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applauds its scientists
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Carol Johnson
SRNS President and CEO

Welcome to the June 2016 edition of **SRNS Today**



“Why SRS Matters”

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On July 4, we’ll celebrate our nation’s independence. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is proud of the role we play in making our nation and our world safer—safer for our environment, safer for our security and safer to enjoy the freedoms that we hold dear.

We accomplish this through innovation, research, operations, continuous improvement and encouragement of new and future employees.

In this edition of “SRNS Today,” we celebrate our scientists at the Savannah River National Laboratory. Their innovations and research have produced patents, licenses and other agreements and honors that move our nation forward in environmental stewardship, national security and clean energy.

In June, our early-career professionals eagerly participated in an innovative ideas event, styled after a popular television show. Their creativity and ideas uphold our company’s strategic goals and the event helped further their involvement in our Savannah River Site operations.

We’re improving the way a new hire is brought into our company and integrated into our workforce. As part of our Focused Improvement Transformation, a team has proposed a plan to simplify the current complexities of “onboarding” a new employee, which will benefit both the employee and our company.

Our education outreach programs are legendary throughout the area. From Teach-Ins in local schools to the immensely popular College Night, our programs and events touch thousands of students each year—students who may one day change the world for the better.

Innovation. Improvement. Dedication. All of us at SRNS, working together to make our world safer.

I hope you enjoy this edition of “SRNS Today.” As always, thank you for your interest in Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

Carol

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The lure of success

With innovative ideas as bait, LEAP goes fishing for a win

Whether it was a plan to make H Canyon maintenance more efficient or a strategy to make SRS more attractive to job candidates, SRNS early-career professionals put their ideas to the test in front of a panel of judges at an inaugural innovation event on June 8.

A first-of-a-kind event, the “Shark Tank”-style competition for the SRNS Leaders Emerging Among Professionals (LEAP) group was designed to pulse the group for implementable improvement ideas.

“Early-career employees have a lot to bring to the table,” said Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO. “The idea for LEAP into the Shark Tank came to me after thinking about the large number of recent graduates we’re bringing into the company. The more we can tap into their creativity and innovative thinking, the more it will benefit SRS as a whole.”

Each pre-screened team gave a five-minute presentation on their innovative idea, followed by 15 minutes of questions from the judges. The presentations were evaluated based on the feasibility for implementation, overall SRNS impact, project plan description and budget, creativity and originality of the idea, and how the idea applies to at least one of the SRNS Strategic Goals: deliver results safely and securely, meet DOE national needs, advance SRNL, and compelling place to work.

LEAP members could apply as individuals or as part of a group of up to five members. The idea could not be an idea already in progress, and it had to be implementable at SRS. In addition, submissions were required to include a reasonable estimate for

the project’s budget and demonstrate consultation with an appropriate subject matter expert related to their topic.

Following the presentations, the judges awarded first place to Jeff Bickley, H Canyon Electrical/I&C Engineer, for his idea to “Deliver Results Safely and Securely” and “Meet DOE National Needs” within his workplace in H Canyon. Bickley proposed that the 175 existing safety significant (SS) rotameters in H Canyon should be downgraded to general services and be replaced with one high volume SS rotameter per vessel feeding air directly into the tank head space.

According to Bickley, this improvement would satisfy all current purge air requirements, decrease the number of credited rotameters to approximately 50, reduce the number of man hours spent maintaining the system by 75 percent and provide more flexibility for the facility to operate.

Similar to the television show, the four judges each had a nickname for the day. The judges included SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Dave Eyer (Mr. Wonderful); Senior Vice President of Technical Services Rick Sprague (Tech Services Mogul); K and L Area Facility Manager Janice Lawson (Queen of Storage); and Director of Research Operations for SRNL Freddie Grimm (The Grimm Reaper).

LEAP is a peer-led organization whose members are full-time employees at SRNS and have earned, at a minimum, an associate’s degree within the past seven years.



Photos (from left): H Canyon Engineer Jeff Bickley won first place with his submission, “H Canyon Safety Significant Rotameter Reduction”; Two of the judges, Senior Vice President Rick Sprague and K/L Area Facility Manager Janice Lawson; LEAP participants (from left) Joe Fitzpatrick, SRNL Facility Engineering; Taylor Gomillion, Tritium Quality Engineering; and Jonathan Grimm, Design Engineering



SRNL honors its own at annual Research and Technology Recognition event



Dr. Terry Michalske, SRNS Executive Vice President and SRNL Director

SRNL held its seventh annual Research and Technology Recognition Reception June 9 in Aiken, S.C. Approximately 80 scientists, researchers and managers from various departments gathered to be recognized for their achievements in innovation and technology. The reception was held to honor staff members for pursuing innovative ideas and for thinking creatively to solve difficult problems.

