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Upcoming Events

May 29 - June 1
National Annual Meeting

June 12
New/Old Board Meeting

November 21
Scholar Awards Luncheon

April 30 - May 3, 2014
Boulder Field Trip

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Atlanta Chapter Looks Ahead -- Annual Meeting and Luncheon Highlights

It was good news all around as chapter members converged on the Piedmont Driving Club for the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon on May 8. Highlights: A record \$297,500 for scholar awards and an additional two scholars for a total of 42 for 2013-2014. The Chapter Endowment Fund Campaign will kick-off with a lead donation of \$150,000 from The Wilbur and Hilda Glenn Family Foundation. Linda Kay McGowan will lead a "think tank to define our vision for the chapter's 25th Anniversary." There will be several openings for New Members. (Look for more information!)



From left are Gracia Conn, Atlanta Chapter President; Betsy McKay, Luncheon Speaker and Atlanta Bureau Chief for **The Wall Street Journal**; and Debbie Liss, Atlanta Chapter Speakers Bureau Chair.

Luncheon speaker Betsy McKay, Atlanta Bureau Chief for **The Wall Street Journal**, focused on the lack of preparation for pandemics and emerging infectious diseases. She has reported the past several years on public health, including the CDC, and is currently covering drug-resistant tuberculosis. She noted that in 2011, 1.1 million people died from TB while the first new drug to combat TB since the early 1970s was approved just a few months ago. She stressed the affect of global travel and emerging diseases on our planet and the importance of educating future scientists.

The Numbers Tell Our Story!

\$297,500 - Amount to be awarded to scholars for 2013-14

42 - Number of scholars for 2013-14; includes 2 new scholars

7 - Number of brand new scholar award sponsors or co-sponsors; thanks to 3 members, 2 corporations, 1 foundation and 1 non-member friend

54 - Record number of members donating above their dues

16 - Number of members donating for the first time above their dues

146 - Number of committed members and their contacts and reasons for success!

The numbers are as of May 8, 2013. Our Fiscal year ends June 30, so it 's not too late to add your number!

-- Linda Kay McGowan



President Gracia Conn
- Photo by Jim Fitts

From the President's Desk

A key issue at the National Board's February meeting held in Clearwater Beach, FL, was the ongoing process of promoting continuing relationships with ARCS Scholar Alumni. I am pleased to say that in March our Board approved to reinstate the ARCS Scholar Alumni Chair. Susie Deyo has accepted that position and has already begun updating the alumni data base. When Brooke Weinmann, Liz Mori Lauer and I made the annual site visit to the University of Georgia this spring we had the honor of having lunch with Matthew Bonds, the guest speaker at their One Health Symposium. Matthew is an Atlanta Chapter Scholar Alum with a Ph.D. in economics and a Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Georgia. He now is on the staff at Harvard Medical School. How important it is to stay in touch with our former scholars.

I want to express my sympathy to the family of Frannie Graves. As a founding member of ARCS Foundation Atlanta she was dedicated to the needs of the scholars. We will all miss Frannie, her wit and her wisdom.

Another founding member, Clare Whitfield, has announced that she will soon be moving to California to be closer to her west coast family. Clare, who was introduced to ARCS Foundation by her California friends, was instrumental in founding the Atlanta chapter. Clare has quietly dedicated herself to us and we are forever grateful.

On June 12 we will be welcoming new members onto the Board and saying farewell to those who are leaving. I am sincerely thankful to everyone who has contributed their time and talents to maintain the success of this organization. Having an opportunity to meet so many of our amazing scholars, I have come to realize how fortunate we are to have an organization of women who are dedicated to the mission of ARCS Foundation.

-- Gracia Conn



Frannie Graves

Frannie Graves

ARCS Foundation Atlanta
Founding Member 1992
President 1996-1997
ARCS Light 1997-1998

Frannie Graves, a gracious friend and leader, was a guiding force behind our ARCS Foundation Atlanta Chapter. In addition to her role as a founding member, chapter president and an ARCS Light, Frannie and her husband, Bill, have been Scholar Awards Monarch Donors for several years through the Graves Foundation.

Frannie grew up in Danville, KY, and earned degrees at Agnes Scott College and Duke University (MAT in history). She served on the Boards of Trustees of Agnes Scott College and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and chaired the 50th Anniversary Atlanta Symphony Ball.

When her daughter was diagnosed with insulin dependent diabetes at age 10, Frannie joined the search for a cure by volunteering with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and served a two-year term as Board President.

