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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



SRMC President/CEO Luckey Welsh (center) is shown with winners of the 1999 John D. Drake Distinguished Service Award, Myrtle Oxendine (left) and JoAnn Falls, at the annual Employee Service Awards held on Jan. 17, 2000.

SRMC nurse manager and housekeeper winners of John D. Drake distinguished service award

JoAnn Falls, a retired nurse manager, and Myrtle Oxendine, a housekeeper at the Southeastern Lifestyle Fitness Center, were named winners of the 1999 John D. Drake Distinguished Service Award. The Drake Award is the highest honor bestowed on employees of Southeastern Regional Medical Center. SRMC President/CEO Luckey Welsh made the presentations at the annual employee service awards banquet held on Monday evening, January 17, 2000.

"Both these individuals are most deserving of the Drake award," said Welsh as he read descriptions of the winners and details of their careers. Neither winner had been forewarned of the surprise award presentation.

Welsh called Ms. Falls a nurse who "believes that her patients deserved and must receive quality patient care." He added, "She taught, laughed and cried with her patients. She celebrated when they were healed and held their hand when they died."

Falls spent her entire 41-year nursing career at SRMC until her retirement in 1995. She earned her nursing diploma from the Robeson County Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and was in the first class of nurses who did their clinical training at the facility that is now SRMC. After graduation, she joined the hospital in 1954 as a staff nurse. Later she became head nurse of

Knox Hall and managed that medical/surgical unit until her retirement. Welsh described her as a manager with excellent leadership skills who set clear expectations for her staff. "Ms. Falls was known to run a tight ship, but she never expected more of others than of herself," he said.

Although born in Cleveland County, Falls chose to retire in Lumberton where she has relatives. She spends her free time working in her yard and volunteering with the Chestnut Street United Methodist Church.

"I was really surprised to win the Drake Award," she said. "Most of the Drake winners are employees at the time they win. I believe I was the first to be called back out of retirement for mine!"

Welsh described Housekeeper Myrtle Oxendine as "a unique blend of talent, caring, dedication and skill." Welsh said that she arrives early, leaves late and in 13 years of employment has never been absent or tardy.

Born in Lumberton, Oxendine joined SRMC in 1977 as a laundry worker. She then worked as a housekeeper in the Medical Center until transferring to the Fitness Center when it opened in 1988.

Although Oxendine, at 73 years old, is well past retirement age, she says her job keeps her going. "It was nice to receive the award. It shocked me. And made me feel good. I just try to do my best. I just

love to work!" she said.

She and her husband Paul Oxendine, Jr. have four grown children, Day Neal, Peggy Oxendine, Patricia Hardin, and John Russell Hunt. They also have eight grandchildren—four girls and four boys—and seven great grandchildren.

The Drake Award was named in honor of John D. Drake, who retired as head cook in 1984 after 38 years of service, and was established by the SRMC Board of Trustees in 1988 to recognize exceptional service by employees.

To qualify for the Drake award, SRMC employees must demonstrate high standards for personal performance on the job, loyalty and dedication to the organization, excellent attendance record, respect by fellow workers, leadership displayed on the job, and a caring attitude to fellow employees and guests of the Medical Center.

As recipients of the Drake award, both Falls and Oxendine received a gold watch and a framed certificate. Their names will also be engraved on a plaque, which is permanently displayed in SRMC's cafeteria.

Previous winners of the Drake award were 1988, Julia Harris; 1989, Addie Mae Caple; 1990, Beatrice Leggett and Vashit Pittman; 1991, Thelma Jean Reeves; 1992, Paula McLean; 1993, Shirley Thompson; 1994, Sonya Oxendine; 1995, Terry Carter; 1996, Vera McDowell; 1997, Jimmy Page; and 1998, James E. Jones.

Cancer support group to meet

The Southeastern Cancer Center hosts a female cancer support group, Unique Surviving Sisters, which meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Obbie Lee Community Education Room of the Center, 1200 Pine Run Dr., Lumberton. The group, open to all women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer and other cancers of the reproductive system, is free and no pre-registration is required. For more information, call Cynthia Hodge at 671-5768 or the American Cancer Society at 737-6222.

Looking for host families for exchange students

Hosting a high school exchange student in August, 00 is bringing the world to your doorstep.

