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### Upcoming Events:

- 06/13 Old/New Board Meeting
- 09/12 Board Meeting
- 09/14 Fifteen /Fifty Gala
- 10/10 Board Meeting
- 11/15 Scholars' Luncheon
- 12/05 Board Meeting

**Seattle Retreat  
April 23-27, 2008**

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Dear ARCS members, As our 2006-07 fiscal year draws to a close, I want to give heartfelt thanks to all ARCS members and to the outgoing Board for our many successes and accomplishments during this past year. And I extend a warm welcome to the new Board, who will lead us through the celebration of our Chapter's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in September and the 2007 Scholars Luncheon in November.

As we begin this 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we want this milestone to be about more than just celebrations. We want it to be meaningful for the long run—to use this opportunity to think ahead and to strengthen our organization so that we can better accomplish our mission in the years to come. With this in mind, we've set in motion several "governance-related" initiatives.

The first, the Scholar Support Task Force under the leadership of Pat Leake, is tasked with developing a strategic plan related to scholarship support. In addition, this Task Force is examining our "funding cycle" issue which relates to the fact that our current process is to raise money in the spring and award it in the fall. This compressed sched-

ule gives us very little time to plan or to give adequate notice to the Universities. From a sound business perspective we should be raising the money in one year and giving it away the next, but we need to figure out the best way to make that transition.

A related effort under the leadership of University Relations VP Kathy Berry and incoming VP Deede Stephenson has been to strengthen our relationships with the universities at the senior academic Provost level, in addition to the school and departmental relationships that already exist. We've had our first very successful meeting with the Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, Dr. Lisa Tedesco, at Emory University and we're in the process of scheduling a similar meeting at Georgia Tech.

The second special initiative is being undertaken by the Governance and Organization Task Force led by Anne Boyd. They are taking a look at our governing structure—our bylaws, our standing rules and our policies and procedures. For a completely volunteer organization such as ours, these governing rules and procedures are crucial to our continuity and ability to govern ourselves successfully.

A third effort involves credit cards, and Betty Feezor is working with Treasurer Pam Jenkins and others to explore the use of credit cards as an option for payment, consistent with the practice of most of our fellow ARCS chapters.

A fourth relates to our archives—all the paper we accumulate as an organization. Clare Whitfield has begun an effort to address this which will now be continued by Reg Bridges, our new historian.

As my first year as President draws to a close, I am so proud to be part of this organization and continue to be very impressed with what we do to help enhance the scientific competitiveness of the US versus the rest of the world. Best wishes for a wonderful summer and we look forward to a busy, fun and productive fall season for ARCS.

Jan K. Bennett



Ann Boyd, Governance and Organization Task Force Chair

## Fast Forward 15 Years – Our First Scholars Return

by Pat Leake



**David Austin**  
ARCS Scholar Alumnus

*David said that the personal validation he felt from the ARCS members instilled a sense of self-confidence that was essential to his success.*



**Deborah Kilpatrick**  
ARCS Scholar Alumna

This year's ARCS General Meeting, celebrating the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our chapter, had a very special program. Two of our first scholars, David J. Austin and Deborah Kilpatrick flew in from New York and California respectively, to share their "Reflections on Scholarship, Philanthropy and ARCS Support."

It goes without saying that both had impressive resumes. David Austin is currently Scientific Advisor at Darby & Darby P.C., a New York law firm specializing in intellectual property. After receiving his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Emory, he received an appointment as a post-doc at Harvard and then an assistant professorship at Yale. During this process he founded one company and served as a scientific advisor to another. His decision to move into industry was based on the realization that he could have a greater effect on advancing scientific discoveries by doing this than by staying in the laboratory. He plans to go to law school so that he will be more effective at shepherding new ideas from the lab to the marketplace.

Deborah Kilpatrick decided that her career path would be in industry while she was still at Georgia Tech studying the mechanical properties of diseased arteries. As a non-medical researcher in the field of atherosclerosis, she realized that she could have the largest impact on patients by working on new treatment technologies. She spent several years at

Guidant and through her persistence was responsible for a major new study, still underway (now at Abbott Laboratories), concerned with risk stratification in women who have had a heart attack or stroke. Once completed, it will enable doctors to deliver treatment to the patients who will benefit the most from them. Deborah is currently Vice President of Market Development for CardioDx, Inc., a molecular diagnostics company specializing in heart disease.

