

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 6-9**
National Board Meeting
- March 13**
Board Meeting
- April 17**
Carter Center Tour
- May 8**
Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- May 29 - June 1**
National ARCS Foundation Meeting
*Hilton Hawaiian Village
Waikiki Beach Resort*

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ARCS Foundation Atlanta Awards Total of \$285,000 to 40 Scholars



Nearly 300 attend 2012 Scholar Awards Luncheon.



THANK YOU to Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, LLP, (HA&W), sponsor for the 2012 Scholar Awards Luncheon! From left are Justin Elanjian, HA&W; Cheryl Wynn, HA&W; Nancy Chambers, ARCS Foundation Atlanta; Anne Marie Scully, HA&W; Thomas Prevatt, HA&W; and Carol Meier, ARCS Foundation Atlanta.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER Dr. Daniel L. Barrow, Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery and Director of the Emory Stroke Center at Emory University School of Medicine, with ARCS Foundation Atlanta President Gracia Conn (center) and his wife, Mollie Winston Barrow, ARCS Foundation Atlanta.



2012 LUNCHEON LEADERS (from left) Brooke Weinmann, Scholars Chair; Frances Swensson, Luncheon Chair; and Linda McGowan, VP for Funds Development.



ALSO LEADING Lynn Cornett, VP for University Relations, with Dr. Daniel L. Barrow at the Medallion Awards Ceremony.



President Gracia Conn

The annual Scholar Awards Luncheon is the highlight of the year for all of us and again we were impressed with the quality of these outstanding scholars who briefed us about their research studies. ARCS Foundation is grateful to the members, foundations and industries that recognize the importance of providing funding for these awards.

From the President's Desk

A few days after our luncheon a guest column appeared in the Atlanta Journal Constitution written by Dr. Michael Adams (president of UGA) and Dr. G.P. "Bud" Peterson (president of Georgia Tech) stressing the importance of "preserving the strength in America's educational system....No other investment holds as much promise for providing the long-term solutions we need for economic growth and prosperity." ARCS Foundation is investing in the future by awarding these young scientists.

When the Membership Committee met to review applications for new members, they found that the list of applicants was longer than the number of vacancies for new Active Members. It is the policy of our chapter to keep the Active Membership at 115; therefore, it has become customary for Active Members who have participated at least five years and desire a lower level of involvement to ask to move into the category of Associate Member.

Associate Members pay the same dues as Actives, but receive only one Scholar Awards Luncheon ticket. They may not hold office, vote or sponsor/endorse new members. Associate Members are invited and encouraged to participate in all ARCS Foundation events. Active Members are encouraged to rotate through Board positions and serve on committees whereas there is no such expectation for Associate Members. You will be given the opportunity to change your membership status from Active to Associate, if you desire to do so, when you receive your 2013 dues notice. Questions regarding membership may be directed to Susan McGonigle, VP for Membership.

We value our members on all levels as it is you who continue to carry out the mission "to advance science and technology in the United States by providing financial awards to academically outstanding U.S. citizens studying to complete degrees in science, engineering and medical research."

-- Gracia Conn

Tour and Lunch The Carter Center April 17

The second field trip of the year will be to The Carter Center on Wednesday, April 17. This special event begins at 10 a.m. with a presentation on the work of The Carter Center by Dr. John B. Hardman, President and CEO, and husband of chapter member **Laura Hardman**. At 11 a.m., Tony Clark, Museum Specialist, will lead a tour of the Jimmy Carter Museum. A catered lunch in the café follows at noon. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, in partnership with Emory University, founded The Carter Center in 1982 to advance peace and health.

Contact **Penny Seawell** with questions:
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Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Last year our Scholar Awards Fund supported 40 outstanding scholars with a record \$285,000 in awards. You, our members, provided almost two-thirds of these funds through dues and donations, and the doors you opened to your contacts accounted for most of the rest. **Thank you!**

The Funds Development Committee worked with member Ann Curry and her incredible staff at Coxé Curry & Associates to create a late November letter requesting fundraising support in 2013. The response has been impressive: We received twice as many end-of year donations as in 2011. **Thank you!**

Consider making additional contributions with your dues, later in the year or as a three-year pledge ensuring on-going scholar support. The scholars and I say, **Thank you!**

--Linda Kay McGowan, VP for Funds Development

Online Payment for Event Registration

Members who registered for our General Membership Meeting and Luncheon January 9 at Emory University were able to pay their registration fees online! Once a member completed her online registration, she received an email with payment instructions: Either mailing a check or clicking on a link, which took her to the Intuit Payment Network and allowed her to pay her fees using either Visa or MasterCard. *More than half of the meeting participants chose the online payment option.* Online payments also allow event organizers to know exactly where they stand at any given point in time – rather than having to wait days for a check to come in the mail.