“I cannot emphasize enough the importance of the work you do on a daily basis and the impact it has on the future of SRNL and the future of our nation,” SRNS Executive Vice President and Laboratory Director Dr. Terry Michalske told the group. “We are proud of your accomplishments and we celebrate your courage.”

Seventy awards were given to scientists and research teams for earning new patents, Cooperative Research and Development Agreements, licenses and other agreements. A total of 21 patents were granted to SRNL last year—the highest number for the lab since 2009.



Daniel Kremetz and Dr. Lindsay Sexton, two of the honorees

The 2016 Honorees

Patents

- Thomas L. Allison
- Dr. Philip M. Almond
- Gerald C. Blount
- Dr. Kyle S. Brinkman
- J. Todd Coleman
- Jody R. Coleman
- Joseph V. Cordaro
- Dr. Jose Cortes-Concepcion
- Eduardo B. Farfan
- Dr. Elise B. Fox
- Dr. Roderick E. Fuentes
- Dr. Maximilian Gorenssek
- Dr. L. Larry Hamm
- Dr. David T. Hobbs
- Dr. Leung K. Heung
- Dennis G. Jackson
- Dr. Paul S. Korinko
- Daniel Kremetz
- Dr. Christine A. Langton
- Dr. Robert J. Lascola
- David P. Lemonds
- Athneal Dale Marzolf
- Dr. Christopher S. McWhorter
- Dr. Ted Motyka
- Dr. Simona Murph
- Dr. Thomas A. Nance
- Donald J. Pak

Awards

- Ray F. Schumacher
- Dr. Steven Serkiz
- Dr. Lindsay T. Sexton
- Davis J. Shull
- David B. Stefanko
- Dr. Kathryn M. Taylor-Pashow
- Dr. Joseph A. Teprovich
- Steven L. Tibrea
- Ricardo D. Torres
- Matthew S. Wellons
- Dr. George G. Wicks
- John E. Young
- Dr. Ragaiv Zidan
- Dr. Jake Amoroso
- Dr. Christopher Armstrong
- Michael Brisson
- Dr. Brenda Garcia-Diaz
- Dr. Jay Gaillard
- Douglas Hunter
- Dr. Maria Kriz
- Dr. Christine Langton
- Dr. James Marra
- Dr. Terry Michalske
- Dr. Luke Olson
- Anita Sue Poore
- Dr. Lindsay Sexton
- Dr. Kathryn M. Taylor-Pashow
- Matthew Wellons
- Jason Wilson

CRADAs

- Connie Herman
- Dan Kremetz
- Dr. Ted Motyka
- Dr. Ragaiv Zidan

Licenses

- Denis J. Altman
- Christopher J. Berry
- Dr. Robin L. Brigmon
- Henry Sessions
- Dr. Steve Xiao

Fellows

- Dr. Kevin M. Fox
- Dr. Paul Korinko



Honoree Todd Coleman (right) with Dr. Ralph James, SRNL Associate Laboratory Director for Science and Technology



A+ Performance

SRNS education contributions rate high with local educators

It's an impressive impact. During the past school year, SRNS education outreach programs and events reached hundreds of schools and more than 27,000 students and teachers.

“Without a doubt, the lifeblood of any school system is the teachers,” said Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO. “We continually look for ways to help them obtain a higher level of success. After all, investing in local students is also a potential investment in those who one day may be SRS employees.”

Since SRNS became the management and operating contractor in 2008, more than 175,000 students and teachers throughout the eight counties near SRS have benefitted from SRNS efforts to help local students and assist area educators.

“SRNS’ involvement in our schools ranges from technical expertise as engineer mentors for robotics teams, support to classroom teachers and leadership in educational programs,” said Dr. Sean Alford, Aiken County Public Schools Superintendent. “Our STEM programming is strong, in part, because of the philanthropic spirit of SRNS.”

Many programs offered by SRNS are based on learning through competition. They include the CSRA Science Fair, DOE-Savannah River Regional Science Bowl and the Future City Competition.

SRNS annually offers a “mini grant” program to provide financial assistance to area teachers through corporate funding. This competitive program provides grants to CSRA public and private elementary and middle school teachers. During the past school year, grants totaling \$75,000 were awarded, with more than \$500,000 contributed to date.



