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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 and that you are enjoying the summer.

Our Spring Luncheon was held at The Club on May 9, 2023, and was well attended. Our keynote speaker, Paula Marino, provided a summary of some of the new business areas being developed by the Southern Company and fielded questions on a broad range of topics.

Our next get-together will be at the APC auditorium downtown on Monday, July 10 (parking instructions and map on Page 10 of this newsletter). Leigh Davis, Senior VP of Marketing and Economic Development, will be our keynote speaker. Please join us and bring a friend. (The friend does not have to be a member in order to attend.) The auditorium is a nice facility, the cafeteria has a good selection of food choices, and the parking situation is pretty good (with light traffic on Tuesdays). We are looking into the possibility of offering valet parking in the future and will keep you updated.

On September 12, 2023, our meeting will be held at Sloss Furnaces. Once the center of industry in the region and now a National Historic landmark, Sloss Furnaces provide a fascinating insight into Alabama's metalworking past. Sloss Furnaces were built during the development boom that followed the Civil War as entrepreneurs sought to exploit the natural resources of Jones Valley, including iron ore. The city of Birmingham was founded during this time, in 1871. Ten years later Colonel James Withers Sloss ordered that construction begin on the furnaces. We will offer a tour of the facility at which time our guide will provide a detailed history. Specific plans are still being worked out, but we plan to have food trucks and we will provide another keynote speaker.

In August - September we will begin the process of selecting our 2023 Charitable Organization recipients. Normally three organizations are selected annually. As you may know, we usually ask our members to nominate local community organizations that they personally support, that they volunteer with, or that they have personal knowledge of. If you are interested in nominating a charity, please complete the one-page

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



Prez Sez (Cont'd):

application available at <u>https://scsretirees.com</u>. For your convenience we have also included this form on Page 16 of this newsletter. If you have questions, please call one of the board members (names/contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter).

There is nothing quite like socializing and reminiscing with friends and fellow retirees, so plan to attend all the meetings for which you are available. *Why not phone a friend, or bring a friend who might be interested, to the next meeting? Membership is not required in order to attend.* What a good opportunity for great conversation with an old acquaintance or a friend.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your president for 2023. It's been great to work with our retiree members from SCS and SNC. as well as the dedicated members of the retiree group's Leadership Team.

Ken McElroy



If you have vacation plans or have taken a vacation that you would like to share with us you are encouraged to do so (and also include pictures, if available.) We are also interested in your hobbies, volunteer involvement, anniversaries, etc.

This is your newsletter and we want to hear from you.

VOGTLE 3-4 UPDATE:

Georgia Power announced on May 29, 2023, that Vogtle Unit 3 has safely reached 100 percent power, marking a major milestone towards commercial operation and service for customers. This milestone marks the maximum energy the unit is licensed to produce in the reactor core and is the first time the unit has reached its expected output of approximately 1,100 electric MW, which can power an estimated 500,000 homes and businesses.

"Unit 3 is currently undergoing testing through the full range of plant operations, including safely running at various power levels and operating through real-life conditions just as it will over the next 60 to 80 years after the unit enters commercial operation," said Kim Greene, chairman, president, and CEO of Georgia Power. "As we enter the final stages of startup testing, reaching 100 percent power for the first time is an exciting milestone. It tells us we're close to finishing the unit safely and bringing it online to power Georgia homes and businesses with reliable, emissions-free energy for decades to come."

In alignment with the testing performed throughout power ascension, testing at the 100 percent power level is focused on the operation of the reactor, plant control systems for the reactor and support systems, and integrated plant operations. Plant performance is monitored at various conditions and data is gathered and evaluated by site engineers. With the unit reaching full power for the first time, other tests must be performed at this power level before the unit is available for reliable dispatch in accordance with its combined operating license.

Once all startup testing is successfully completed and the unit is available for reliable dispatch, Vogtle Unit 3 will enter commercial operation.





