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## Upcoming Events

September 17-20  
NAM  
Salt Lake City, Utah

October 5  
Fall Cocktail Party  
Home of  
Leslie and Skip Petter

November 20  
Scholar Awards  
Luncheon  
Ritz-Carlton  
Downtown

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# ARChiveS

## ARCS® Foundation Atlanta Chapter

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### From the President's Desk



#### President Jane Dolinger

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Dear Atlanta Chapter Members,

As you receive the summer ARChiveS, we are half way through summer. Where does the time go? I hope you are enjoying your time with family and friends.

As I begin my term as president of ARCS Foundation Atlanta, I want to thank Gracia Conn, President 2012-2014, for her exemplary leadership. Her dedication, hard work, and vision displayed over these past two years have been inspirational to all of us. I'm delighted that Gracia will continue to be very involved next year. She will be the chair of the Nominating Committee as well as serve as a member of the 2017 Task Force, a committee which is gathering ideas from our members on how to best celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017. More about that later.

In addition, I want to express my appreciation to the outgoing Board members for all their time, effort, and contributions to our Chapter. Your commitment to our Chapter

has truly made a difference and sets a high bar for those Board members who follow. Also, I extend a warm welcome to the new Board members and thank them for saying "Yes" to serve on the 2014-2015 Board of Directors. I look forward to working with you over the next year.

I am delighted to announce an exciting new partnership that will provide significant support for all our Chapters. In June, The Roche Foundation and ARCS Foundation, Inc. announced a unique program to support outstanding PhD candidates in the life sciences at universities that are ARCS Foundation academic partners across the United States. Through this partnership, The Roche Foundation will provide a total of \$663,000 in funding to support as many as 40 Roche/ARCS Scholars over the next three years. Please join me in sending our congratulations to ARCS Foundation National Task Force members from our National Board for their tireless efforts over the past six months to bring us this exciting new partnership. The Roche/ARCS Foundation Scholar Award Program in the Life Sciences will support the next generation of life science leaders and further the foundations' shared interest in the advancement of science.

Now more about the 2017 Task Force I referenced above. Linda Kay McGowan is chairing this committee which has been at work since the spring gathering information from our members on how best to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary – our silver anniversary - in 2017. As you enjoy some R and R

over the summer, get your creative juices flowing. Do you have ideas for a possible theme? Do you have a special speaker or honoree in mind? Feel free to share your ideas with Linda Kay. She will report the committee's findings at the October Board meeting.

As we look ahead to the fall, there are many ways for our members to be involved in ARCS Foundation activities. Please mark your calendars for our National Annual Meeting (NAM) in Salt Lake City, September 17-20. NAM is a wonderful opportunity for all members and their guests to come together in a beautiful part of our country to meet and to network with other ARCS Foundation members from across the country. Of course, there will be lots of wonderful tours and special guest speakers to enrich our learning.

Additionally, there will be opportunities for you to participate locally in our Chapter activities which include a fall educational event, the annual fall cocktail party and our annual Scholar Awards Luncheon which will be on Nov. 20. Board members are at work finalizing details for these events so look for announcements related to them later in the summer. I encourage you to get involved and attend our Chapter events. I can promise it will enrich your experience with ARCS Foundation.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. I look forward to seeing you and connecting with you through the many activities in the year ahead.

--Jane Dolinger

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of two of our members, Elsie Gould and Debbie Shelton. They will both be deeply missed by all of us. We offer our sincere condolences to their families.

## Atlanta Retreat to Boulder, Colorado

Atlanta Chapter members of ARCS Foundation and spouses took a VIP tour of Boulder, Colorado, April 30-May 3, 2014, under the superb guidance of Retreat Co-Chairs **Janie Wilson** and **Peg Cooley**. Their excellent planning led to a fascinating tour of some of Boulder's most outstanding institutions of science and technology, plus lodging in a deluxe hotel and a series of delicious meals in unusual venues.

**Wednesday** – Participants enjoy cocktails and dinner at the beautiful **St. Julien Hotel**.



Retreat Co-chairs Janie Wilson and Peg Cooley greet our group at the St. Julien Hotel.



At our first night's gathering, Steve Dolinger, Cheryl Johnson, Ann Klamon, Larry Klamon, and Jane Dolinger enjoy cocktails at the St. Julien.

**Thursday** -

We toured the **National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)**, a privately funded institute that collaborates with 100 universities to research, test and measure atmosphere related systems and the global environment.

