



Teller Lecture/Banquet

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Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) will hold their 2011 Edward Teller Lecture and Banquet October 3, 2011 at the USCA Convocation Center. This year's speaker is Stephen Kuczynski, CEO of Southern Nuclear Operating Company.



Stephen Kuczynski is Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southern Nuclear Operating Company. In this role, he is responsible for all operations of Southern Company's six nuclear reactors. He is also responsible for new nuclear development initiatives, including the construction of Plant Vogtle Units 3 and 4 near Augusta, Ga. He was elected Chairman, President and CEO, effective July 11, 2011.

Kuczynski has more than 27 years of experience in the nuclear industry. Most recently he was the Senior Vice President of Exelon Nuclear's Midwest Operations. In that role, Kuczynski had oversight of all operational functions for Exelon Nuclear's six Illinois operating facilities and 11 reactors. Prior to that role, Kuczynski was the Senior Vice President of Operations Support in which he was responsible for the performance of Outage Services, Training, Emergency Preparedness, Security, Chemistry, Radiation Protection, Operations, Maintenance, Work Control and Industrial Safety for the Exelon Nuclear fleet.

Previously, Kuczynski worked at Byron Station. He joined the Byron team in 1999 and held manager positions in Nuclear Oversight and Maintenance before becoming Plant Manager in 2001. He was named Byron Site Vice President in 2003. Kuczynski also worked at Exelon's Dresden Station from 1984-99. During that time, he played an integral part in the successful improvement effort to have the site removed from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Watchlist.

Kuczynski holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering Technology from the Milwaukee School of Engineering and earned a Senior Reactor Operator (SRO) License from the NRC.

Kuczynski and his wife, Janice, have four children and reside in Birmingham, Al.

Clint Wolfe, executive director of CNTA, noted that this is the organization's twentieth year of advocacy for nuclear power and the Savannah River Site. It has been more than twenty years since the last new nuclear power plant was built, and the very next one built in the U.S. will be at Plant Vogtle by Southern Nuclear Operating Company. For that reason, it is very appropriate that Mr. Kuczynski be our Teller speaker.

The annual event has been moved to the USCA Convocation Center for the first time in its history. CNTA believes the move will provide much needed space for expansion of attendance. A reception starts the evening at 6:00, then dinner, then a short program followed by the speaker. Information about the event can be obtained by calling the CNTA office (803-649-3456) or e-mailing to cnta@bellsouth.net.

Clint Wolfe, Executive Director

Help us celebrate our 20th Edward Teller Lecture/Banquet!!

Your support for this annual event is so important to CNTA. This year is the first year we've had the event in Aiken, let's fill up the USCA Convocation Center!!!

Call the office or email your reservation soon.

CNTA & the SRS Heritage Foundation will have a table at the 35th Annual Aiken's Makin' thanks to Shaw Areva MOX offering their space to us...so stop by to say 'hello'! NE corner of York & Park

NEWS FLASH...



CNTA to Accept Credit Cards!

That's right, CNTA has entered into an arrangement that allows us to accept credit cards for payment of dues, Up & Atom breakfasts, dinners, the Teller Lecture & Banquet tickets, or for the purpose of donating huge sums of money to us.

We have been advised by many in the past that we need to offer that option, so here it is. There will be a small surcharge of \$1.00 on each transaction from the above list, with the exception of "donating huge sums of money to us."

We are in the process of modifying the CNTA web page, so that transactions can be executed from the comfort of your own internet device. Until that modification is up and running, you can call Karen with your credit card at the ready. Karen will have the ability to process your card in the office, in person or by phone. Credit cards may be used at the site of any event where cash or checks have traditionally been used, such as at an Up & Atom breakfast. Of course, cash and checks will still be legal tender in CNTA.



Positive Progress

By Susan Wood, CNTA Board Chair

It is hard to believe that this is my ninth year on the CNTA Board and eighth as Board Chair but we have weathered a sea of change during my tenure and accomplished much in that time frame. I am proud to have been a part of the journey and continue to be amazed that CNTA's small operational budget leverages a large and capable volunteer group with outstanding results. I thought an abbreviated summary of accomplishments would provide food for thought for all CNTA members.

