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- 10/21 Board Meeting
- 11/09 Scholars' Luncheon
Ritz Carlton
Atlanta
- 12/02 Board Meeting

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Atlanta Chapter's Cumulative Awards Top \$2.1 Million

*Sherry Lundeen
President ARCS Atlanta
Speaking at the Annual
Spring Meeting
May 13, 2009*

As this first year draws to a close, I would like to say that it has been a privilege and honor to serve as President of the ARCS Atlanta Chapter. Our chapter has had an outstanding year due to the hard work of our Board and committees, the generosity of members, corporations, foundations and friends who believe in ARCS and the ARCS mission. This year ARCS Atlanta has awarded a cumulative total of over \$2.1 million to 427 scholars pursuing degrees in math, science and engineering to enhance scientific and technological innovations.

We kicked off the year with the Winship Cancer Institute field trip. In November we welcomed Dr. Donald Stein, to the Scholars Luncheon, a wise-cracking researcher who was quick to tell us the last thing he thought he would be doing was working with rats—but plans do change along the education track! We awarded \$197,000 to 34 graduate and undergraduate scholars from our 4

institutions Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, University of Georgia and Morehouse College.

Speaking of Morehouse, in January Dr. Robert Franklin shared the history & mission of Morehouse College and the making of the "Renaissance Man" and we honored Jeanne Berry our 2009 ARCS Light. In February we toured the Structures Lab at the Georgia Institute of Technology our newest department to receive a scholar award, and in April we gathered at the Wieland's home for a spectacular night of friendship and art!

What am I forgetting—oh yes—committee meetings, board meetings, fundraising meetings, national ARCS Board trips, emails, emails, emails!! family, parents and as you all know Grand-daddy!! And John wonders what I do all day!

As we close the year, I am grateful to the outgoing Board members for their dedication and hard work. It has been a wonderfully successful year and I appreciate each of you. I look forward to the coming year, if you can stand me again, and I

welcome our new board of directors! Each of you are welcome to become involved, so drop me an email and tell me where to plug you in—you won't regret a moment of it!!



*Sherry Lundeen, ARCS Atlanta
President.*

Mark Your Calendars

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Scholars' Luncheon
Monday, November 9
Ritz Carlton
Downtown Atlanta
11:30 a.m.

Global Water Issues Take Center Stage at May Luncheon

In some areas, more than 50% of adolescent girls drop out if they attend schools without sanitation facilities. Their lack of education coupled with the time spent collecting water severely impacts each woman's ability to earn an income, perpetuating the cycle of poverty.

Over 75 members and guests attended the ARCS Spring Luncheon and Annual Meeting which was held on May 13th at 103 West. President Sherry Lundeen welcomed everyone and began the extensive business meeting. Committee chairs presented their reports. Anne Boyd, 2008 ARCS Light, introduced Jeanne Berry, the 2009 ARCS Light. Jeanne's daughter was present as her mother was honored. Other special guests were introduced and included the newest honorary member, Val Peterson, wife of G.P. "Bud" Peterson, the new president at Georgia Tech. Sherry summarized her first year as president, and those remarks are included on the adjoining page.

Following lunch, ARCS member, Kathryn Graves, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Christine Moe, the Director of the Center for Global Safe Water at the Rollins School of Public Health and the Eugene J. Gangarosa Professor of Safe Water and Sanitation.

Dr. Moe's research has focused primarily on the environmental transmission of infectious agents particularly food borne and water-borne disease. Her presentation was, "Making Every Drop Count." Dr. Moe emphasized that the statistics surrounding the lack of safe water and sanitation are dire. The facts were an eye-opener for all of us.

We learned that daily an estimated 5,000 children die from diseases caused by a lack of safe drinking water and poor sanitation. In poor rural areas, women and children are responsible for collecting water for their households and walk an average of 3.7 miles carrying five gallons of water each day. Even then, there is no guarantee that the water is safe to drink.

Lack of safe water and sanitation are particularly detrimental for women. In some areas, more than 50% of adolescent girls drop out if they attend schools without sanitation facilities. Their lack of education coupled with the time spent collecting water severely impacts each woman's ability to earn an in-

come, perpetuating the cycle of poverty. If women have empowerment through education and income, the first priority for them and their families is to have safe water and sanitation.

To address these issues, The Center for Global Safe Water (CGSW) partners with colleagues from Emory University and experts at Care USA, Georgia Tech, The Carter Center, CDC, and private organizations to improve access to safe water and sanitation worldwide. Dr. Moe summarized her presentation by emphasizing that the way to meet this goal is through training dedicated students, conducting applied research projects and evaluating them, and continuing the collaboration with their partners to gain political commitment and financial resources.

A big thanks goes to Special Events Co-chairs, Sally Boice and Susan Higley for organizing the event. Also, we thank Ginny Plummer and Kitty Hawks for the beautiful floral centerpieces.



Dr. Christine Moe in her laboratory at the Rollins School of Public Health.



Lynn Cornett, Liz Troy and Jan Bennett welcome guest Lilly Dimling, daughter of ARCS member Connie Dimling.



Janie Wilson and Debbie Liss introduce Mark Montgomery, designer of the new ARCS logo.



Kitty Hawks and Ginny Plummer created the beautiful centerpieces.



Emory student Alexandra Huttinger presents her research on water problems in Bolivia.



Janie Wilson welcomes new Honorary Member, Val Peterson, wife of Georgia Tech's new president.



Corrie Johnson, Joanne Chessler Gross, Christian Wojcik and Kristen Gibbs chat before the meeting.