JULY-AUGUST SCS/SNC MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY LIST



July Birthdays:

1 Janak Doshi 2 Grace Reed 3 Albert Burford 3 Kapil Desai 5 Vicki Austin 5 Lorain Cantrell 5 Donna Mueller 6 Leanne Carter 6 Yogendra Jani 6 Kathleen Rickertsen 7 Scott Clayton 8 Robin Dyle 9 Lee Haubein 9 Richard Hovey 9 Rhonda Powell 9 Marvin D. Salter 10 Kathleen Lontine 11 Dennis Madison 13 Doris Hardy 13 Larry Posey 14 Nancy Folk 14 Ginnv Green 14 John Lontine 14 Sandra McCov 14 Sherry Runyans 14 George Russell, Jr. 15 Peggy Brashier 15 Ellan Thigpen 16 Barry Sykes 17 Russell Noble 18 Robert Hinds 19 George Jones 19 Robin Ohmstede 20 Paula Hairston 21 Dennis Runyans 23 Loretta Adkins 23 Judy Long

July Birthdays (Cont'd):

23 Gary Ohmstede 23 Theresa Reed 23 Nick Santoro 24 Kenneth Purinton 24 Larry Savage 26 Mike Green 26 Chris Williams 27 Randy Flowers 27 Patti Johnstone 27 Carter Leonard 29 John Aufdenkampe 29 Ricky Cox 29 Roy Lyon 30 Maja Clayton 30 Pam Ely 30 John Garlington 30 Mary Koski 31 Annette Dean 31 Mary Ann Glover 31 Brenda Kendrick 31 Susan Lefoy August Birthdays: 1 Margaret Xanders 1 Ruth Shepherd 2 Sherry Santoro 3 Randall Kyle 4 Willard Payne 4 Jerry Wilson 5 Gary Hollis 5 Martha Pilleteri 6 Robert Beason 9 Norman Stringfellow 10 Jim Gordy 10 Jessica McCullough 11 Lee Taylor



August Birthdays (Cont'd):

12 Deborah Javorka 13 Fouzia Ahmed 13 Alice Lawrence 13 Nancy Mooney 13 Pannalal Vimalchand 14 Shelia Mau 15 King Knight, Jr. 16 Marian Brazzell 16 Margaret Carter 16 Mary Love Dearman **17 Sherry Davis** 17 John Naramore 18 David Burford 18 Margaret Hines 19 Nancy Moore **19 Sherry Morrow** 20 Peggy Case 20 Don Welliver 21 Janet Nebrig 22 Gina Kitchens 23 Susan Hinds 23 Jon Hornbuckle 23 Roxanne Wilke 24 Roy Hiller 24 Lana Thompson 24 Steve Woodfield 25 Lee Rayburn 26 Sharon Horn 26 Rebecca McKinney **27 Paul Beavers** 28 Sherrell Brazzell 29 Les Bailey 29 Charles David Pugh 29 Mark Wilkinson 30 Mary Romano 31 Fran Goforth



OBITUARIES

Betty Jo McIntosh Allen (Southern Company Services), age 96, passed away on May 28, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents, her dear friend of thirty years, Mr. Clay Smith, and great-grandson Aaron Pierce. Betty is survived by her daughters Becky Goldman (David) and Marie Comer, sister Kathryn McIntosh Newell, grandchildren Brett Lovell, Ryan Skellie, Amy Mynatt (Kevin), and Emily Kouzeli, six great-grandchildren and one greatgreat grandchild. Donations may be made in Betty's memory to Kitty Haven and Rescue (kittykathavenrescue.org).

Frank C. Dorrance, Jr. ("Jay"), (Southern Company Services), age 92, passed away on June 5, 2023. Preceding him in death was his wife of 61 years, Martha Egan Dorrance; his daughter, Carol Lee Dorrance Williamson; and his sister, Marjorie Stenstrom. Jay is survived by his three children, Sandra Dorrance Green (Randy Coker), Linda Dorrance Cave, and Drew Dorrance (Roger Brown), Son-in-law Bryan Williamson; eight grandchildren, Hayden (Bruce), Natalie (John), Raleigh (Jenny), Lauren (Beau), Kelly, Bailey, Waverly, and Oliver; and seven great-grandchildren, Hollis, Ezra, Oliver, Peyton, Presley, Elias, and Amelia and his sister, Joy Laughlin.

Doug Dutton, (Southern Company Services), passed away on June 4, 2023, and his wife **Carolyn** passed away a few days later. There will be a joint service for Doug and Carolyn at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church on July 14, 2023, with visitation from 10:00-11:30 AM and a service at 11:30 AM.



OBITUARIES – Cont'd

Charles Hickman, (Southern Company

Services), age 89, passed away on June 16, 2023. Preceding him in death was his son-inlaw Mac McNeill (husband of his daughter Charlene). Charles is survived by his wife Joyce and two daughters, Charlene McNeill, and Kristen Hardy (Mac), grandchildren Brock Hardy (Emily), Campbell Hardy (Lexi), Lindsey Claire Douthit (Elton), Heath McNeill, and Luke McNeill; greatgrandchildren Rhett McGraw Hardy, and Mary Helen Douthit. The family requests that memorial donations be made to: Charles E Hickman Engineering Scholarship, Endowment at TTU, University Advancement Box 5111, Cookeville, TN 38505-0001.