Some of the most noteworthy events have been:

- The founding of the Robert Maher Memorial Scholarship for college juniors or seniors in 2003
- Launch of the SRS Heritage Foundation as an independent entity in 2005
- Expansion of the High School Essay Contest open to high school seniors which also provides funding to schools
- Co-sponsorship of the interactive nuclear science exhibit now located at the Ruth Patrick Science Center
- Launch of the Education Committee and the development of the teachers' seminar "Bringing Nuclear into the Classroom" (already presented in 2010 and 2011)
- YouTube debut
- Appointment of Dr. Clint Wolfe as Chair of the Public Policy Committee for the Carolinas' Nuclear Cluster
- Establishment of the CNTA Endowment Fund

All this, while expanding our funding base to accommodate the evolving economic environment and ensuring that we continue to serve our member base by hosting excellent speakers at our Up-and-Atom Breakfasts and the annual Edward Teller Lecture. The ongoing CNTA business activities also include letters to the editor, Op-Eds, testimony given at NRC, EPA and DOE hearings and input to Congressional Committees, as well as serving as a resource for elected officials.

So, in this, our 20th year, we can reflect on this positive progress but not stand on our laurels. The swirl of publicity surrounding the Fukushima event demonstrates the continuing need for clear, factual communication on nuclear matters which are all too often a target for media hyperbole or at best inaccurate representation. On the average, most of the general public has little understanding of radiation or other aspects of nuclear technology. Thus, education needs continue, not only with respect to current events and the importance of nuclear energy to the nation's electricity supply, but also to enhance awareness of the many career opportunities in nuclear industry. In fact, there is considerable interest in cloning CNTA in other venues, such as North Carolina, which would support the expanding regional nuclear business base.

Thanks to all of you who have helped make CNTA a success! The coming years will be equally exciting and filled with opportunity to make a difference---locally, regionally and nationally. I look forward to working with you all.

Robert Maher Scholarship Winner Announced



Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) have announced the winner of their annual Robert Maher Memorial Scholarship award for 2011. Dillon Inabinett from Charleston, S.C., a senior mechanical engineering student at the University of South Carolina will receive a \$5,000 check to help finance his continuing education.

The award is made possible by Savannah River Remediation (SRR), the liquid waste contractor at the Savannah River Site (SRS). SRR sponsors the scholarship to honor the memory of Robert Maher, a tireless and able manager who served the SRS for 48 years prior to his death Sept. 14, 2002.

Previous winners of the award were Christopher J. Fong of Georgia Tech in 2003, Kara Beharry of South Carolina State University in 2004, James Weathers of Georgia Tech in 2005, Emily Colvin of Georgia Tech in 2006, Matthew Presson of the University of South Carolina in 2007, Andrew Petraca of the University of South Carolina in 2008, Rea Cauthen of Clemson University in 2009, Candace Hampton of South Carolina State University in 2010 and Ryan Harris of Clemson University, also in 2010.

Teacher's Workshop... "Bringing Nuclear into the Classroom"!

On June 27th, our CNTA Education Committee held our 2nd teacher's workshop in calibration with the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center and support from the American Nuclear Society and Energy Solutions. This program offered area teachers the opportunity to attend a full day of nuclear subjects, such as, Atomic Fundamentals, Power Generation, Nuclear Fundamentals and Technologies. After lunch, sponsored by Energy Solutions, the teachers learned about Nuclear Risk, Regional Nuclear Technology Uses and Opportunities. They engaged in a number of 'hands-on' experiments and visual lessons, with the opportunity to ask questions of the expert panel of presenters. The workshop had room for 25 teachers from all over South Carolina. The committee was very pleased that teachers came from Spartanburg, Lexington, Irmo, Johnston, Columbia, Leesville, Gilbert, Graniteville and Aiken for this day-long workshop. The teachers received a \$100 stipend and free materials they took back to their classrooms. At the end of the day teachers were asked to comment on their day of learning about all things nuclear....below are some of their comments:

Workshop strengths:

Up-to-date & background information	Hands-on activities & visual lessons
Professional and knowledge of the presenters	Well-organized
Based on facts	More information on Fukushima reactors

Additional Comments: Most enjoyable, very informative, wonderful progression of speakers, fun, great job, good program, very useful, well done, great lunch!!