An experienced presenter, David was so moved by the opportunity to address us that he had to take a moment to compose himself before he could begin. He said that the personal validation he felt from the ARCS members instilled a sense of self-confidence that was essential to his success. *Anne Boyd* mentioned as she introduced David that he listed the ARCS award on his resume. We are very pleased that with all of his important accomplishments David feels that this award still merits this honor. Deborah said that having the Atlanta ARCS Chapter



Sue Wieland

Award made it feel as though her mother was with her in graduate school. The personal connection to our members was as important to her as the financial support. (Some will remember that Deborah gave us a personal tour of her Georgia Tech lab, worked with us on the Sparks program and spoke to us when we visited San Francisco in 2000.) Deborah did say that the money was also important as it enabled her to reduce her teaching load allowing more time for her research.

As we were waiting to retrieve our cars, Elizabeth Spiegel couldn't resist showing me a photo of her darling grandchildren. I realized that we need an ARCS equivalent of a grandma's brag book. We are equally proud of our adopted scholar offspring, especially David and Deborah. We are very grateful that we are important to them as well.



Marty Gillin, Frannie Graves and Anne Morgan

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ARCS**  
*Fifteen/ Fifty Celebration*

**Mark your calendars right now for Friday evening,  
September 14, 2007  
to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Atlanta Chapter of ARCS  
and the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the national ARCS Foundation!**

This "not-to-miss" evening, to be held at Cherokee Town Club, will honor our founders.  
Bring your spouse or guest and enjoy the fun and camaraderie  
with other members of our ARCS Atlanta community.

Other important details: Black tie, seated dinner and program  
Proceeds benefit the ARCS Atlanta Endowment Fund

Honoring the Founding Members of the Atlanta Chapter

Kathy Ashe, Elizabeth Barnett, Paula Bevington, Jean Brumley (posthumously),  
Patsy Drummond, Mary Gellerstedt, Frannie Graves, Kitty Hawks, Trudy Huger, Carol Kranig,  
Gay Love, Michelle Nordin, Mary O'Connor, Carol Teem, Clare Whitfield,  
and Sue Wieland

## A Warm Welcome to our New Members

And a thanks to New Members Committee members *Carla Fackler, Elizabeth Spiegel, Kitty Hawks, Ginny Plummer, Kay Weiss, Babette Tipping, Marty Gillin, Joan Goodhew, Liz Mori Lauer, and Harriet Miller*

Sponsored by *Kathy Berry* and *Susie Deyo*, **Dr. Mollie Winston Barrow** is a practicing oral surgeon, *Mollie* not only has a strong commitment to the ARCS Mission through friendships with ARCS National Board

Members *Nancy Spetzler* and *Lynn Sonntag*, she also mentors students who are pursuing a career in medicine or dentistry. She is involved with the science and medical community through both her practice

and her husband, *Daniel*, professor and department chair for neurosurgery at Emory. She has held leadership roles in numerous professional organizations as well as Junior League and fundraising campaigns for Trinity and Paideia Schools.



**Mollie Barrow**



**Nancy Chambers**

**Nancy Hyde Chambers**, sponsored by *Cecy Jones* and *Debbie Liss* is founder and managing director for Lassiter & Associates, a strategic marketing consulting firm with a nationwide client base. *Nancy* has a strong background in busi-

ness-to-business marketing, business development strategy and market research. Prior to founding her firm, she had a career in the technology and healthcare industries with national responsibility at the senior vice president level. She is active

with the Technology Association of Georgia and the Georgia Executive Women's Network and has volunteered for Woodward Academy fundraising activities. Her husband, *Richard*, is Vice Chairman for Banuestra Financial Services.

**Shearon Wiggins Glover**, sponsored by *Betty Mori* and *Anne Boyd* is a former elementary school teacher who has led several civic and philanthropic organizations and fundraising events. *Shearon* is a past president of the Scottish Rite Chil-

dren's Hospital Auxiliary and the Piedmont Garden Club and has co-chaired the Georgia Conservancy Eco Benefit, Davidson Parent's Council and Past Parent's Council, the Landmark Luncheon for Piedmont Park, a celebrity tennis

benefit for the Schenck School as well as The Westminster Schools Fundraising Campaign. *Shearon* has good photographic and computer skills. Her husband, *Taylor*, is President and CEO for Turner Enterprises.



**Shearon Glover**



**Joan Haezel**

**Joan Jackson Heazel**, sponsored by *Betty Feezor* and *Peggy Cooley*, brings strong technology skills to the organization. She owned a high tech marketing group and was director of marketing for an accounting software firm and managing editor for a medical

newsletter publisher. She has expertise with Microsoft Publisher and Microsoft Office, Excel, PowerPoint, digital photography, electronic communication, document distribution and financial applications. As a Board Member with Adopt-a-Golden, *Joan* has re-

searched and secured grant and foundation matching funds. *Joan* and her husband, *Mike*, a retired technology business owner, support numerous community and philanthropic organizations through their family foundation.