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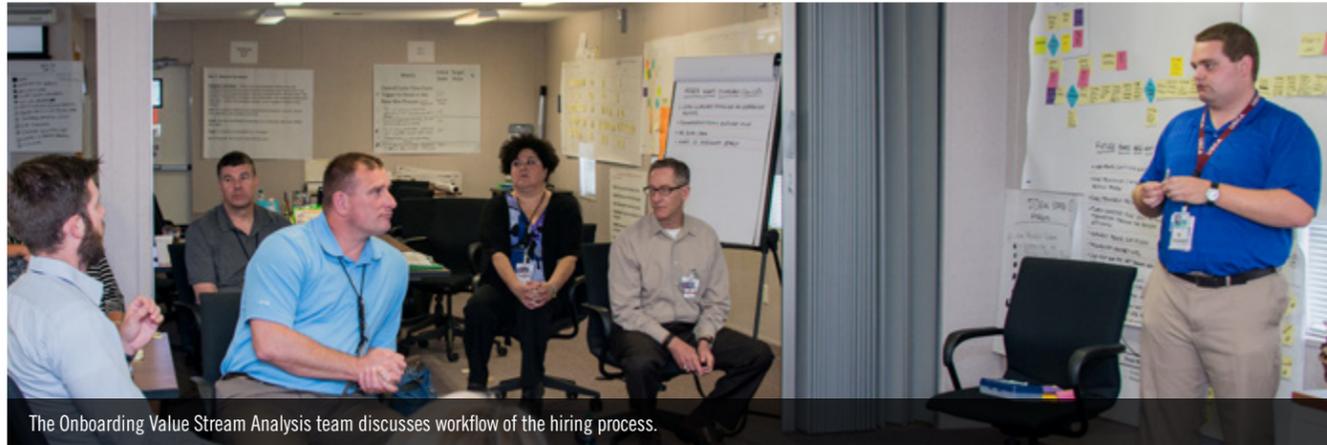


For nearly a decade, students have benefited from SRNS education outreach programs whose goal is to stress the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). These initiatives include the Traveling Science Demonstration Program, Science & Technology Enrichment Program, Introduce a Girl to Engineering and various workshops, tours, lectures and demonstrations.

“I honestly don't know where the Jackson STEM Program would be without the backing of SRNS. Not only financially, but your engineers come in and help as well,” said Kishni Neville, STEM Coordinator, Jackson Middle School.

A popular SRNS-managed event is CSRA College Night. Last year, 8,000 area high school students participated, and more than 140 colleges and universities were represented. Over the years, more than \$275,000 in scholarship funding has been offered to students attending CSRA College Night.

Photo: SRNS engineer Leslie Wells discusses computer codes with students during a SRNS-sponsored Teach-In event at Paul Knox Middle School in North Augusta, S.C.



The Onboarding Value Stream Analysis team discusses workflow of the hiring process.

Improvements planned for new-hire onboarding

The SRNS process for hiring and “onboarding” new employees was the focus of a recent Value Stream Analysis (VSA), part of the company’s ongoing Focused Improvement Transformation or “FIT.”

Onboarding begins from the moment a hiring manager identifies the need to fill a non-craft position and ends when the new hire reports to the work area.

“Quite often, the onboarding process has uneven workflow due to the high volume of new hires, the lack of integrated systems and not using the full capabilities of our current system,” said Marsha Franklin, SRNS Staffing Department Manager. “As a result of this VSA, we are developing a new consolidated effort for onboarding.”

Currently, there is a lengthy waiting time and a cumbersome process for acquiring and bringing a new hire to a work area and integrating them into the business during the first year. This results in dissatisfied managers and employees, non-engaged employees, high cost and a lack of knowledge transfer.

“We find that a lot of work group hiring managers do not understand the full hiring process. Also, it’s burdensome for a new

hire to print and manually complete the numerous required forms,” added Franklin.

The team used Lean management tools and the A3 process to produce an improvement plan that includes six Rapid Improvement Events, six projects and five “Just Do Its.”

“It’s important that the process works smoothly and that everybody’s on the same page because we want to have a highly-transparent process with self-service features so we can improve first impressions and increase satisfaction,” Franklin said.

The VSA team’s goals include making systems more user-friendly and providing a “one stop shop” for General Employee Training, badging, medical and new hire orientation on an employee’s first day of work. An additional goal is to reduce the time it takes to fill a position from 120 to 60 working days.

“The team members were engaged, and we had a diverse group of people participate in this VSA,” said Carol Barry, Senior Vice President for Workforce Services and Talent Management. “Not only do we have a path forward for improvement, but we also have fresh eyes looking at all areas of our staffing process.”

SRS and SRSCRO receive DOE Energy Sustainability Award

The Savannah River Site and the SRS Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO) have received the 2016 Energy Sustainability Award for their outstanding contribution to DOE’s goal of improving environmental, energy and economic performance while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SRSCRO’s mission is to facilitate economic development opportunities in the five-county region surrounding SRS. A key goal of the organization is to make the best use of excess SRS assets for the area’s economic well-being. Most of the assets are not repurposed, but sold and the proceeds invested back into the community. Last year, the SRSCRO disbursed over \$1 million for designated infrastructure improvement projects in the region.