Dennis Marion Swann, (Southern

Nuclear), age 75, of Rainbow City, AL, passed away on Thursday, May 25th. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Margaret Swann. Dennis is survived by his wife of 42 years, Betty Swann, his aunts, Peggy Anders and Sue Rogers; Cousins, Carmen Fountain, P. Tom Fountain (Kay), Shannon Flynt (Sean), Kelly Flynt ((David) and his loving Weaver family, "Cobra" family and his two beloved 4-legged companions Tegan and Buddy. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Gadsden Humane Society or Rainbow City Animal Shelter.



Gadsden Selected As Home of New Microreactor Manufacturing Plant

Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation (USNC) will construct a Micro-Modular Reactor assembly plant in Gadsden, USNC's Chief Nuclear Officer Dan Stout announced alongside Gadsden Mayor Craig Ford on Wednesday at the 10th Advanced Reactors Summit and Technology Trailblazers Showcase in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The 57,800 square foot facility will manufacture the modules used to construct USNC's microreactors. The facility will not deal with radiological elements; no nuclear fuel or other radioactive material will be used or stored at the plant.

Following a search that considered sixteen states and hundreds of potential sites, USNC selected Gadsden as the location for the new plant and entered a project agreement with Governor Kay Ivey.

"Alabama is home to an impressive array of highly innovative companies, so our state is an ideal place for Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation's new advanced microreactor assembly plant," Ivey said. "This unique facility will benefit the Gadsden community through a significant investment and the creation of good jobs while also reinforcing Alabama's reputation for cutting-edge manufacturing operations."

The plant is scheduled to begin construction in 2024 and become operational in 2027.

SCS OUTSIDE July – August 2023 RETIREE SPOTLIGHTS



Submitted by: Bill Norton

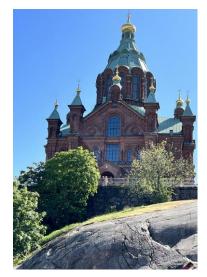


My wife Lori and I just completed a 25-day cruise and tour of Norway and the Baltic countries which included seventeen ports in eight countries and provided amazing scenery and historical insights. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip but are glad to be back home. God bless America!















On May 20th. Dan and Deb Javorka celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! They spent a week at Navarre Beach celebrating with their whole family. They even had a vow renewal on the beach!! This is what 50 years looks like.



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

.....you really missed a wonderful speaker and a great meal!!

Our Keynote speaker was Paula Marino, senior vice president of Southern Company's Operations and Business Shared Services.



Paula Marino



Members enjoying a great lunch and Speaker at The Club



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Owen Scott (Board Member), Paula Marino (Guest Speaker); and Ken McElroy (President)

JULY RETIREE MEETING

Date:	

Location:

Alabama Power Building 600 18th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203 (**See parking instructions on page 8**)

Monday, July 10

Time:

Speaker:

1:00 p.m.– 2:00 p.m.

Leigh Davis Senior Vice President of Marking and Economic Development Alabama Power Company



Our speaker at our July Retiree Meeting will be Leigh Davis, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Economic Development at Alabama Power. Prior to this position she served as vice president for Economic and Community Development at Alabama Power, where she led economic development efforts across the state. She has also served as senior vice president and Deputy General Counsel for Southern Company Services, which provides administrative and operational services to all Southern Company operating divisions, including responsibility for generation energy policy; compliance and legal strategy for the

for the company's generation, transmission, engineering and construction services; system planning; research and environmental affairs; and competitive generation business units. She served as General Counsel for Southern Nuclear Operating Company, where she had responsibility for the Corporate Communications, Legal, Compliance and Employee Concerns departments.

Earlier in her career, Davis served as Counsel in Southern Company's Washington, D.C., office, focused primarily on industry-wide environmental litigation and energy policy. She holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and business administration from the University of Alabama and a Juris Doctor from the University of Alabama School of Law. She also is a graduate of the MBA program at Samford University.

