

Autumn 2001

# Tenth Annual Teller Lecture/ Banquet Tickets On Sale Now!



Celebrate CNTA's 10th birthday at our Teller Lecture/Banquet. Tickets are on sale now for CNTA's Tenth Annual Edward Teller Lecture/Banquet featuring Senator Pete Domenici (R, New Mexico) speaking on "Securing America's Energy Future." The banquet will be held on Monday, November 12, 2001 at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel in Augusta, Georgia. Tickets are \$35, including parking, and are available through the CNTA office, the Savannah River Site Operations Recreation Association, the Aiken, North Augusta and Augusta Chambers of Commerce, or from WSRC management. Corporate tables for 10 are also available for \$500 and include two invitations to the VIP reception with Senator Domenici held prior to the banquet.

CNTA has also begun a corporate sponsorship program starting at the \$1,000 level. We have initiated this to help with overhead costs so that we do not have to raise our ticket prices. Other sponsorships available include the VIP reception at \$2,000 and the audio/visual equipment at \$8,000. If you or your company are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, please contact the CNTA office.

At this year's lecture/banquet we will be presenting a Distinguished Service Award to Senator Strom Thurmond for his years of service to national defense, the State of South Carolina and the Savannah River Site. We will also be presenting our 2001 Distinguished Scientist award.

Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you!

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#### Special points of interest:

- Be sure to visit our new and improved website at [www.c-n-t-a.com](http://www.c-n-t-a.com).
- Purchase your tickets for the Tenth Annual Edward Teller Lecture/Banquet early. Tables are going fast!

# Research Reactor

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In the last newsletter, we presented an Op-Ed piece by Fred Davison discussing the Energy Park idea. One of the ways we have talked about to get the energy park off the ground is to build a research and teaching reactor to be operated by a consortium of Southeastern universities. Many universities have shut down their own reactors and the number of students in nuclear engineering has declined. In the Southeast, there are only 2 university reactors left, one at the University of Florida and one at North Carolina State. There is already a growing deficit in nuclear-trained graduates and that deficit will increase.

On September 19, 2001, CNTA met with South Carolina Universities Research and Education Foundation (SCUREF), the Education, Research and Development Association of Georgia Universities (ERDA), Georgia Tech, the University of Tennessee, South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina, the Economic Development Partnership and Westinghouse Savannah River Company to talk about getting this idea off the ground. That meeting took a great stride forward in the effort of building a new Southeast research and teaching reactor at SRS. Currently we are arranging a meeting with Bill Magwood and key Congressmen in Washington to brief them on the meeting of September 19th. In the meantime, a plan is being laid out for an “organizing workshop” in November. A Steering Committee was formed to prepare and plan the workshop. That Committee is made up of Susan Wood (WSRC/SRTC) (Mel Buckner as her designee), Mal McKibben (CNTA), John Palms (University of South Carolina) (Ralph White as his designee), and Leroy Davis (South Carolina State University) (Jim Anderson as his designee). Other committees formed include a Functional Specifications Committee to layout what the requirements are for this reactor. The members of the Functional Specifications Committee are Jim Tulenko (University of Florida), Tom Parkinson (CNTA), Tim DeVol (Clemson), Larry Miller (University of Tennessee), John Valentine (Georgia Tech), and Ken Spicer (Medical University of South Carolina). The third committee formed at this meeting was an Organizational Options Committee to consider how to organize this consortium or coalition, look into models that should be considered, and explore ideas such as user fees, etc. Members of this Committee are Craig Williamson (SCUREF), Ratib Karam (ERDA), Charlie Sparrow (Mississippi State University), Ernie Chaput/Fred Humes (Economic Development Partnership). We will also pursue stakeholders, Nuclear Energy Institute, etc. for the workshop. It is hoped that the commercial nuclear industry will support the project financially as the long-term goal is to train people for nuclear industries.

This is an initiative with lots of potential benefits for SRS and the CSRA, and CNTA is excited to be the mid-wife. We will keep you informed as progress is made.

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## Change In Tax Status

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CNTA has taken a step forward in trying to broaden our financial base, as well as providing a new benefit to our membership. In the past, we have been registered under Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(6). Because of changes in the IRS Code, CNTA now qualifies as an educational organization under Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3), an educational non-profit organization. This will not only allow our membership to deduct membership dues and contributions to CNTA as of October 1, 2001, but it also allows CNTA to submit proposals to grant-making foundations and organizations, which we hope will allow CNTA to grow and become a national voice of reason on nuclear subjects.

# Up and Atom

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We hope you have been able to attend the Up and Atom breakfasts held so far this year, which have included Dr. John Cameron, “The Good News About Radiation”; Dr. Robert F. Addis, “Global Warming: Is It Real?”; Dr. Ruth Weiner, “Radioactive Materials Transportation: Mobile Chernobyl?”; Dr. Paul Robinson, “Preserving Peace in the 21st Century”; and Dr Andrew Kadak, “The Politically Correct Reactor”.

The breakfasts so far this year have been very popular with several being sold out. We hope to have one more this year, in December, and we will keep you informed as plans develop for this final breakfast for this year.

We have been looking into other options for breakfast locations that will hold more people, but will allow us to continue to break even at \$9 per head. For now, we will continue to use Newberry Hall, but may deviate from that on occasion so watch your notices carefully for locations!



## CNTA Speakers' Bureau

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Our CNTA Speakers' Bureau has made great progress this year having made 13 presentations to date, with two more scheduled this year and two already booked for next year. Among the presentations so far this year, Mel Buckner has presented “The Case for Nuclear Power”; Craig Martin has presented “SRS: Past, Present and Future”; Mal McKibben has presented “CNTA Overview”; Tom Parkinson has presented “The Need for Nuclear Energy”; Bill Reinig has presented “Economic Impact of SRS”; Rob Addis has presented “Global Warming”; and Dean Hoffman presented “Environmental Restoration at SRS”. While most of these presentations have been local, we have had some as far away as Hilton Head.

The next goal for the CNTA Speakers' Bureau is to present talks in the local school systems. We feel it is important to educate the public, but especially our children who are our future. We will be aggressively pursuing this effort. If you would like to be involved in the CNTA Speakers' Bureau, please contact the CNTA office.

For a complete listing of our Speakers' Bureau topics, please visit our website at [www.c-n-t-a.com](http://www.c-n-t-a.com). If you or your organization are in need of a speaker, please contact CNTA for more information.



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