



SRMC volunteers, from left: Rosa Woods, Naomi Oxendine, Etta Jones, Etha Harris, and Bruce Swett

Volunteers Honored For Helping Provide The Personal Touch

About 150 volunteers serving Southeastern Regional Medical Center and its affiliates were honored recently at the annual appreciation banquet held during National Volunteer Week in the Medical Center's dining room.

After a garden reception, SRMC President Luckey Welsh welcomed the volunteers who had given 21,407 hours of service to the Medical Center and its affiliated services including Hospice of Robeson, the Southeastern Cancer Center and Woodhaven Nursing and Alzheimer's Care Center over the past year. He thanked them for helping make SRMC a "people Place" where patients receive high quality care and have their personal needs met as well.

SRMC Chaplain Dale Chavis led the invocation before dinner, which was prepared and served by the Food Services staff. Entertainment was provided by Angie and Dean Carter Hospice of Robeson Chaplain, who performed a variety of vocal renditions including popular and religious songs.

Miriam Edwards, Hospice of Robeson director, and Anne Crain, Hospice volunteer coordinator, presented certificates of appreciation to 32 hospice volunteers for 1,855 hours of service.

Woodhaven Volunteer Coordinator Marsha Lewis and Activity Director Kim Bazemore presented certificates of appreciation to 33 volunteers who have given 2,947 hours over the past year, including service at the Southeastern Cancer Center.

SRMC Vice President Reid Caldwell and Volunteer Coordinator

Shirley Rogers presented certificates to 79 Medical Center volunteers who gave 16,605 hours of service during the past year. These volunteers work in many areas of the organization's operation including admissions and registration, patient relations recovery, mail delivery, coffee cart, shuttle delivery, dietary, and nursing units.

SRMC volunteers are: Doris Allen, Frances Averitt, Dorothy Baker, Michael Bingham, Lonnie Bowen, Mildred Brice, Tanya Britt, Ann Britt, Raydebra Brock, Beverly Bryan, Doris Bullard, Michael Cox, Joey Camero, Lora Clark, James Colletti, Anne Culbreth, Matthew Cummings, Frances Davis, Hazel Dixon, Reva Freeman, Mildred Haggins, Etha Harris, James Herring, Margaret Humphrey, Debra Ivey, Terra Jacobs, Shirley Jenkins, Val Johnson, Etta Jones, Mildred Kinlaw, Christine Lee, Adam Lewis, Eddie Locklear, Emale Locklear, James C. Locklear, Elise Loftis, Dora Lowery, Mary Lou Lowery, Adam Lynn, JoAnn McDuffie, Blanche McEachern, Alyce Minges, Frances Norment, Lola Nye, Evelyn McMillan, Rose McMillan, Ruth Mercer, Adrienne Oxendine, Naomi Oxendine, Berry Peyer, Lille Sealey, Eva Shull, Jean Smith, Joyce Smith, Maria Smith, Alice Stephens, Malissah Stephens, Dorothy Strawcutter, Michael Streable, Paul Sult, Lenore Taylor, Cindy Tutthill, Guiney Vega, Michael Warren, Jeannette Webster, and Rosa Woods.

Medical Center Pastoral Care volunteers recognized for service were: Donald Bullard, Raymond Faircloth, David Hodge, Keith Hunt, Charles

Locklear, Nash Locklear, Robert Moore, Weymon Oxendine, Todd Stout, Bruce Swett, Donald Toth, and Alex Tyler.

Woodhaven volunteers honored were: Elsbeth Allen, Gloria Autry, Dr. Horace Baker, Dorothy Baker, Margaret Branch, Angella Britt, Bruce Bryant, Timothy Campbell, Dot Carlson, Kathrine Combs, Majorie Devine, Angela Floyd, Bobbi Lynn Garner, Willie Mac Graham, Michelle Grissett, Anthony Hammonds, Earline Hunt, Linda James, Bobbi Jones, Clennie Jones, Karen Locklear, Thelma Manning, Shelia Mitchell, Vergie Oxendine, Lynwood Rhodes, Joan Rogers, Wilma Rozier, Betty Simon, Donna Skaluba and Sandra Willis.

Southeastern Cancer Center volunteers recognized were: Jim Evans, Joyce Jackson, Brenna Britt, Nick Garner, Helen Haggard, Mabelle Lawson, Anna McDuffie, Anne McQueen, Connie Ruble, and Pauline Taylor.

