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- 09/10 Board Meeting
- 09/28 Field Trip/Cocktail Party
Winship Cancer Center,
Emory University
- 10/15 Board Meeting
- 11/11 Scholars' Luncheon
Atlanta Ritz Carlton
- 12/10 Board Meeting

The Scholars' Luncheon
is on a Tuesday!

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May Luncheon and Annual Meeting

The ARCS Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting was held on May 14 in the ballroom at the Capital City Country Club. Special Events co-chairs, Michele Gandy and Stephanie Reeves, organized the event. President Jan Bennett welcomed the 54 ARCS members in attendance and special guests. An extensive business meeting was held and committee reports were presented. Pat Leake, 2007 ARCS Light, introduced Anne Boyd, the 2008 ARCS Light. Anne has held numerous jobs as an ARCS member and commented that she will be the "best light that she can be." Anne's daughter, Susan Boyd, was present as her mother was honored.

Following lunch, ARCS member, Anne Morgan, introduced the guest speaker, Joan C. Countryman. Ms. Countryman joined Atlanta Girls' School as Interim Head in August 2007. She had retired in 2005 after 12 years as Head of Lincoln School in Providence, a Quaker school for girls in grades K – 12. In the fall of 2006, she came out of retirement to serve as Interim Head of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa.

Ms. Countryman's remarks focused on encouraging women to go into math and



Jan Bennett displays the engraved crystal bowl



Anne Boyd, 2008 ARCS Light with daughter Susan



New president, Sherry Lundeen and outgoing president Jan Bennett are all smiles

science especially at an early age. She believes that gender and race are issues in the teaching of math and science. As a math teacher, Ms. Countryman created computer labs especially for girls in order to give them an opportunity to excel. She emphasized that studying physics should begin as early as ninth grade. She stressed that the solution must be to engage and invite girls into math and science labs as well as in athletics to help them take risks, to excel and to experience learning in a diverse setting. Ms. Countryman closed her remarks by saying she believes that we all need a more focused vision about our universal education and to make a bigger commitment to education.

Following Ms. Countryman's presentation, outgoing president, Jan Bennett, summarized her two years as president. She thanked the Board and told the membership, "The state of our Chapter is very strong, due to our brilliant scholars, generous donors, and most of all, a dynamic and energized membership." Incoming president, Sherry Lundeen, thanked Jan for her superb leadership during the past two years and presented her with a beautiful engraved crystal bowl in appreciation.

ARCS Retreat - The Seattle Adventure

by Ada Lee Correll and Susie Deyo



Barney Ebsworth describing his art collection



Sally Hinkle, Linda Mauldin, Jan Bennett and Anne Boyd



The Drummonds with Dale Harmon



Joanie Michaels and Betty Mori

Fifty strong souls gathered in Seattle, Washington on April 23 – 27, 2008, for the biannual ARCS retreat. Ada Lee and Susie, co-chairs for the retreat, paraded the group all over the city for four days, and there was never one complaint about the rain making the umbrellas in the goody bags a decoration.

Capturing the feel of Seattle by water, air, land and art was the theme. The trip was launched at sunset aboard a private yacht. An evening cruise on Lake Union offered the opportunity to enjoy the city lights, as we dined on good food, drooled over beautiful homes (yes, Bill Gates), and gawked at the gorgeous Pacific northwest scenery.

The drill sergeants gathered the group the first morning for an “intellectual outing”. The University of Washington, tenderly called U Dub by the locals, was the destination, and Oceanography and Astronomy were the presented topics. We were amazed as these worlds were introduced through the eyes of graduate students, pro-

fessors, department heads, and researchers. Boy, did their presentations make us think of our own ARCS scholars and the mission of this organization.

Most experienced their first monorail ride, as we raced across the sky for dinner at the Space Needle, a 605 foot engineering fete. With the city at our feet, the group was entertained by a multi-talented portrait-drawing pianist throughout the evening.

Pike Place Market, the Seattle Public Library, Ballard Locks, and Seattle Museum of Art each held their own charm. However, the icing on the cake was an once-in-a-lifetime experience -- touring two private homes with vast, gorgeous art collections. John Wieland was searched, just to make sure he hadn't slipped a painting in his jacket to add to his own wonderful Atlanta collection! Just kidding, of course.

Boeing Field, a quick bus ride from the city, is home of the Museum of Flight. After touring the cavernous,



Clare Whitfield with one of Barney's paintings

fascinating facility and boarding Air Force One and the Concord, the group was intrigued with the presentation from Seattle ARCS member, CEO of the Museum of Flight, and former astronaut, Dr. Bonnie Dunbar. She is down to earth and brilliant! Do you know there are 171 miles of electrical wiring in a 747?

The Five Star Fairmont Olympic Hotel, our home for four nights, was the venue for the finale. The after dinner speaker and tour guide, supervisor for Underground Seattle, regaled us with a history of the city, as only a history buff and an actress can. We bid adieu to the city and each other before departing for our favorite city of all, Atlanta.

ARCS would like to thank co-chairs Ada Lee Correll and Susie Deyo for their time and leadership over the past 2 years in organizing this fabulous retreat to Seattle. Their enthusiasm and energy throughout was amazing. Thanks so much for a job well done, ladies!