We're looking for families of all types—retired couples to single parent families. Not only two parent families have enjoyed hosting an international son or daughter.

We have students arriving from various countries—Brazil, Germany, Spain, Russia, Finland and many others. You can choose a male or female, ages from 15 to 18, all with various interests and hobbies matched to your family. Students arrive sometime in late

American Indian Art Exhibit to be part of North Carolina Indian Unity Conference

The upcoming twenty-fifth annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference scheduled for March 8-11 at the Holiday Inn-Bordeaux in Fayetteville will feature a juried fine American Indian art exhibition. The show, titled "Full Circle," will open on Thursday, March 9th at the hotel's convention center. According to United Tribes arts and crafts coordinator, Jane Jacobs of Clinton, NC, this is the tenth consecutive year that United Tribes of North Carolina has sponsored the art event.

There is no entry fee for participating in the juried American Indian fine art that is open to any member of a North Carolina American Indian tribe, or to an American Indian presently residing in the state. Participants must be at least 18 years-old. According

to official guidelines, all mediums are accepted, including painting, pottery, beadwork, basketry, sculpture, etc. All entries must be original and completed within the last three years and never before entered in the show. No kits, molds, or print reproduction of original works will be accepted says curator Barbara Braveboy-Locklear.

"Full Circle" will feature the works of Senora Lynch, Haliwa-Saponi, of Warrenton, North Carolina. The Warren County potter has won awards in national competitions, and her work has been exhibited at the Smithsonian Institution. Collectors across the United States and in Australia, Germany, Britain and Japan own some of her work. Last year's featured artist was Alceon Jones, Lumbree, of Robe-

son County.

The NC Indian Unity Conference draws people from across the United States and provides an opportunity for sharing ideas, planning and socializing. This will be the tenth consecutive year UTNC has offered an opportunity for American Indian artists to share and showcase their work at the statewide conference. According to Braveboy-Locklear, monetary prizes will be awarded in four categories: Best in Show, Best Traditional, Best Contemporary, and Honorable Mention.

For more information on how to get an artist application and guidelines for participation in the juried American Indian fine art show, write the curator at e-mail: BRAVEBOYB@aol.com or call her at 919/639-9014.

Keeping the Holiday Computer Healthy

(Minneapolis, MN)—When you first bought it, you thought it was the perfect holiday gift for the family. Mom could use it to update her files for her home-based business. Five-year-old Susan could play counting games on it. And 19-year-old Billy could use it for research during his vacations home from college. What you may not have considered, however, was the need to protect your PC from the same people who would use it on a regular basis. Just think about what happened when Billy downloaded a virus from the Internet which wiped out Mom's files and destroyed Susan's games. Now what?

You should have backed up the hard drive. You should have enabled the anti-virus software that came with the computer. Unfortunately, neither of these things were done.

Many families face similar situations daily, and try as they might, find it next to impossible to come

up with a practical way to keep their PC operating smoothly. What may seem like a daunting task is easier than it appears.

Anti-virus Software. Just as you take precautions from getting sick, you must do the same for your computer. Most computers come with some sort of anti-virus software that once enabled, will prevent your PC from being infested with nasty bugs that can cause irreversible damage. With regular anti-virus updates, you can keep your computer bug free.

Shut down. While it may be a nuisance, shutting down your computer after every use is a practical way to stop accidents before they happen. The process takes less than a minute and could save you hours of hard work trying to restore what trying to restore what you lost if disaster were to strike.

Data Protection. Even with the best care, accidents are bound to happen and the results, at times, can be fatal. While regular backups are necessary, they aren't always

enough. After all, what happens if a computer crash obliterates the report you completed this morning and your last backup occurred two night ago? Investing in a program like GoBack by Wild File, Inc. is one way to assure that your data is always safe. GoBack allows a PC user to recover from problems such as system crashes, virus attacks, failed software installation and user error (overwritten or deleted files) taking their hard drives back to a time when everything was okay—five minutes, five hours or even five days ago. Once installed, no further action is required—until you need it. For more information, visit www.goback.com

Computer maintenance. You can prevent many PC problems by doing routine computer maintenance. While it is important to delete your temporary files and defragment your hard drive on a regular basis, experts advise conducting other routine diagnostics, as well. Several software utilities are available that simplify this task.