Hospice of Robeson volunteers honored were: Cheryl Baker, Ruth Bryan, Martha Bullock, Willie Ree Chavis, Frances Collins, Elise Egan, Mary Greyard, Helen Haggard, O'Neal Hickman, Martha Hood, Bobbie Ann Hunt, Marjan Jackson, Cynthia Locklear, Connie Locklear, Stanley Locklear, Lois Lowery, Arnilce McGeachy, Burnell Moore, Robert Moore, Connie Oxendine, Betty Prather, Ruth Prevatte, Armatha Robinson, Eva Sampson, Mary Lou Sherrill, Gary Watts, Matti Whitted, Jeannie Wilcox, Dorothy Wilkerson, and Gail Woodcox.

Seniors have opportunity to learn and teach about Medicare

Senior citizens interested in learning about Medicare are encouraged to take part in a special program within the North Carolina Department of Insurance called the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program.

The Seniors' Health Insurance Program, known as SHIP, is working in cooperation with the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation to conduct a special Free training session for interested seniors that teaches the ins and outs of the Medicare program, Medicare supplemental insurance and long-term care insurance.

Seniors are required to attend all classes to complete the training course and become certified as trained SHIP counselors. Counselors then have the opportunity to share the information

they've learned with their peers in the community.

SHIP will be training seniors locally at the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation Headquarters location 605 East Fourth Ave. Red Springs, North Carolina. Classes will be held every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. beginning May 21, 1998 and ending on July 9, 1998.

To register, contact Linda B. Locklear, Member Service Rep. (910) 843-4131 Ext. 251 or for additional information about the training course.

SHIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance and offers free, objective information about the seniors' health insurance. There is absolutely no selling involved, as the program is a state-operated service.

Program weds mat and Native American

CHAPEL HILL -- It's not every day the ninth-graders construct model rockets with instruction from NASA officials.

But that's what will happen June 26 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, when 42 rising American Indian ninth graders build boosters as officials from NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., supervise.

The activities -- from 8:45 a.m. to noon in Room 330 of UNC-CH's Phillips Hall on Cameron Avenue -- will be part of a residential science program hosted June 15 - July 3 by the UNC-CH Office for Student Counseling.

The 42 students selected for the program from across the nation -- 16 of them from North Carolina -- are participating in one of six regional Comprehensive Enrichment Programs sponsored by the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), a private, non-profit organization that seeks to build bridges between science and technology and traditional native values.

"The idea is to steer the rising ninth-graders toward higher education and a deeper appreciation for the sciences," said Harold Woodard, associate dean of the UNC-CH Office for Student Counseling. The mission dovetails with a movement prominent among American Indians today, said Dr. Freda Porter-Locklear, a Lumbee Indian who directs this AISES Comprehensive Enrichment Program.

"Through its educational programs, AISES provides opportunity for American Indians and Alaskans to pursue degrees in science, engineering, business and other academic areas," said Porter-Locklear. "The trained professionals that come technologically informed to us within the Indian community AISES' goal is to be a catalyst for advancement of American Indians as they seek to become self-reliant and self-determined members of society."

Porter-Locklear, of Pembroke, completed a Ph. D. in applied mathematics at Duke University in 1991 and post-doctoral work at UNC-CH in 1996. She conducts EPA research and oversees AISES, now in its second of three years in North Carolina.

This year the Dewitt Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund provided \$60,000 for the AISES program here. IBM in the Research Triangle Park is funding field trips and providing three employees -- Joseph Carmen, Kharlon Galbreath and Phillip Singleton -- to supervise the program's computer lab.

Building rockets is just one of many components of the AISES program. Weekdays, the students study environmental science, geometry and physics and work with computers. High school teachers Wilma Godwin and Fannie Lowry of Pembroke, and both Lumbee Indians, teach.

Afternoons and weekends the students hear quest speakers, such as

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EPA and the National Environmental Health Science Research Triangle Park, and rips, including and excursion North Carolina Museum of science in Durham. Films, rs and Native American g also are included. Seven ndian college students tunsel the ninth-graders, givn an idea of what college is like.

AISES recruits for its Comprehensive Enrichment Program through Indian Education agencies in predominantly Indian areas, said Porter-Locklear. Acceptance is based on merit. Applicants submit grade-point averages, recommendation letters and personal essays about their goals and how those incorporate math and science.

