Lexington, Kentucky. It is a comfort to know that he is now with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We had a great memorial service for him in Lexington in September and all his children, grandchildren and some of his great grandchildren were present. His ashes were laid to rest in the Camp Nelson military cemetery in Nicholasville, KY. Dad was a WW2 army veteran and was laid to rest alongside my mother's ashes. We are thankful to Camp Nelson for the full military funeral along with the horse drawn caisson and 21-gun salute. The Patriot Guard was also there and we were all moved by the service and interment ceremonies.

I thought I would share three pictures with you, That is my sister Marsha petting the horse in the one picture and that is me with my Dad at the Highgrove assisted-living center in 2021. The caisson had a drawer in the back of the casket with the wooden box containing his ashes.



Paul and Dale Evely



Paul Evely



Retiree Corner (Cont'd)

Submitted by: Shannon Sampson

During the Fall refueling outage at Farley Nuclear Plant, management provided sack meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the workers. Several Farley retirees and Southeast Division Energizer members collected the leftover meals and delivered them to various shelters and food ministries in the Dothan area. This team of retirees delivered over 3000 meals in a 21-day period.



Back Row left to right: Shannon Sampson, SED Energizer President, Jeff Cooper, Forrest Lero, John Gunter, Javier Novela

Front row left to right: Peppi Cooper, Project Coordinator, Susie Dutton, Barbara Hawkins, Juana Novela

Not pictured: Doug Hawkins, Gail Tew, and Mike Tew

Retiree Corner (Cont'd)

Submitted by: Cary Campbell

All are invited to the next Over the Mountain Festival Concert, **Sunday February 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.** The concert will be held in the sanctuary of **Riverchase United Methodist Church**, 1953 Old Montgomery Highway. As always, there is no admission fee. This year's guest clinician is Dr. Milburn Price, Dean Emeritus of the School of the Arts at Samford University who last served as our clinician for Festival 2016. Karen Payne Krekelberg will serve again as our accompanist and will be joined by several members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and some renowned soloists.

Cary Campbell, our SCS/SNC Retirees Webpage editor and member of the Warblers Club, will also be singing with the OTM Festival group this year. Make plans now to come and enjoy this wonderful concert!

What is Over the Mountain Festivals?

Over The Mountain Festivals is a community choral group that exists to foster and perpetuate the singing of sacred choral music and provide training and encouragement to directors of small choirs and choristers, both adults and children, to the glory of God, the edification of participants and the enjoyment of the greater Birmingham, Alabama community and beyond.

What is the History of the Festivals?

Begun in 2008 as an idea of a small group of individuals who believe in the importance and value of sacred choral music to singers and the community, OTM Festivals was brought to fruition by the work of an all-volunteer planning committee along with support of friends and sponsors.

The first festival, Festival '09, was held Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009, at Bluff Park United Methodist Church in Birmingham. James Brown, Director of Music at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, was the inaugural Guest Clinician. Choristers of many backgrounds and abilities come together to bring about a Festival including many local church choir members, music directors, professional singers, and amateurs.

This year's repertoire includes some old favorites as well as Dan Forrest's newest work, Ubi Caritas. Three movements of Franz Schubert's Mass in G Major serve as this year's centerpiece. More information on the OTM Festival can be found at <https://www.otmfestivals.org/>.

Here is a list of this year's concert order:

- Sanctus (from Requiem) — (Maurice Duruflé)
- Ubi Caritas — (Dan Forrest)
- The Awakening — (Joseph M. Martin)
- Mass in G Major — (Franz Schubert):
- A Red, Red Rose — (arr. James Mulholland)
- Sure On this Shining Night — (Morten Lauridsen)
- Magnum Mysterium — (Morten Lauridsen)
- I Want Jesus to Walk with Me — (arr. Milburn Price)
- Hold On — (arr. E.T. Simpson)



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Retiree Corner (Cont'd)

Submitted by: Shannon Sampson

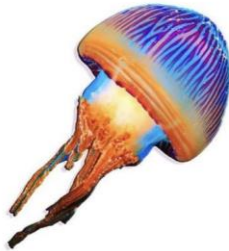
The Southeast Division Energizers (SED) ended the 2022 year with food, fun, and community service. The chapter held its final meeting of the year and holiday luncheon at the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center in Dothan, Alabama. Chapter President, Shannon Sampson, reported that nine (9) area agencies were being presented with checks totaling close to \$7000 from funds generated by the Chapter throughout the year.