Need help with logging onto the ARCS Foundation website? Ask Ronnie! Ronnie@demillo.com.

-- Ronnie Martin, Website Chair

Liz Troy Named ARCS Light 2013

As **Debbie Liss** slowly walked up to the microphone to announce the new ARCS Light, she took her time, explaining that she wanted to extend her term by a few more minutes. Then, she got right to the point: Announcing **Liz Troy** as the chapter's new ARCS Light.

A member of ARCS since 2000, Liz has not only stepped up to many varied and diverse roles in the chapter, she has excelled at each job: Chair of Alumni Scholar Relations, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, Chair of Scholar Awards Luncheon and Director of Funds Development. Liz is currently putting together a campaign as Chair of the Endowment Committee.

Liz still has time and energy for her volunteer work with the Atlanta Symphony Associates, where she has chaired their Decorators' Show House & Gardens and Symphony Celebration and served as president. She is also a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Board.

And, there's time for yoga, spinning and golf. Liz and her husband, Mike, enjoy active vacations cycling and hiking: Provence, Ireland, Alaska and next year, Peru.

Daughter Erin lives with her husband, Kevin, in Washington, DC, and Son Brendan lives in Westfield, NJ, with his wife, Candace, and their 3 children; Aidan, Keira and Bridget.

Congratulations, Liz!



Liz Troy (left) is the 2013 ARCS Light! The "official" light was presented to Liz by 2012 ARCS Light Debbie Liss



Atlanta Chapter Members Tour Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Facility

On October 23, 36 Chapter members and spouses participated in a behind-the-scenes VIP tour of the Lockheed Martin Aeronautics plant in Marietta. The tour was arranged by Atlanta Chapter member and Lockheed Martin Director, Mary Snitch. Hamilton Holmes, Lockheed Martin Community Relations Manager, provided a very helpful company overview and the plant tour was conducted by young engineers, Britney Smith and Melissa Merritt. The ARCS group walked the entire flight line and was briefed on the production of many current aeronautical programs, including the F-16 Fighting Falcon; the airlifter C130J; the first operational stealth fighter, the F-117 Nighthawk; and the 5th Generation fighters, F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II. Thank you to Lockheed Martin!

Luncheon Keynote Speaker Educated and Entertained

Dr. Daniel L. Barrow shared an overview of his life and advances in medical science at the ARCS Scholar Awards Luncheon.

Role model - His father, a rural doctor in Illinois who worked long hours, inspired him to become a physician.

Neurosurgery - Advances through the years in neuroscience and technology have led to a better understanding of pathology, malignant brain tumors, stem cell or gene cell therapy and deep brain stimulation among many others.

History - "Seminal events" in history that significantly reverberate through society — November 22 assassination of President Kennedy, September 11 destruction of the twin towers and October 4 launch of Sputnik resulting in the formation of ARCS Foundation a year later in 1958.

He concluded by encouraging the scholars to follow their passions, identify role models, work hard and achieve equanimity.

-- Judy Schmidt



Morehouse College President Robert Franklin (right) led the nine ARCS Foundation Atlanta scholars onstage.



Sartain Lanier Award—Patricia Lummus, Associate Director, The Sartain Lanier Family Foundation, and Scholar Joshua Mann, Morehouse College.



From left are ARCS Foundation Atlanta Members Lou Glenn, Vicki Riedel and Ann Klamon



From left are University of Georgia President Michael Adams; Ada Lee Correll, ARCS Foundation Atlanta; David Boyd; and Anne Boyd, ARCS Foundation Atlanta.

ARCS Foundation Atlanta Holds 21st Annual Scholar Awards Luncheon



Burtchaell Award—From left are Chuck Wilson, Joseph G. and Inez Crawford Burtchaell Foundation; Scholar Bonney Reed-Knight, University of Georgia; and Janie Wilson, ARCS Foundation Atlanta.



Hansen Award—From left, Ed Hansen; Scholar Zachary Lochner, Georgia Tech, and Harald Hansen. The award, from the Hansen family, is in memory of Betsy Hansen, chapter president 1998-1999.