Those of us who have worked on volunteer activities or events with Frannie will always remember her steady hand in support of the arts, education and the sciences. We extend our sympathy to Bill and her family.

Read All About It! Website Chair Ronnie Martin has updated the chapter's public information -- current scholars, ARCS Light Awards, photo gallery and newsletters -- on <https://www.arcsfoundation.org/>. Catch the latest news!

Three National Board Presidents with Atlanta Connections

Pat Leake (Atlanta Chapter President 1997-1998) continues her series on Atlanta's representation on ARCS National Board.

We are very proud to have had three ARCS Foundation National Presidents affiliated with our chapter.

Mary O'Connor, our founding president, followed her National Board term as Atlanta Chapter President with service as VP New Chapter Development, VP Membership and National President (2001-2003). She summed up her experience saying,

The benefits of National Board Service were many: the opportunity to be part of a national organization that gathers outstanding women leaders who recognize the value of the ARCS mission; on site briefings at top universities and colleges; and long lasting friendships made with colleagues from coast to coast. My greatest challenge: As National Board President, making a decision not to cancel my first NB meeting in Washington, DC, two months after 9/11!! In true ARCS fashion, attendance was strong, despite the hassle and fear of airplane travel at that time. This was another indication of the strength and dedication of ARCS National Board members. I will always be grateful for their support during that extremely stressful time.

National Board members are a special breed; outspoken, committed to their cause, always determined to take their message to a broader audience. I cherish the time spent during my years of service.

Janie Wilson followed her National Board term as Atlanta Chapter President with service as VP New Chapter Development, VP Chapter Relations and National President from 2007-2009. She currently serves as a member of the National Endowment, Nominating, Governance and Long-Range Plan Committees and the Council of Advisors. In recounting some of the accomplishments of her term she says,

One of the most memorable was celebrating our organization's 50th Anniversary at our 'birthplace' – Pasadena, CA. We had a blowout schedule of events including visits and lectures at Cal Tech –our first beneficiary university, a Woman's Health Forum, a celebration luncheon with the Los Angeles Chapter members featuring a 50th Anniversary historical video with wonderful photos and activities from the past, a formal gala and more! It was also gratifying that every chapter participated in a successful 50th Year campaign to build our National Endowment.

A more arduous (yet rewarding) highlight was the two-year project to retire "The Thinker" and to develop and finally adopt our new logo. In addition, we kick-started our new website, which my successor, Mary Snitch, ably brought to fruition. ARCS Foundation was ready for the next 50 years! And finally, the icing on the cake: In July 2009, I flew to San Francisco to the Summit for Advanced Leaders, where the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) singled out ARCS Foundation for its highest award—the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education. At the time of the award, CASE cited ARCS Foundation for its granting of more than 13,000 scholarships valued at \$66 million to some 7,700 students over 50 years.

Mary Snitch joined the Atlanta Chapter in 2011. She is a long-standing member of the Metropolitan Washington Chapter and was National President from 2009-2011. Mary says,

Even though I was born and raised in Georgia (Moultrie) I didn't have an opportunity to get to know many of the ladies of the ARCS Atlanta Chapter until 2007 when I served as National Director of the NAM, which was held at the Ritz-Carlton-Atlanta. New friendships were born. That was also the year that Janie Wilson became National President, during which I served as VP Chapter Relations.

I can say without any equivocation that one of the highlights of my term was that I followed in the footsteps of Janie...and past presidents Camille Uhler, Judith Miller, Mary O'Connor and those that came before them. They provided guidance and a positive vision for the organization and encouraged me to further that vision during my term. We developed a unified National "brand" for the organization, created the Science and Engineering Advisory Council, and (still deserves a drum-roll!) launched the new 21st century National Website and Database. I continue to remain active on the National Board and treasure the friendships I have made. "Advancing Science in America" takes a lot of work, but it's also FUN!!

Atlanta's success as a chapter has made it a model for new chapter development. While we don't raise as much money as some of the older west coast chapters, our growth has been continuous and strong. We have developed programs and procedures that other, more-established chapters have copied. We thank the wonderful women who have played a role in our success and then shared their talents on the national level.



Mary O'Connor



Janie Wilson



Mary Snitch

— Pat Leake

ARCS Members Gather



Spring Luncheon - Liz Mori Lauer (left) and Caroline Hardin.