Thank you to the CNTA Education Committee for a great job, to the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, the American Nuclear Society and Energy Solutions for their time, funding and all the people involved to make this workshop a huge success!

Check out the photos on page 4.....



JUNE 1, 2011

This successful breakfast was a follow-up to the original Nuclear Workforce Initiative breakfast presented 2009 by Dr. Susan Winsor, President of Aiken Technical and Dr. Tom Hallman, Chancellor of USCA.

“Nuclear Industry Skills: Partnerships, Programs and Progress to Meet Regional Needs” was given by:

Dr. Susan Winsor, President of Aiken Technical College,
 Jo Anne Robinson, Dean of Information & Engineering Technology, Augusta Technical College,
 David Deal, Academic Coordinator, Radiation Protection Technology, Aiken Technical College,
 Mindy Mets, Program Manager of SRSCRO Nuclear Workforce Initiative.

Each speaker gave an overview of the successes of CSRA nuclear workforce development capabilities and how they have grown in our region.

JUNE 16, 2011

Over 120 members and guests came to Houndslake Country Club to hear about “Fukushima: What Happened and the Future” presented by Lake Barrett. Mr. Barrett is a part-time independent consultant in the energy field. He has worked in the nuclear energy and nuclear materials management areas for over 4 decades, most recently as the former head of the US Department of Energy’s Office of Civilian Nuclear Waste Management responsible for implementing the United States’ programs for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste, as mandated by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Mr. Barrett had many photos of the Fukushima reactors and the aftermath of the tsunami taken on his recent visit to Japan.



JULY 21, 2011

One-Hundred-Seventy people attended “SRR: Next Generation Technology, Next Generation Workers” talk presented by Dave Olson, President and Project Manager of Savannah River Remediation, LLC. Mr. Olson spoke of the challenges and successes, one of which is the college interns they have working at SRR. Many of the interns attended the breakfast and Marletta Carter was called upon to speak about her experiences at SRR. She expressed how important it is for a student to be exposed to working in a company and how it has helped her realize her desire to continue in the nuclear field. Mr. Olson and SRR also presented a check to Dr. Susan Winsor of Aiken Technical College to support the nuclear welding program at the College.



David Olson, President & Project Manager of SRR, LLC



\$10,000 check presentation to Dr. Susan Winsor



Dr. Susan Wood, CNTA Chair presents the famous CNTA mug to Marletta Carter.



“CNTA wants to use your memory”

CNTA plans to compile a pamphlet comprising stories, incidents, and remembrances about the history of the organization. This celebratory document will be made available all members. We encourage you to recall those memorable moments, jot them down and forward the stories to us to put into our pamphlet.

Being a writer or a storyteller is not a requirement. We are convinced there are humorous events and remarkable moments in our 20 years that our membership would enjoy hearing about or re-living. It might be something related to Dr. Teller’s visit or lecture in 1992, Tritium Christmas spill, an episode that happened while listening to or providing testimony at various times, or it might be something that happened at a CNTA breakfast that was memorable.

We know that some of our memories are fading, so it is important to capture these anecdotes now for future members to enjoy. Please do not limit those stories to just one!

Please send your articles to Karen at the CNTA office, (803) 649-3456 or email cnta@bellsouth.net. We would like to have your input as soon as you can remember the incident. You do not have to send them in all at once. We would like all of them by mid to late October.

Save the Date!!!



On November 9th, we will have our 20th year celebration...please plan on joining us for a fun evening and a look back on some of our accomplishments! Details to follow soon!

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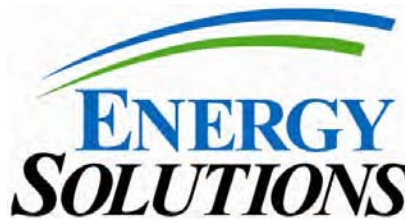
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