In lieu of bringing gifts, members were asked to bring adult diapers and wipes to be donated to the local SARCOA (Southern Alabama Regional Council on Aging) office. Pictured is Mary Sue Cain, SED Chapter Treasurer, delivering the SARCOA donation.



Laughter – the Best Medicine

**JELLYFISH HAVE SURVIVED
650 MILLION YEARS,
DESPITE NOT HAVING A BRAIN.**



**THIS GIVES SO MANY
PEOPLE HOPE.**

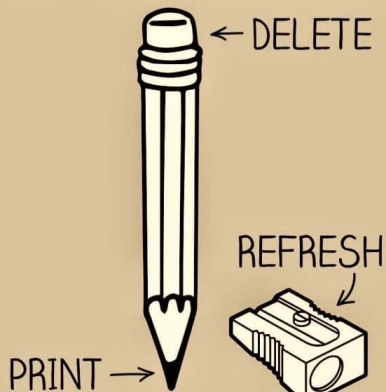
**This morning I saw
a neighbor talking
to her cat, it was
obvious that she
thought her cat
understood her...
I came to my house,
I told my dog... we
laughed a lot.**

Oldtimers9.com

**Chocolate is vital for
our survival.
Dinosaurs didn't
have chocolate and
look what happened
to them...**

**NEVER LAUGH AT
YOUR WIFE'S
CHOICES
YOU'RE ONE OF THEM**

**WHEN I WAS A KID, THIS
WAS MY COMPUTER:**



CELERY

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**When you have an
uncontrollable urge
to sink your teeth into
water with hair in it.**

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And More Laughter....

Puns are cheesy at times, but sharing funny puns almost always leads to a good laugh—and in this day and time, we could all use more of that right now. Chances are, you've heard your share of funny puns before, but we can ALWAYS use a good laugh!

- ✚ What kind of concert only costs 45 cents? A 50 Cent concert featuring Nickelback.
- ✚ What did the grape say when it got crushed? Nothing, it just let out a little wine.
- ✚ To the guy who invented zero, thanks for nothing.
- ✚ I had a crazy dream last night! I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. Turns out it was just a Fanta sea.
- ✚ A crazy wife says to her husband that moose are falling from the sky. The husband says, it's reindeer.
- ✚ What was Forrest Gump's email password? 1forrest1
- ✚ Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy.
- ✚ Smaller babies may be delivered by stork, but the heavier ones need a crane.
- ✚ My grandpa has the heart of the lion and a lifetime ban from the zoo.
- ✚ I lost my mood ring, and I don't know how to feel about it!
- ✚ My friend drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how his Mercedes bends.
- ✚ Becoming a vegetarian is one big missed steak.
- ✚ I was wondering why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- ✚ Some aquatic mammals at the zoo escaped. It was otter chaos!
- ✚ Never trust an atom, they make up everything!
- ✚ What do you use to cut a Roman Emperor's hair? Ceasers.
- ✚ Never discuss infinity with a mathematician, they can go on about it forever.
- ✚ I knew a guy who collected candy canes, they were all in mint condition.
- ✚ I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off!
- ✚ What do you get when you mix alcohol and literature? Tequila mockingbird,
- ✚ What washes up on tiny beaches? Microwaves.
- ✚ The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize.
- ✚ What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator.
- ✚ What do you call the ghost of a chicken? A poultry-geist.
- ✚ How does Moses make coffee? Hebrews it.
- ✚ My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve!

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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.

socosnretirees@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

2023 Leadership

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