**Kimberley Ichter**

**Kimberley Weed Ichter** was sponsored by *Pat Leake* and *Jane Dolinger*. Prior to moving to Atlanta six years ago, *Kimberley* put her finance and economic degrees to work constructing annual budgets and handling daily cash flow and corporate expenses for a multi-

million dollar Texas firm. Our youngest candidate, in her 30s, she is President of *Kimberley Cary Floral Design*. She is a District Advisor for Junior League and is a Board Member and Luncheon Chair for the Corps de Ballet. Last year, she chaired the Opening

Night Party for the ASO Decorators' Show House as well as the Hospice Atlanta Gala. The latter two benefits showcased her public relations and fundraising skills. Her husband, *Cary*, is a corporate attorney/litigator with *Thompson Hine*.

**Corazon (Corrie) Delapena Johnson**, sponsored by *Pam Jenkins* and *Liz Troy*, is another younger candidate. *Corrie* has lived in Atlanta nearly eight years. Her volunteer activities include President of Atlanta Botanical Garden Associates, District Advisor of Junior

League, and Board Member of Anti-Prejudice Consortium. She is a founding member of the Tabula Rasa Language School Parent Association and has led several Atlanta Symphony volunteer efforts, including Co-Chair for the Decorators' Show House. *Corrie* has

continued her volunteer work for the American Cancer Society while living in New York, San Francisco and Atlanta. She also has a special interest in education. Her husband, *Wayne*, is a security and transaction processing analyst with *Raymond James*.



**Corrie Johnson**



**Vicki Riedel**

Sponsored by *Cathey Millichap* and *Eileen Christman*, **Vicki Jackson Riedel** has more than 20 years experience as a professional fundraiser, starting as the Atlanta Symphony's Director of Development. While at the ASO, her daughter, *Ansley*, was diagnosed with leukemia and successfully treated in Atlanta and Seat-

tle. During treatment, *Vicki* joined *Eggleston Children's Hospital* (Children's Healthcare of Atlanta) as Senior Development Officer and since 2004 has served as Executive Director of Development for the *Winship Cancer Institute* at *Emory*. Her activities include: Former Board Chair and current Executive Committee

for *Camp Sunshine*, Founding Chair and current Advisory Board for *Wesley Woods Towers* and a Board Member for *The Community Foundation*. During her six-year Board term at the *Paideia School*, she chaired a \$10 million capital campaign. Her husband, *Joe*, is Owner/President of *Electrical Cable Specialists, Inc.*

**Frances Diefendorf Swenson** was sponsored by *Francie Graves* and *Ada Lee Correll*. Before moving to Atlanta 17 years ago, *Frances* was Account and Production Manager for a major Texas advertising firm. Her on-the-job training in scheduling, deadlines and planning prepared her for her At-

lanta volunteer life. *Frances* has held several leadership roles with *Trinity Presbyterian Church* and, most recently, co-chaired *Trinity's* nearly \$4 million Annual Giving Campaign -- exceeding goal by \$20,000. She was also on the *Pace Academy Advancement* staff, working with database and

data entry, as well as cultivating various constituency relationships and planning events. She is active with a senior meals/activity group and other community organizations and has held several positions with *Junior League*. Her husband, *Kurt*, is President of *KS/Structural Engineering, Inc.*



**Frances Swenson**

## ARCS Members Tour Coverdell Center



Paul D. Coverdell Center  
Liz Troy, Dr. Harry Dailey,  
Kathy Rainer, Jan Bennett,  
Jane Dolinger

The Paul D. Coverdell Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences on the campus of the University of Georgia was the scene of the ARCS Spring tour. Nearly 30 members and guests toured this year-old facility which is designed to maximize interactions between the life sciences. The Center was built as a memorial to the late U.S. Senator Coverdell who was committed to education and biomedical research.

Following a welcome and brief history of the Center by Dr. Harry Dailey, Director of the Biomedical and Health Sciences Institute (BHSI), the group divided into small tour groups. Included in the tours were the Bio-Imaging Research Center (BIRC), the Center for Health and Risk Communication (CHRC), the Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases (CTEGD), Flow Cytometry Laboratory, and the Coverdell Center Zebrafish Facility. Presentations were made by faculty members from the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center

(CCRC), Institute for Behavioral Research (IBR), and the UGA Veterinary School. Briefly summarizing, BIRC is investigating into the workings of the brain, CHRC focuses on improving health communications of the poor, CTEGD supports research related to tropical and emerging diseases, and the Zebrafish Facility is researching how genes affect cells.

We were impressed with the state-of-the-art equipment, the level of research and the commitment to education at the Coverdell Center. The Center is dedicated to understanding, diagnosing, preventing and treating disease. ARCS is proud to provide scholarships to many of the young men and women studying in this facility.