We visited the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**, a Federal installation where we were shown a huge model of our planet earth on which was projected global wind, weather and water systems. We learned how they test the atmosphere in locations all over the globe to determine long-term changes and trends.

Susan Bledsoe, Caroline Hardin, Ann Klamon, Susan Higley, Michelle Nordin, and Regina Olchowski enjoy a walk and the spectacular scenery on the grounds of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.



This fantastic model is used to give a more vivid view of the earth's wind, weather, and water systems.



In the evening, we had cocktails and dinner at the **Clive Cussler Museum of Classic Cars and Antique Automobiles**.

Betty Mori and Clare Whitfield enjoy cocktails while viewing the cars.



## Atlanta Retreat to Boulder, Colorado

### Friday –

We visited the **National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)**, a huge Federal complex in Golden, Colorado devoted to energy efficiency technologies through industry partnerships. **Dr. Laura Wilson** conducted a geological tour in the hills just outside Golden, including the viewing dinosaur footprints. Next was the **Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum** where we saw fossils, gemstones, minerals and two moon rocks.



Dr. Laura Wilson, daughter of Janie and Chuck Wilson, explains to our group the presence of dinosaur tracks in the rocky structure.



We ended the day's events at the **Coors Brewery** where we had a good self-guided tour and delightful cool refreshments.

Larry Klamon, Jean Mori, and Betty Mori take a rest before we continue on to the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum and a tour of the Coors Brewery.

### Saturday -

At the **Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR)** at the **University of Colorado**, we heard **James Balog** describe his work of installing 38 time-lapse cameras at glaciers around the world to document the effects of global warming and produce the documentary "Chasing Ice." We also learned how ancient climates and levels of CO2 can be determined from examining ice cores. Our final tour was at the **Museum of Natural History at the University of Colorado and Paleontology Labs** given by **Dr. Karen Chin**.



Janie Wilson, Ed Potter and Lee Doyle meet Dr. Karen Chin (pictured above), one of our many guides on our scientific exploration of Boulder.



Janie Wilson, Peg Cooley, and Sherry Lundeen – a very hard-working trio – enjoy the gorgeous view at our last night's dinner at the Flagstaff Restaurant overlooking the city of Boulder.

On our last evening, we had cocktails and dinner at the **Flagstaff Restaurant** in the Flatiron hills above Boulder. Beautiful weather, a breathtaking view, plus excellent food and wine topped off our wonderful Boulder retreat.



Our group on our final night before heading back to Atlanta. A great trip!!



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## **Advancing Science in America**

### **Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon**

There was a good turnout at the Piedmont Driving Club on May 7 for our Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon. In addition to an informative and inspiring talk on HIV/AIDS by Dr. James Curran, Dean of Public Health at Emory University, we heard from Dr. Katherine Gass, a three-year ARCS Scholar, on her current work on air pollution and its association with pediatric asthma.



**Gracia Conn, our outgoing President, and Jane Dolinger, our new President, at the Piedmont Driving Club**



**Dr. Katherine Gass, Emory ARCS Scholar, Gracia Conn, and speaker Dr. James W. Curran, Dean of Public Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon in May**

### **ARCS Foundation Atlanta Receives Commendation from the Hill Society of Georgia Tech**



Pictured here are Liz Mori Lauer, Dr. Gary May, Nancy Chambers, Brooke Weinmann, Gracia Conn, Dr. G. P. "Bud" Peterson, Jane Dolinger, Sylvia Dick, Dr. Leslie Sharp, Val Peterson, and Robin King.



Gracia Conn and Jane Dolinger accept the Hill Society plaque from Val and Bud Peterson. The Hill Society honors principal philanthropists for their dedication to the Georgia Institute of Technology. Since 1994, ARCS Foundation Atlanta has presented over a million dollars to ARCS Scholars at Georgia Tech.

### **ARCS Members Visit the Emory Alzheimer's Research Center**

On April 8, 2014, twenty-six ARCS Foundation members and guests met at the Emory Alzheimer's Research Center. Allan Levey, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Center, gave an overview of recent research. He discussed the demographics, causes and medications along with the roles played by inflammation, diet and stress. Malu Tansey, Ph.D., continued with a more detailed look at the causes for both Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Disease. Both speakers emphasized the need for healthy volunteers to participate in studies in an attempt to determine early markers for the disease, which can take twenty years to become symptomatic. After lunch we toured the labs.



**Emory student, Gracia Conn, Lee Doyle, Dr. Malu G. Tansey, and Val Peterson.**