John and Sue Wieland Host Beautiful Spring Cocktail Party

The spring weather was picture-perfect as over 120 ARCS members and guests attended the Spring Cocktail Party at the beautiful home of Sue and John Wieland on the evening of Sunday, April 26, 2009. The event started with a lovely reception on the lawn as everyone enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres while reconnecting with the other members and guests. Hosts Sue and John Wieland invited everyone to tour their lovely home and view their art collection at their leisure. After cocktails, everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner, viewed the art collection, and relaxed with friends and other members. The evening was a huge success. Sally Boice, Special Event Co-chair, was thrilled with the turnout saying, "How can you go wrong with such a beautiful setting, magnificent artwork, and generous hosts? The Wielands could not have been more gracious or accommodating."

Special thanks and appreciation go to Sally Boice and Susan Higley, Special Events Co-chairs, who planned this fabulous evening, Betty Feezor for the lovely floral arrangements and to the Wielands for sharing their lovely home with us.



(above) Everyone was wowed by the dramatic centerpiece created by Betty Feezor.



(above) ARCS members and guests enjoy a delicious dinner and laughs at the Spring Cocktail party.

(right) President Sherry Lundeen thanks Sue Wieland, Sally Boice and Susan Higley for making the cocktail party such a fun event.





(left) John and Sue Wieland welcome ARCS Atlanta members and guests to their home.



(above) Steve Dolinger, Deede Stephenson, Sharon Quaintance, John Hallman and Liz Troy enjoy the beautiful spring evening.



(left) Kristen and Duncan Gibbs chat with Lawrence Ashe during cocktail time.

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ARCS Foundation Wins Highest Honors for Extraordinary Service to Education

The ARCS Foundation, nationally recognized for its scholarship programs promoting science and engineering education, has been singled out by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for its highest award - the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education.

In making the award, CASE cited the ARCS Foundation for its granting of more than 13,000 scholarships valued at \$66 million to some 7,700 students over 50 years. Founded after the launch of the Russian Sputnik in 1957, the all-volunteer women's organization is dedicated to pro-

moting United States leadership in various scientific fields.

With 1,500 members in 14 chapters in 11 states, the ARCS Foundation supports students in 48 colleges and universities across the country.

In announcing the award, John Lippincott, CASE President said, "The Distinguished Service Awards recognize efforts that have made a significant difference in the ability of educational institutions to fulfill their missions and achieve their visions."

CASE serves more than 3,400 universities, colleges

and independent primary and secondary schools in 61 countries with resources for professional development, information and standards in the fields of educational fundraising, communications, marketing and alumni relations and gives its Distinguished Service Award to recognize significant achievement in educational missions and vision.

The award will be presented at the CASE 2009 Summit for Advanced Leaders in San Francisco in July.

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Janie Wilson Completes Successful Term as ARCS National President



Congratulations Janie!

The ARCS Atlanta Chapter congratulates our very own Janie Wilson, who just completed her two-year term as president of ARCS National. Janie's dedication, hard work, and tireless efforts over the past two years as the national president has been nothing short of phenomenal.

Some of Janie's accomplishments under her leadership include developing a strategic plan for long range planning, guiding the development of the new ARCS website, and adopting a new logo and tagline for

ARCS after 50 years with the same logo. As Janie completes her term as president, ARCS is being recognized by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for its highest award - the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education.

Thank you, Janie, for your visionary leadership! You have made the entire Atlanta chapter so very proud of you. We salute you and congratulate you on a job well done!

Spotlight on Jeanne Berry, Atlanta's 2009 ARCS Light

Submitted by Anne Boyd

Jeanne Berry has been a member of the Atlanta Chapter since 1994 and has given continuous service for 16 years. Jeanne has worked on committees and held board positions and is an outstanding representative of Atlanta's vital, innovative chapter. She has been Chair or Co-chair for Special Events, Public Relations, the Scholars Luncheon, and VP for Membership. She has also served as Corresponding Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant to the President. She created the mentor's program to ensure that new members enjoyed ARCS and began participating early. She is a strong supporter of the ARCS National Board having attended many of its meetings representing the Chapter.



Jeanne and her daughter, Mary Berry - Oravetz, at the Spring meeting.

Jeanne is a native of Jackson, Michigan, but has lived in Atlanta since graduating from Agnes Scott College and marrying after college. Jeanne and her late husband, Carroll, enjoyed many special interests including collecting Abstract Expressionism art - especially from artists known as "The Irascibles". Mark Rothko, Robert Motherwell, and Hans Hofmann are among some of their favorite abstract painters. In addition to her passion



Ann Klamon and Betti Mori congratulate Jeanne on being chosen as the 2009 Atlanta ARCS Light.

for collecting abstract art, Jeanne belonged to the American Institute of Wine and Food serving on the board and chairing a dinner to honor Julia Child in 1990. Jeanne describes herself as "a foodie who loves to cook".

Besides being an active member in ARCS, Jeanne enjoys her Garden Club, volunteers at her church, serves on the Senior Citizen Services Board, and has raised money for scholarships at the Tallulah Falls School for 30 years. Her latest pleasure is her 4 year old granddaughter.

As the 2009 ARCS Light, Jeanne represented that Atlanta chapter at the ARCS National Annual Meeting in San Francisco on May 27 – 30, 2009.



Achievement Rewards for College Scientists

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Save the Dates!

Scholars' Luncheon

Monday, November 9, 2009
Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta

Our Scholars' Luncheon is always the highlight of the year as we honor our scholars. Please note that the luncheon is on a Monday this year. Cathey Millichap is chairing the event.

Spring Retreat 2010

April 29 – May 2, 2010
Washington, DC

Co-chairs Betti Mori, Liz Lauer, and Shearon Glover are organizing this exciting retreat to our nation's capital. The event is currently filled, but please contact Liz Lauer if you want to be placed on the wait list.