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A Night of Oysters, Music and Fun Raises Funds for CNTA Young Professionals

The Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA) Young Professionals Committee recently held their annual oyster roast and low country boil event fundraiser at Palmetto Golf Club, raising more than \$10,000 for CNTA activities.

Proceeds from the event are used to recruit young professionals under 40 to join CNTA by funding free memberships and events like the Tap into Nuclear series. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, attendance was limited this year and tickets were not available to the general public.

The evening included live music by Keith Gregory, raffles, and oysters and a low country boil from JC's Seafood in Aiken. Savannah River Remediation (SRR), the liquid waste contractor at the Savannah River Site, was the platinum sponsor.

At the event, SRR Chief Engineer Ken Wells recognized the 2021 Robert Maher Memorial Scholarship winner. This scholarship is sponsored by SRR and is presented annually by CNTA to a college student pursuing nuclear as their career. This year's winner was Alisa Machiwalla, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in nuclear engineering at Kennesaw State University.

Gold sponsors of the event included Bechtel, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, and Southern Nuclear. Silver sponsors were the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization, and the Applied Research Center. Bronze sponsors included Atkins, Centerra, Emerson ASCO, Jason Crane of Edward Jones, Merrick, North Wind Group, Savannah River National Laboratory, and Security Federal.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. For further information, call CNTA at 803-649-3456 or e-mail at cnta@bellsouth.net.

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Caption: John Hyder of JC's Seafood doles out Oysters to CNTA's guests.