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CNTA Holds 11th 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 28.

Sponsored by Bechtel at Newberry Hall in Aiken, the event highlighted the exciting progress CNTA made in 2022. Some of the accomplishments included:

- Celebrating 31 years of being the voice of truth on nuclear matters across the Central Savannah River Area;
- Interacting with thousands of community members, educators, and students at multiple STEM events, eight Up & Atom breakfasts, three Tap Into Nuclear events, two DOE summer courses, 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 a dozen press releases and news articles in local/regional news outlets;
- Awarding more than \$11,000 in scholarships and grants to area students and teachers;
- Raising over \$9,000 for young professional outreach;
- Hosting the 31st Annual Teller Lecture & Banquet at the Amentum Performing Arts Center in downtown Aiken with the DOE Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy Dr. Kathryn Huff as the keynote speaker;
- Hosting the 20th Annual CNTA Charity Golf Tournament;
- Holding the 2022 CNTA Young Professionals Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil; and
- Continuing to expand CNTA's social media outreach on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.

Come June 2023, CNTA will revise its membership levels to include Champion (\$500), Advocate (\$250), Benefactor (\$125), Patron (\$70), and Supporter (\$35). In addition to free memberships already given to Students and Young Professionals (Under 40), free memberships will be further extended to K-12 Educators to further CNTA's outreach to these key educational partners.

"Thanks to our members and company sponsors, CNTA continued its successful record of advocating and educating on all things nuclear," said CNTA Executive Director Jim Marra. "2023 is already shaping up to be a banner year for circulating nuclear-related information and fact-based opinion across our community."

Upcoming events include an Up & Atom Breakfast featuring a Plant Vogtle Update, April 20; the 2023 Charity Golf Tournament at Houndslake Country Club, May 12; and CNTA Night at the Augusta Greenjackets, June 15. CNTA members will also participate in Earth Day Aiken (April 22nd), and the DIG STEM Festival in Williston (May 6th).

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, @CNTAaware. For further information, visit www.CNTAaware.org, call CNTA at 803-649-3456, or e-mail at cnta@bellsouth.net.



Caption: Executive Director Dr. James Marra presents CNTA's Annual Report to the assembled membership. Photo courtesy of Todd Lista.



Caption: CNTA member receives a certificate for free attendance at the 2023 Teller Lecture as part of the membership perks raffle. Photo courtesy of Todd Lista.