We ended the afternoon with a social hour where we were greeted by Coverdell Center staff and the nine University of Georgia ARCS scholars. Our thanks to *Jane Dolinger* and *Cathey Millichap* for organizing this tour.



Rebecca Ayer (UGA staff),  
Clare Whitfield,  
Dawn Penn (ARCS scholar)



Sally Hinkle & Carol Teem  
observing Zebrafish



Lynn Cornett, Peg Cooley,  
Sadler and Teed Poe

### Directory Corrections:

Corrie Johnson's house number is  
**282** Tara Trail NW (NOT 283)

Michelle Nordin's new email address:  
**michellejuly11@aol.com**

### Member News:

**We regret to announce our dear member Alice Richards died on Tuesday the 29th of May after a long illness.**

## Pat Leake, 2007 Atlanta ARCS Light

by Gracia Conn

Born in Brooklyn, New York, *Pat Leake's* childhood dream was to become a science researcher. Her dreams were fulfilled when she graduated from NYU and worked as a biochemist. After she and Nolan were married they moved to Washington, DC, where she studied proteins of cancer viruses at the National Cancer Institute. When Nolan's military career at the Pentagon ended, they chose Atlanta as their home.

After moving to Atlanta, Pat went directly to the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and had the wonderful privilege to sing in the Atlanta Symphony chorus under the renowned Robert Shaw. She still sings in a triple trio for small Symphony functions. She has served as president of the Atlanta Symphony Associates, chaired the Symphony Ball and worked on the Decorators' Show House for twenty-seven years. She has also volunteered for the Hospice Ball and the Arthritis Foundation Crystal Ball. Currently she chairs the editorial

committee at All Saints' Episcopal Church.

When asked if she has any hobbies, Pat stated, "I enjoy learning and doing new things." She often clicks into the Internet and studies science, math or religion and she is a self-taught computer person who shares the job of ARCS Newsletter publisher with our 2006 ARCS Light *Lisa Bankoff*.

Sponsored by *Marcy McTier*, Pat is a long time member of ARCS. She served as president of the Atlanta chapter and four years on the National Board. She has also been treasurer, long-range planning chair, compiled policies and procedures, and recently completed a task force on scholarship awards. ARCS is Pat's favorite organization because of the "wonderful group of women and the interesting group of people with whom we work."

In her "earlier life" Pat hiked 100 miles through the Rocky Mountains and she still enjoys hiking near their Lake Burton



Pat Leake  
2007 ARCS Light

home in the north Georgia Mountains. Pat and Nolan, an attorney at King and Spalding Law Firm, have a daughter, Pace, a dental hygienist in Atlanta and a son, Nolan, a software engineer in California's Silicon Valley. Congratulations to *Pat Leake* for being selected our 2007 ARCS Light.

## May Luncheon and Annual Meeting

by Gracia Conn

The ARCS Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting was held on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Capital City Country Club. President *Jan Bennett* welcomed the group with special introductions of the ARCS scholars who were present. The 2007 ARCS Light, Pat Leake was introduced by Lisa Bankoff, last year's ARCS Light. ARCS members and scholars were exhilarated by our guest speaker, Ann Cramer, who infused us with her energy and enthusiasm. A graduate engineer, Ms. Cramer is IBM's Director of Corporate Citizenship and Corporate Affairs. Ms. Cramer was excited to share her comments with our organization since it is com-

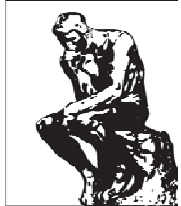


Ann Cramer, Guest Speaker

mitted to education. We are living in a "global competitive world" and our most critical resource is our "human resource." She indicated that 40% of our children are not graduating from school; therefore it is crucial to raise the standard of our children's education from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Because competition in higher education outside the US is enormous, we need to develop higher learning skills at an early age. We need to look at the third grade level and be able to "count the number of dorm beds they will be occupying, not the number of prison beds." We

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*Save the Date!*

**November 16,  
2008**

**Scholars' Luncheon**

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## May Luncheon and Annual Meeting - continued

have to raise the expectations in our children.

Ms. Cramer stunned the audience by asking if we, when elderly, want a work force that does not have the skills to administer the right medications or offer the best treatment. We must create a sense of urgency for every child in our society to have the ability to contribute as a competent work force in the future.

Following the introduction of officers and committee members for the year 2007-08 and the introduction of new members, a brief business meeting was held. *Ada Lee Correll* and *Susie Deyo* are chairing the 2008 Retreat to Seattle, Washington, April 23-27, 2008.

This year's luncheon was co-chaired by *Jean Russ* and *Susan McGonigle*.



Jean Russ, May Luncheon co-chair



Kathryn Graves and Deborah Shelton



Teed Poe, Leslie McLeod and Ginny Plummer