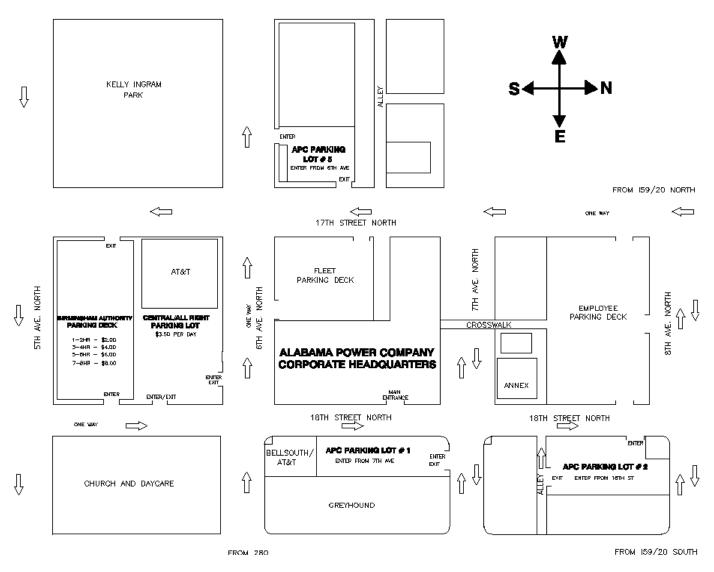
Leigh is a native of Birmingham and serves on numerous boards of directors, including UAB O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, and Ascension Alabama Health System. She chairs Samford University's Board of Overseers and is past president of the Kiwanis Club of Birmingham. Davis also serves on Synovus Bank's Birmingham Advisory Board, the University of Alabama School of Law Board of Governors, and the University of Alabama Culverhouse College of Business Board of Visitors.

Remaining 2023 SCS/SNC Retiree Meetings

Tuesday – September 12, Sloss Furnaces (Retiree Benefits Speaker) 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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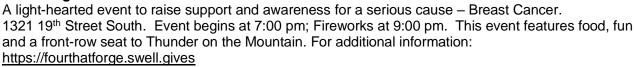
Happenings Around Birmingham JULY

<u>July 1:</u>

Birmingham Stallions Championship Game: July 1 – 7:00 p.m. CDT

July 4th:

Fourth @ Forge



OLS 4th of July Festival

Alabama's best BBQ Festival will continue for its 74th year with food, children's games, Bingo, and the always popular Trash & Treasure rummage sale .(ourladyofsorrows.com)

American Village Independence Day 1776

The Fourth of July means fun, food, and fireworks at the American Village. More than forty patriotic activities throughout the day – music and dance, games, encounters with patriots of the past, the battle at Concord Bridge and fireworks at twilight's last gleaming! Food trucks will be onsite. When: 11:00 am; Where: 3727 Highway 119 in Montevallo

Thunder On the Mountain

For over 70 years. a free Magic City Independence Day tradition. Thunder on the Mountain 2023 will illuminate the skies above Birmingham's iron man starting at 9:00 p.m.

Homewood Festival

Two blocks of downtown Homewood will be blocked for pedestrian traffic to make way for rides and attractions starting at 5:00 p.m. Inflatables and rides for children of all ages. A DJ will provide music and interactive activities. Downtown Homewood is one of the best locations in the Birmingham area to view the "Thunder on the Mountain" fireworks show from Vulcan Park. (Homewoodparks.com/special-events)

July 20 – 22

Rock the South

Chris Stapleton, Zach Bryan, Cody Johnson, and Riley Green are among the many artists scheduled to perform at "the largest party in the South." York Farms, Cullman.

July 21 – August 13

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

End the summer with Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's classic "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Red Mountain Theatre presents the Biblical story of Joseph in vivid life with musical styles spanning country-western to pop to rock & roll. (redmountaintheatre.org

<u>AUGUST</u>

August 21 - August 27

Sidewalk Film Festival

Independent film makers from across the country will display their work at multiple venues across Birmingham's Historic District. (sidewalkfest.com)

August 26:

Open to all years, types and conditions of Volkswagens, the show terms itself Alabama's "premiere Volkswagen show." (volksjam.com)

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HOLIDAYS TO REMEMBER IN JULY





The Declaration of Independence:

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. But July 4, 1776, wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776). It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775). And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

So, what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all the edits and changes. July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadsides, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So, when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence, we'd being celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson, and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies. By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated. Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

