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CNTA Highlights 30th Anniversary at Annual Member Meeting

Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness (CNTA), the area's non-profit organization for nuclear education, recently held its membership appreciation night and annual meeting on March 29.

Sponsored by Bechtel at Newberry Hall in Aiken, the event highlighted the exciting progress CNTA made in 2021. Some of the accomplishments included:

- Celebrating 30 years of being the voice of truth on nuclear matters and receiving recognition from the South Carolina State Senate for its efforts;
- Interacting with thousands of community members, educators, and students at STEM events, 11 Up & Atom and Tap Into Nuclear events, and a Lifelong Learning class at the University of South Carolina - Aiken;
- Reaching over 30,000 households by publishing the Nuclear Science Week insert in the *Aiken Standard*;
- Publishing over 25 press releases and news articles in local/regional news outlets;
- Awarding more than \$12,000 in scholarships and grants to area students and teachers;
- Raising over \$11,000 for young professional outreach;
- Hosting the 30th Annual Teller Lecture & Banquet at the Amentum Performing Arts Center in downtown Aiken;
- Hosting the 19th Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament; and
- Holding the 2021 CNTA Young Professionals Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil.

In 2021, CNTA continued to expand its social media outreach on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram while re-starting in-person events according to Executive Director Jim Marra.

“Thanks to our members and company sponsors, CNTA had another successful year advocating and educating on all things nuclear,” Marra said. “We look forward to an even better year in 2022 getting back to in-person events in the classroom and community.”

CNTA offers free membership to people under 40 years old and now has more than 150 young-professional members. CNTA's Young Professionals Committee sponsors a professional development series, “Tap Into Nuclear,” that held three events in 2021.

Upcoming events include Tap Into Nuclear with Jeff Leita from Amentum, April 21; the annual charity golf tournament, May 6; Up & Atom Breakfast with speaker Mark Peters from Battelle, May 12; and Up & Atom Breakfast featuring SRS Interns, July 19.

CNTA is an Aiken-based charitable educational organization dedicated to providing factual information about nuclear topics and educating the public on nuclear issues. Follow CNTA on Facebook and Twitter,

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