Turner Award—From left are Taylor Glover, President and CEO of Turner Enterprises, Inc.; Scholar Tim Sampson, Emory; and Shearon Glover, ARCS Foundation Atlanta.

Scholars, Donors, Guests Join in Celebration



King & Spalding Award—Samuel M. Matchett, King & Spalding (left); Scholar Andrew Peterson, Morehouse College; and Connie Dotzenrod, King & Spalding and ARCS Foundation Atlanta.



Easterly/Johnson Award—From left, Cheryl Dabney Johnson, ARCS Foundation Atlanta; Scholar Anthony Scruse, Morehouse College; and Anne Easterly, ARCS Foundation Atlanta.



Zeist Award—From left, Nancy Brumley Robitaille, President, The Zeist Foundation, Inc.; Scholar Roy Llewellyn, Morehouse College; and Marie Brumley Foster, Secretary, The Zeist Foundation, Inc., and ARCS Foundation Atlanta Member.



UPS Award—Laura Johns, The UPS Foundation, (left) and Scholar Jamie Montague Fischer, Georgia Tech.



Adams Award—Scholar Rachael Arnold, University of Georgia, with Howell Adams, Jr., and Madeline Adams, ARCS Foundation Atlanta.



Scholar Matthew Magee, Emory, (center) and from left: ARCS Foundation Members Liz Lauer, Laura Hardman, Joanne Chesler Gross and Sylvia Dick.



Cooley Award—Scholar Carol Young, Georgia Tech (center); Keith and Peg Cooley, Cooley Family Foundation. Peg is also ARCS Foundation Atlanta.

Presenting ARCS Foundation Atlanta Scholars

2012
2013



Emory
University

Morehouse
College



Georgia Institute
Of Technology

University of
Georgia



Atlanta Well Represented on National Board

"National Board members are a special breed; outspoken, committed to their cause, always determined to take their message to a broader audience." Mary O'Connor, ARCS Foundation President 2001-2003

Two-Part Series by Pat Leake (Atlanta Chapter President 1997-1998)

As I flew across the country for my first ARCS Foundation National Board meeting as chapter president, I didn't really know what to expect. It turned out to be a wonderful experience, sharing ideas with other chapter presidents and getting to know the women responsible for creating and growing ARCS Foundation. After completing my term as Atlanta president I stayed on the board, first as editor of the national newsletter and then as VP of Communications.

All chapter presidents serve on the national board's Council of Presidents, and we are ably represented by **Gracia Conn**. A number of our past presidents stayed on after their terms. Currently, **Kay Weiss** is Secretary, **Sherry Lundeen** is Treasurer and **Debbie Liss** is Chair of the Advisory Council, a testament to her many years of valuable service. Chapter member **Nancy Chambers** began her term as an affiliate member last fall. A past board member, **Lisa Bankoff** served a year as newsletter editor and a year as part of the group working to create a national website. Kay confides,

"I've been secretary of every organization I've ever been involved with! One college summer, I took a Speedwriting course—didn't know that I'd be destined to take notes forever."

Atlanta may be unique in that it has a husband and wife team serving nationally. **Ronnie Martin** has served on the Communications Committee and as National Newsletter Chair. She is currently Chair of the Information Strategies Committee. Ronnie's nine member committee's sole purpose is to make the website as effective as possible in supporting the day-to-day efforts of our organization. Her husband, Dr. Rich DeMillo, serves on the Science and Engineering Advisory Council. Ronnie admits,

"I think people noticed my strong support for the website and my relative fearlessness when dealing with technology and thought those were good qualities for the Information Strategies Committee Chair. I have to admit I had to take a few deep breaths when the call came asking me to take on this position—it is a huge job...."

Editor's Note: See next issue when Pat spotlights Atlanta's past national presidents



Nancy Chambers and Lisa Bankoff



Pat Leake and Debbie Liss



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As we celebrate our 20 year history, ARCS Foundation Atlanta is proud that we have grown from awarding three scholars a total of \$15,000 to awarding 40 scholars a total of \$285,000. It is our members, corporate donors, foundations and friends that have made this possible. Thank you. Since 1992, ARCS Foundation Atlanta will have awarded a cumulative total of more than \$2.7 million to scholars at Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia and Morehouse College.

— Gracia Conn, President, ARCS Foundation Atlanta Chapter