North Carolina to receive \$389,509 to help elderly and disabled

Washington - Senator John Edwards announced on Thursday that North Carolina will receive \$389,509 to help elderly, disabled and low-income residents of public housing.

"These communities are working hard to make sure that all North Carolinians have a place they can call home," said Senator Edwards. "These local agencies deserve our support so they can continue to help low-income families."

The housing Authority of Winston-Salem will receive \$151,000 and Housing Authority of Asheville will receive \$41,844 to provide supportive services and activities to the elderly and disabled residents living in public housing.

Six additional communities will receive funding to retain or em-

ploy a Family Self Sufficiency program coordinator for one year. The coordinator will help families in public housing achieve economic independence and self sufficiency. The Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc. will receive \$37,861.

The Coastal Community Action Agency in Beaufort will receive \$30,974.

The DOP Consolidated Human Services in Jacksonville will receive \$24,067.

The Greenville Housing Authority will receive \$30,083.

The Kinston Housing Authority will receive \$32,500.

The Charlotte Housing Authority will receive \$41,180.

All of the grants are awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Rolling Thunder's Vision Lives On

It is fitting that on the third anniversary (1-23-00) of John Rolling Thunder Pope's crossing, we pay tribute to his memory by keeping his Dream and Vision for a traditional Indian community in Carlin, Nevada, alive.

From the ashes of Meta Tantai, the GOLDEN EAGLE, has risen to fulfill RT's prophecy that the camp would be re-built as a safe haven for our People, where we could live and practice our spiritual way of life in peace.

In August 1999, the Golden Eagle camp was placed under the protection of the Shield of Chief Two Thunders and Red Tail Alliance. We here at the camp are grateful and blessed by the presence of Chief Two Thunders and RTA in our lives. Many wonderful events

have already taken place and we know more blessings are on the way. Rolling Thunder's vision will be manifested and his dream will become reality once again.

Although Chief Two Thunders is quite modest, it says so much about his commitment to Great Spirit's trail that Spirit and Rolling Thunder chose him to carry on RT's works.

From May 15th - 18th, we will hold our annual reunion to remember the Going Away ceremony held for RT. We invite old and new friends alike to join us in our works and our community, especially during that time. We do ask that you contact us ahead to make arrangements. Our address is: Red Tail Alliance, POB 1178, Carlin, NV 89822. May you all walk with the Grandfather Great Spirit.

Art Exhibit Opens at Campbell University

The Campbell University "Faculty Art Series" will be presented at Campbell University, January 18, through February 18, 2000. The exhibit, in E.P. Sauls Gallery in the Taylor Bott Rogers Fine Arts Building on the Campbell campus, features the work of non-Campbell faculty. It is free and open to the public.

"We try and bring in other faculty to expose Campbell students and faculty to various art forms and other people's work," said Larkin Tysor, Associate Professor of Art at Campbell University. "It helps introduce the student body to other works and it enriches our classes as well, since some of our classes critique the work and use it as an educational tool."

The exhibit, entitled "Faith Works," features approximately forty pieces by North Carolina native Laurence Downing, a teacher of Clay and Sculpture at the Durham School of the Arts, a magnet school in Durham, NC. Downing, who also teaches clay and sculpture with the Durham Arts Council, frequently exhibits his works at shows throughout North Carolina. Past exhibitions have been featured at the Sommerhill Gallery in Chapel Hill, the Duke Museum of Art, and the Durham Art Guild.

"I particularly enjoy metaphor

and word play," said Downing, and English major from UNC-Chapel Hill. "I hunt for irony in turns of phrases and familiar loaded words. And I am struck by how scriptures use objects metaphorically to explain difficult teachings."

"I wish to alter how people experience their daily rituals," he added. "I wish to give them moments to contemplate, to be amused, and to look past the mundane."

The casual observer will notice many of Downing's works incorporate cups and saucers. He likens them to "modern day" or "contemporary" vessels, as referred to in Corinthians II, chapter 4, verse 7. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

"I believe we are spiritual individuals in a fragile earthen vessel," added Downing. "We are exploring the world for meaning and value. Our idols, our demons, and our fears, frustrate our communication with God and with people. My works are symbolic of these issues. They are a reminder of the vanity of life, and in that way, they also point to hope as did the prophets of old."

The Faculty Series offers one art exhibit per year in the Sauls Gallery. Additional Faculty Series programs are offered through the music and drama departments.