Elsie Gould, Susan Higley and Barrett Hawks



The Wielands admiring the art collection of their friend Lyn Grinstein



Kathy Berry and the Moris on the monorail



The group in front of the Pike's Place Market



Kathy Harmon, Michelle Nordin, Peg Cooley and Kitty Hawks



David Boyd at the Museum of Flight



The Yorks and David Boyd enjoying dinner on the yacht

Spring Cocktail Party Honoring the Class of 2007 - 08

The Spring Cocktail Party honoring our New Member Class of 2007 – 08 was held on Sunday, March 30, 2008, at the beautiful home of Joan and Mike Heazel. Nearly 130 ARCS members and guests attended the event and enjoyed cocktails and a dinner buffet. Also, new honorary member, Dr. Cheryl Franklin, and her husband, Dr. Robert Franklin, the new President of Morehouse College, joined us. It was a delightful evening for everyone to meet the new members and to re-connect with other members and guests.



Dr. Robert Franklin with wife, Dr. Cheryl Franklin, new honorary member



Special Events Co-Chairs Michele Gandy and Stephanie Reeves

The class of 2007–08 includes the following: Mollie Winston Barrow, Nancy Chambers, Anne Easterly, Shearon Glover, Laura Hardman, Joan Heazel, Kimberley Ichter, Corrie Johnson, Vicki Riedel, and Frances Swensson. New honorary members are Cheryl Franklin, wife of the Morehouse College president, Dr. Robert Franklin, and Mrs. Debbie Wagner, wife of Emory University president, Dr. James Wagner.



Elizabeth Martin, Janie Wilson and Leslie McLeod

Special thanks go to Michele Gandy and Stephanie Reeves, Special Events Co-chairs, who planned this fabulous evening and to the Heazels for sharing their lovely home with us.



Kathy Rainer, Elsie Gould and Sue Mobley



Jan Bennett with new members: Laura Hardman, Nancy Chambers, Anne Easterly, and Joan Heazel



Eileen Christman, hostess Joan Heazel, Jan Bennett and Marty Gillin



Pat and Nolan Leake join Joan and Mike Heazel

To Atlanta Chapter Members:

As the 2007-08 year draws to a close, I'm pleased to report that the state of our Chapter is very strong. Through the energy and foresight of Mary O'Connor and our Founding and Charter Members, over the past fifteen years we've assembled an unparalleled membership of smart, committed women leaders and continued to enhance our mission of funding the "best and brightest" science and engineering graduate and undergraduate students in the Atlanta area.

Since our founding in 1992, our Chapter has raised more than \$2 million for fellowships and scholarships, and provided support to 393 students at Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse College and University of Georgia. This year we awarded \$249,000 in support of 34 graduate and undergraduate Scholars, and added ten (10) new donors. We also welcomed 10 active members, bringing us to our maximum of 115 active members, and 2 new Honorary Members – Mrs. Debbie Wagner, wife of Emory University President Jim Wagner, and Dr. Cheryl Franklin, wife of Morehouse President Robert Franklin.

All year long we've enjoyed many excellent educational and social occasions, including our first ever black tie gala to celebrate our 15/50 Anniversaries and a highly successful Scholar's Luncheon in November. I'm proud of ALL we've accomplished throughout the year, and particularly proud of the strategic planning initiatives undertaken through the Task Force on Scholar Support and the Task Force on Governance and Organization.

I have really enjoyed serving as your President during the past two years. It has been a tremendous honor for me to lead such a dynamic organization, and it has been an experience I will always cherish. My personal thanks to each and every one of you for your contributions in making our Chapter such a success.

As we begin the new year, we want to welcome incoming President Sherry Lundeen. With her strong leadership and administrative skills, she will be a wonderful President and I look forward to continue helping in any way.

With much appreciation for your friendship and your support,

Jan



Thank You, Jan!

With sincere appreciation and heartfelt gratitude, we salute outgoing president Jan Bennett. Her dedication, hard work, and vision these past two years as the ARCS Atlanta president has been nothing short of phenomenal. Thank you, Jan, for your inspirational leadership!

ARCS members give outgoing president, Jan Bennett a standing ovation



Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences are offered to Janie and Chuck Wilson. Chuck's mother, Neal Lasseter Wilson, passed away in April at the age of 96.

We extend our sympathy to Anne Morgan and her family on the loss in April of her mother, Helen Neilly Morgan.

Our sincere condolences to Ronnie Martin and Rich DeMillo for the passing of Rich's father in early June.

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Save the Date
Scholars' Luncheon
Tuesday, 11/11

Achievement Rewards for College Scientists

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ARCS Educational Event for Members and Guests Sunday, September 28, 2008 Winship Cancer Institute at Emory

Mark your calendars for the opening event of the ARCS 2008 - 2009 year! Please join us for an informative evening featuring a panel discussion on "Trends in Research and Treatment - Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer". The panel will be led by Dr. Brian Leyland-Jones, MD, PhD, Director of Emory University's Winship Cancer Institute. Dr. Leyland-Jones is a renowned research scientist who has authored more than 125 patents. He will

be joined by some of the top physicians and researchers from each field.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30	Meet in the 5 th Floor Auditorium for a tour of research labs
6:00 - 7:00	Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres
7:00 - 8:00	Panel discussion followed by question and answer session

Valet parking will be provided at the Uppergate Drive entrance (main entrance across from Children's Healthcare).

Also, our new members will be honored at this event. What a wonderful way to kick off our year. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Please contact Liz Troy, Vice-President for Education/Events at 770-495-1462 or lizzbt2@comcast.net.

2008 Scholars' Luncheon

Please note that the luncheon is a week earlier than in previous years. The keynote speaker is Dr. Donald G. Stein, Vice Provost and Dean of Biological Sciences. Dr. Stein is world-renowned for his research on traumatic brain injuries. Helen Jancik and Gracia Conn are co-chairing the event.