

We are on the home stretch! While working to complete the 2009 initiatives, we have begun to start thinking toward 2010. What's your vision for SCCAABE? Is it in line with our charter? How can we best utilize our resources to make a difference? Whether it involves the production and distribution of energy that affords us the comfort of modern living or the energy within that wills us to work toward the greater good, ***energy is the essence of our lives.***

This year, news reports indicate that professional organizations experienced a 50 to 60 percent decrease in membership and profits. Yet, AABE recorded profits and established goals to grow our organization. Support this initiative by inviting your friends and colleagues to take advantage of the quality programs we sponsor. There are many opportunities for personal and professional development, community service, and networking.

July 31 – Charleston Membership Meeting

SCCAABE held a membership recruitment meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in North Charleston on July 31, 2009. The meeting was held mainly to share information about our organization with, both Santee Cooper and SCANA employees located in the Southern, Lowcountry, and Charleston districts. The featured speakers were **Paul V. Fant**, President and COO of Carolina Gas Transmission, and **Jeffrey B. Archie**, Senior Vice President of Nuclear Operations of SCE&G. Both speakers enlightened members and guests about good work practices. They also shared some of their work experiences.

After the meeting, many of the attendees, along with family and friends shared dinner together at Hymans Seafood in downtown Charleston. The following Saturday morning, some attendees took the "Gullah Tour," an educational and entertaining tour of downtown and the Sea Island.

August 26 – Professional Development Seminar ***"Knowledge is Power – Energize Your Career Today!"***

On August 26th, presenters armed participants with information they need to help promote SCANA's initiatives. The seminar was jam packed with knowledge. Mr. Timmerman once said, "SCANA has two initiatives:" 1) To continue our current operation in a safe and efficient manner, and 2) to construct and bring the two new units online. The seminar empowered us with the knowledge to help support these initiatives.

Thanks to Jeff Archie for hosting the 2009 Professional Development Seminar (PDS), **Mildred Allen** and **Mammie Price** for Co-Chairing the PDS Planning Committee, and members of the committee (**Allison Spry, Elaine Burton, Tonya Green, Tom Jones, Terrence Cheatham, Zachary Taylor, Keela Middleton, Nicole Bundy, and Kimberly Brown**) for successfully implementing another SCCAABE initiative. Here are some highlights:

"Your Impact on the Future of Nuclear Energy" -- Kevin Marsh, President and Chief Operating Officer, SCE&G

Kevin's speech covered three key areas: Financial, Regulatory, and Customer Service and Safety. He reminded us that all employees are impacted by VCS. "Everybody is important; everyone is part of the team." This is true whether you work at the plant or not.

- Financial – "Know how your job adds to the bottom line."
- Regulatory – Lots of resources are required to meet regulatory requirements that govern our industry.
- Customer Service and Safety – All employees should be ambassadors for SCANA and "engaged in excellent customer service."

"Safety is First" -- Jeff Archie, Senior Vice President, Nuclear Operation, SCE&G



Jeff stressed the importance of safety and explained how all VCS employees "perform all tasks to the highest standards." Part of his presentation included a film about Three Mile Island and Chernobyl. It explained how the incidents occurred and how the fallout that resulted, ensures that nuclear energy is a more safe and efficient form of energy today. It armed us with knowledge that can be shared with neighbors and friends who may question us about the new construction.

"Nuclear – The Concern about Waste" -- Paul Mathena, Manager, Health Physics and Safety, SCE&G

Paul explained how radioactive waste from VCS is handled, stored, and shipped. He also spoke about the VCS Environmental Monitoring Program. Participants were empowered with the knowledge gained from his presentation.

"How to Align Yourself for a Career in Nuclear Energy" -- Scott McFarland, Manager, VCS Human Resources, SCE&G

In addition to managing the current staff at VCS, Scott has been charged with staffing the two new units. This is no easy task, but he shared his deployment plan with us, and told us what we need to do if we are interested in joining the team at VCS.



Carlette Walker (Corporate Compliance and Internal Auditing Officer), **Steve Baleno** (Manager, VCS IST Operations), and **Glenn Marcus** (Manager, VCS Strategic Sourcing) also explained their roles and projected staffing needs.

If you were unable to attend the seminar and/or would like to view the presentations and other materials distributed, copies are posted on our [SharePoint](#) site.

August 29 – Habitat for Humanity

Eight SCCAABE members and their families participated in a home building project in Eastover, South Carolina, sponsored by the Central South Carolina Chapter of Habitat for Humanity and Schneider Electric/Square D. **Rachael Robinson** spearheaded the project. Other volunteers were **Elaine Burton** and her husband, **Kenneth**, **Jamesetta James** and her 14-year old son, **Michael**, **Judy Wasieczko**, **Paulette Ledbetter**, and **Deloris Brown**. Michael gave up a Saturday football game with his father to volunteer.

Volunteers assisted with various activities, including roofing, building a porch, painting, and landscaping. The home recipient was onsite helping and expressed appreciation for the work performed. It was a rewarding experience for participants who were exceptionally proud of the porch they built. SCCAABE looks forward to participating in another Habitat for Humanity project in the future.





September 12 – SCCAABE Membership Cookout



Members of SCCAABE gathered at Pine Island, recently, for food and fun. The cookout, catered by 3 Chefs Catering, gave the SCCAABE family a chance to fellowship and get to know each other.

Members, as well as their families and friends, enjoyed the beautiful weather and scenery while playing card games, board games and listening to music. A few brave souls even joined member, **Joe McCaskill**, on his boat for a cruise on beautiful Lake Murray.

CALENDAR PREVIEW

The following events are on our calendar for the fourth quarter. Save the date, and stay tuned for more details.

October 10 – LIHEAP Workshop

SCCAABE is serving as an ambassador by sharing information on LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program). **Homer Mitchell** will give a presentation at the Friendship AME Church. The Rev. Hill is the pastor. 20 – 25 customers are expected to attend.

October 15 - 2009 South Carolina BioEnergy Summit

Dan Canada will attend, representing our Energy Policy Committee. Two SCCAABE members will be presenting:

Dr. Joe N. Emily, a Professor at SCSU

Joseph J. James, President of Agri-Tech Producers, LLC (ATP)

October 27 - SCCAABE School Enrichment Program

October 27 marks the kickoff for our 2009 - 2010 program, which will provide **mentoring and tutoring** in math and writing. A Robotics Program will also run concurrently. **Volunteers are still needed.** If you are interested, contact:

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October 29 – SCCAABE General Membership Meeting

Are you interested in your own personal and professional development? If your answer is yes, plan to attend a three-part series on Leadership Development.

The first presentation in the series is on “Effective Presentations.” The speaker will be Eric Boomhower. It will be held on Thursday, October 29 from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in room 149 at the OSC. Video conferencing will be available in areas where there is availability. More to come...

November 19 – Dutch Fork Middle School Career Fair

SCCAABE members will participate in a Career Fair, teaching students about energy and the many career opportunities available.

December 15 – 2010 Elections Certified

Start considering how you would like to serve. For continued growth, SCCAABE needs you!

December 19 – SCCAABE 25th Anniversary Gala



Happy Birthday SCCAABE!!! On October 8, SCCAABE was 25 years old. On December 19th, we will celebrate our 25th Anniversary. **Save the date.** You will not want to miss this event.

Information Resources

AABE National Website: <http://www.aabe.org>

South Carolina Chapter Webpage: <http://www.aabe.org/SouthCarolina>

SharePoint Site: <http://corporate.scana.com/AABE/default.aspx>