"The program is highly sought-after," Porter-Locklear. "We had will over 200 applicants for our 42 slots." And the program get the results. "The AISES pre-college program has 10 years of experience in conducting summer intensive courses in

mathematics and science," said Porter-Locklear. "Students who have attended at least three years of AISES summer programs show a 90 percent retention rate in high school, compared to 64 percent for American Indians nationally. Of 30 (enrichment program) students who graduated in 1994, 90 percent are currently enrolled in higher education."

Correction

In last week's Pembroke Kiwanis Report several errors were made. The column should have read:

Jonathan Harris of Pembroke sang "He Was Thinking Of Me All the Way to Calvary," and "Let Us Meet Where the River Runs Cold." Harris is employed part time at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. His mother, Susie Harris is a Serials Library Assistant at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The Harrises are members of the Union Chapel Community Baptist Church. Our apologies to both the Harrises.

Retired Military Man to graduate from FTC College

Donnie L. Goins of Shannon will graduate from Fayetteville Technical Community College on Thursday, May 14 at 8 p.m. in the Cumberland County Arena. He will receive an Associate Degree in Social Science.

Goins is retired from the United States Army as a Sgt. First Class after 20 years service. He retired in 1995.

Goins owns and operates Goins Heating and Air Conditioning. He needs to complete 2000 hours in hearing and air conditioning service to be eligible for the state licensing exam. Goins would like to donate those 2000 hours to the elderly and the handicapped. Anyone who has a need and meets the criteria of being elderly or handicapped should contact Goins at 843-1220.

Goins is married to the former Barbara Collins and they have five sons.

McIntyre Announces Money for Ft. Bragg, Pope AFB, Camp Lejeune & Guard

Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre, a member of the House National Security Committee, announced recently that money has been authorized for several projects that will benefit southeastern North Carolina, including Ft. Bragg, Pope AFB, Camp Lejeune and the N.C. National Guard.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "North Carolina's military bases are the finest in the world. The men and women who serve us at these facilities are often the first to be called upon in a time of national crisis. I am very pleased and excited about the improvements and additions incorporated in the Defense Department's authorization bill approved to address the quality of life for our men and women in uniform, readiness and modernization of equipment.

Mega Skincare and Beauty Show planned

Jafra's Mega Skincare and Beauty Show will be held Thursday, May 28th from 6:30 til 8:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn & Suites, 3608 Kahn (I-95 exit), Lumberton, NC. Each guest will receive a free gift and complimentary facial. For more information call 671-0025 or 1-800-869-5785.

Smart Start Funding Increase for Robeson County included in Governor's Budget Request

Raleigh - Children and families in Robeson County will benefit from \$1,180,863 in additional funds for Smart Start programs and services if the Governor's expansion budget request is approved.

Governor Jim Hunt has requested \$57 million to expand Smart Start programs and services to all 100 counties, making Smart Start his number one priority for this year's legislative session. Currently, 55 counties are providing Smart Start services while the remaining 45 counties spent the past year in the planning stage.

Smart Start has allowed the county's child care subsidies waiting list to be depleted. This program has allowed 749 children to receive child care while their families were able to gain employment. Without this program, these children were less likely to have received formalized pre-K experiences necessary to enhance their cognitive, gross and fine motor skills.

Prior to Smart Start, there were only 13 AA (23%) centers in Robeson County. These are the Head Start centers. One child care center has recently become AA and five others are in the process of upgrading. This means there will be smaller staff/child ratios, more activity centers and clearer expectations of child care providers. Children will receive more individualized attention and hands-on experi-

ences. This will mean an increase from 23% to 34%.

"The most important thing we can do in North Carolina this year to build a better future is Smart Start--because it's the foundation for successful, healthy children and a healthy economy," Gov. Hunt said during his May 4 budget announcement.

Smart Start is helping all children and families - including middle-class families - across North Carolina get good, affordable child care, health care and family support.

North Carolina has more working mothers than almost any other state, so increasing the quality of child care is a critical need. Smart Start is helping working families get better child care - more child care spaces, better child care teachers, health and vision screenings and parent education.

In 43 counties, Smart Start has helped more than 100,000 children get higher-quality child care; more than 26,000 child care teachers get education and training; more than 97,000 children get preventive health care and more than 60,000 moms and dads get parenting and health education.

For more information, contact the local Smart Start partnership office in your area. A complete list of local Smart Start contacts follows this release.