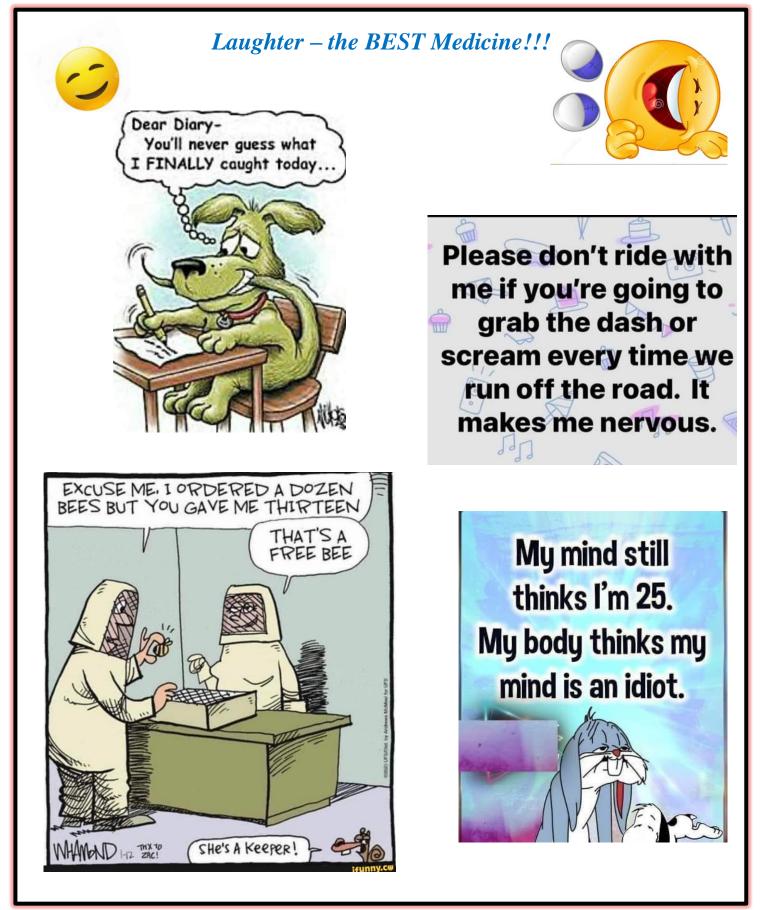




Bet you didn't know... Here Are Some Interesting Facts about Bees

Did you know that

- There are living enzymes in honey;
- In contact with metal these enzymes die, and honey becomes toxic;
- A typical hive has between 60,000 to 80,000 bees (containing workers, drones and one queen)
- Honey contains a substance that helps the human brain work better;
- Honey is the ONLY food on earth that alone...can sustain human life;
- Bees saved people in Africa from starvation;
- One teaspoon of honey is enough to sustain human life for 24 hours;
- Propolis produced by bees is the most powerful natural antibiotic;
- Honey has no expiration date;
- Honey was used as the first form of currency in the world for payment;
- To gain 1 kg. honey you need the nectar of over one million flowers;
- The first coins in the world had a painted bee;
- Honey is best consumed with honeycomb;
- There is a special wooden spoon for honey, not a metal one;
- · Bee pastures are the healthiest food in the world;
- Pollen can have more than 1500 colors and shades;
- A bee can fly at a speed of over 60 km/hr.;
- In Great Britain, the royal family consumes Romanian honey;
- Manna honey is made from the saliva of some bugs called "fatties";
- The bodies of the great emperors of the world were buried in golden caskets and then covered with honey to prevent rotting;
- Bees are the ONLY bugs that produce food for humans;
- The name "HONEYMOON" comes from the fact that newlyweds consumed honey and mead (wine made with honey);
- The mother (queen) lays twice her weight in eggs in one day;
- Bees flap their wings more than 11,000 times a minute;
- the only honey that can be enjoyed by those allergic to bee products is manna (manuka) honey;
- Manuka honey is the best honey for women;
- Acacia honey is not sweetened;
- A bee lives less than 40 days, visits at least one thousand flowers and produces less than a teaspoon of honey, but for her it's a lifetime!





- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
- If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing soap is made with real lemons?
- Why do doctors call what they do "practice"?
- How is it possible to have a "civil" war?

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• Why do "fat" chance and "slim" chance mean the same thing?



Nomination Form Designated Charity for SCS Retire Contribution

1. Name of Charitable Organization:

2. Address of Charitable Organization:_____

3. Contact Information @ Organization:

(Name)

(E-Mail Address)

(Phone #)

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):

Please submit via e-mail to: dricharlo@gmail.com or by USPS to:

Charlotte Graham 2521 Magnolia Place Birmingham, AL 35242

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 email 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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