Book Club - from left, Gracia Conn, Guest Speaker Paula Foege and Book Club Chair Clare Whitfield.

Spring Luncheon - from left, Elizabeth Morgan Spiegel, Val Peterson, Cecy Jones and Lynne Land.



Spring Luncheon - above from left, Trudy Huger, Ronnie Martin and Leslie McLeod.

Spring Luncheon - Regina Olchowski (left) and Lee Doyle.



Takeaways from General Membership Meeting



Jeanne Berdik

Jeanne B. Berdik, National President of ARCS Foundation, talked about “Investing in Innovation” and the launch of Sputnik followed by another *launch*....ARCS Foundation.

“We started out angry. We became women philanthropists committed to advancing science in America,” she said. In 1958 these Los Angeles women initiated a change in “America’s competitive stance in science.”

Flash forward 54 years: Some 1,600 members, 17 chapters, 54 research universities. Since 1958: Accumulative awards totaling \$82,828,057 and 8,343 scholars.

Current focus: Bring all ARCS Foundation Scholars together to network on research.



Gary Miller

Gary W. Miller, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Research and ASA Griggs Candler Professor of Environmental Health at Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health, spoke on “Doctoral Education: World’s Best Return on Investment.”

He stressed the importance of research and development to science. To stay competitive, “we must capture, retain and reward the future leaders” and noted that the “U.S. continues to dominate” in Nobel’s leading laureates.

Of interest: Human Genome Project (sequence all genes) and Exposome (all exposures from conception onwards). Lab focus: Parkinson’s Disease.

Field Trip -

The Carter Center / Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

Photos by Lisa Bankoff



On April 17, Atlanta Chapter members and guests toured The Carter Center and Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. Dr. John Hardman, Carter Center President and CEO and husband of ARCS Foundation Member Laura Hardman, presented an overview of the Center's programs involving more than 70 nations and hundreds of millions of people over the past 31 years. The Center's largest program focuses on freedom of choice in elections worldwide. (Dr. Hardman had just returned from China where the Center was invited to assist with elections on the village level. There are 650,000 villages!) President and Mrs. Carter and the Center play a leading role in conflict resolution and human rights around the world. The Center also supports programs to fight disease, including guinea worm (will be the second disease to be eradicated), river blindness (Brazil and Venezuela are the remaining two countries in our hemisphere with river blindness), trachoma control, schistosomiasis, lymphatic filariasis, malaria and mental health. Tony Clark, Director of Public Affairs for the Library and Museum, said there are 13 presidential libraries operating under the National Archives and Records Administration. As we walked through an historical timeline, Mr. Clark observed that Mr. Carter was the first President to be born in a hospital, his childhood in Plains shaped his views on human rights, he "didn't see color," there were "two White Houses" during his term of office (one working on the Iran hostage situation and the other on "everything else"), he writes about a book a year and, at 88, he is the longest living former president in U.S. history.



From left are Lynn Cochran Schroder, Yetty Arp, Lou Glenn and Shearon Glover.

Tony Clark, Director of Public Affairs, Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.



Dr. John Hardman, President and CEO, The Carter Center, and Ann Klamon.

View of the gardens from the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.





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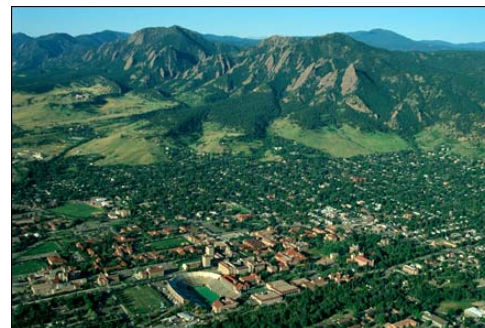
WESTWARD HO!

**ARCS FOUNDATION ATLANTA RETREAT
APRIL 30 – MAY 3, 2014
BOULDER, COLORADO**

Make plans now to head west to one of the most beautiful, fun and cerebral areas of our country, Boulder, CO. A recent email to the membership from the Retreat Committee outlined visits to research facilities and other planned activities. Our hotel group rate will be offered three days pre and post-retreat, so you can come out early and stay late! We are working on registration materials right now and will email more information throughout June.

You will be able to register online (only) for the Retreat on Monday, July 8, starting at 9 AM. Payments may be made online or by check. We will accept the first 50 registered and form a numbered waiting list thereafter.

**– Janie Wilson, Peg Cooley,
Sherry Lundeen and Mary Snitch**



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