Top Bass Anglers Set To Compete In Red Man All-American Bass Championship

Top 50 Anglers Eye \$100,000 First Prize

(May 11, 1998) -- Fifty of the nation's best bass fishermen are set to compete in the 15th annual Red Man All-American Bass Fishing Championship May 25-30, 1998, on the Mississippi River in Lacrosse, Wis.

The three-day tournament features the top 50 anglers from the year-long, 132-even Red Man Tournament Trail competing for a share of an all cash prize purse totaling \$265,750. The winning angler receives \$100,000, one of the largest prizes in competitive fishing.

The 50 champion bass fishermen will compete for two days, Thursday and Friday, for one of 10 slots available in Saturday's final round. The anglers having the highest cumulative weight for the two days will advance. The 10 finalists will compete on Saturday, with previous weight totals carrying over. The angler ending up with the heaviest total weight of the three days will be named the winner. Each finalist will be paired with a camera crew from ESPN 2. ESPN 2 is filming the championship and will produce a one-hour special that will air November 8, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. EST.

The 50 anglers qualified for the prestigious bass championship by competing in one-day, divisional qualifying tournaments during the 1997 season and finishing in the top 30, based on a system of points and pounds. The anglers then competed in one of five, two-day Red Man regional champi-

onships against the top 30 anglers from three other divisions for one of only eight berths, per regional, available in the Red Man All-American Championship. Two other regional, the Western and Wild Card, sent four representatives respectively.

The Red Man All-American is the culmination of 132 one-day qualifying tournaments and seven regional championships. It is the most difficult event to qualify for in competitive fishing. More than 25,000 bass fishermen attempted to qualify for the renowned tournament in 1997.

The first Red Man All-American was held in 1983 on Kentucky Lake. Dean Starkey of Peru, Indiana, was the first Red Man All-American champion, winning \$50,000 from a total purse of \$75,000. Starkey won the event again in 1994 when it was held on the Arkansas River at Muskogee, Oklahoma, winning \$100,000 for the first place. Starkey was the first and only angler to win the coveted title twice.

Sponsors of the Red Man Tournament trail include: Red Man Chewing Tobacco, Ranger Boats, Abu Garcia Rods and Reels, Armour Vienna Sausage, Chevy Trucks, Stren Fishing Lines, Evinrude Outboards, Evinrude Electric Trolling Motors, Hummingbird Fishfinders, CITGO Petroleum Corporation, ENERGIZER Marine Batteries, Old Milwaukee NA, American Camper, Igloo, Uniroyal, Gambler/Bang, and BC Powders.

Richardson Receives Fellowship

Mary in "Marty" Richardson, a senior at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, has been awarded a Graduate Minority Achievers Program Fellowship from Indiana University. The fellowship is a partnership between the University Graduate School and the Department of Anthropology. Course work will eventually lead to a doctorate in Anthropology.

Richardson is the son of Barry Richardson of Bethlehem near Warrenton and Brenda Lynch of Hollister. He is a member of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of Hollister.

Rowland-Norment School News

Rowland-Norment Elementary School's annual Curriculum Fair was held recently. There were 138 entries. Judges for the event were retired teacher Shirley Stockton, LSHS Principal Dale Maynor, and PSRC Board member Terry Smith. Fourth grader Whitney Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffin Jr., received the Best Overall Award Class project winners, listed by teacher, are as follows: Kindergarten-Sharon Britt/Joy Hickman; First Grade-Stacy Greene; Multi-age-Letress Hammonds; Second Grade-Ella McLaughlin; Third Grade-Patricia Richardson (AG Class); Fourth Grade-Lorna Gibson. Individual student winners are as follows: Kindergarten: 1st - O'Neal Robinson, 2nd - Griffin Hardee, 3rd - Ryan Bass; Second Grade: 1st - Jeffery Head, 2nd - Joshua Prevatt, 3rd - Seth Wagner; Fourth Grade: 1st - Whitney Griffin, 2nd - Gary Head, 3rd - Ashley Bass; First Grade: 1st - Jasmine Faircloth, 2nd - Daniel Lee, 3rd - Ashleigh Stephens; Third Grade: 1st - Candace Morgan, 2nd - Zachary Pittman, 3rd - Lance Wright.



Whitney Griffin is a student in Jennifer Locklear's Fourth grade class. She received top honors at the recent curriculum fair.