In FY2015, an improved “assets for services” partnering arrangement between DOE-SR, SRNS and the SRSCRO proved to

be a winner for all parties involved. The SRSCRO uses its service contracts to salvage equipment and materials. SRS avoids the cost associated with removal, recovery and transport of these goods. DOE benefits from the reduced disposition cost and increased volume to the SRSCRO. This new approach saves the government money and increases benefit to the communities.

“By taking items in excess of Site needs, the SRSCRO lowers DOE’s disposition costs, sells the assets and uses the proceeds for the economic good of numerous businesses found throughout a large region surrounding SRS,” said Andy Albenesius, SRNS Site Services Program Manager.

The range of excess items have included piping, a waste debris pelletizer, electronics, furniture, copper wire, motor generators, air conditions and even an air boat and locomotive engine.”

This is a drill...

Site ERO response cited as ‘outstanding’ in annual emergency drill

The earth shakes and the lights flicker. Alarms sound. Phones start ringing. An earthquake has occurred near Charleston; it registers at a 6.9 on the Richter scale, with tremors felt throughout SRS. The earthquake causes a leak in a transfer facility in H Tank Farm. Radioactive waste fills a containment box and flows onto the pavement. Three people are injured, requiring immediate medical help. L Lake dam is damaged, resulting in a failure of the dam and a significant release of water from L Lake.

This was the situation presented to the SRS Emergency Response Organization (ERO) on May 18, during the annual Site Evaluated Exercise. Though the situation wasn’t real, the response was. The exercise was the culmination of more than six months of detailed planning, which included a number of site tenants and organizations.

“Emergency response is a team effort,” said Neal Gilmore, SRNS Manager of Emergency Management. “An activity of this scope requires tremendous coordination between everyone involved. The team identified and resolved challenges in the design and execution of the exercise, ultimately presenting a very challenging scenario to the responders and executing the plan safely and effectively.”

More than 300 people participated in the exercise as responders, controllers and evaluators, representing SRNS, SRR, DOE-SR, NNSA-SRFO, Centerra-SRS, Aiken County Emergency Medical Services, Augusta University Medical Center, Doctors Hospital, Aiken Regional Medical Center and several agencies from Georgia and South Carolina. Evaluators from DOE Headquarters observed the exercise to provide an independent assessment from DOE’s perspective.

Facility-level responders took action to stop the simulated release of waste and to provide first aid to the employees mocking injury. The SRS Fire Department provided more advanced medical

assistance and transported the victims to other medical facilities. The Site-level ERO was notified of the emergency and directed to report to the Emergency Operations Center in 703-A. Upon arrival, the ERO received a briefing of the known information and assumed command of the Site’s response efforts, modifying their plans and strategies as the event progressed to ensure the safety and health of all Site employees. SRS executives held a mock news conference for ERO members acting as the media. The ERO also developed a comprehensive plan to address the damage caused by the earthquake and return the site to normal operations.

“The scenario was complex and our emergency responders executed with great skill and discipline,” said Rick Sprague, SRNS Senior Vice President of Technical Services and Emergency Director for the exercise. “Strong partnerships with DOE, SRR and Centerra were essential to our improvements and success. I’m very proud of the entire emergency management team, and am confident in the Site’s readiness to respond to an actual event.”

Though the final analysis is not yet complete, the initial indications show proof that SRS is trained, prepared and ready to respond to any emergency.

“The bottom line is that this exercise demonstrated significant improvement since last year, and also demonstrated some emerging best practices,” said Gilmore. “Having the facility take aboard and effectively correct deficiencies from the last exercise and having senior management engagement and sponsorship are all hallmarks of operational excellence in emergency preparedness.”

“I concur that the response was outstanding, especially given the complex scenario and many moving parts,” said Terry Spears, DOE-SR Deputy Manager. “In addition, the uses of our aerial assets and the Radiological Assistance Program Team; new distinctive drill participant identification gear; and training of drill-injured personnel by local playhouse actors to enhance realism were best practices in the response.”



The SRS Fire Department Command Post manages the response actions during the annual Site Evaluated Emergency Exercise.

Get SET for science

SRNS partners with Girl Scouts for mini-camp focusing on science, engineering, technology



Maggie Millings, an SRNL geologist, demonstrates water cleaning methods to students at the camp.

SRNS and one of its parent companies, Honeywell, recently sponsored an adventurous summer camp on the University of South Carolina Aiken (USCA) campus to help high school girls understand the value of a STEM-based education (science, technology, engineering and math).

“The mini-camp is called Girls Get SET, where SET stands for science, engineering and technology,” said Patti Bennett, Program Coordinator for the Aiken Girl Scout Service Unit. “We also want to help them ‘get set’ for college, careers and life.”

The participants, high school girls from Aiken, Lexington and Saluda counties in South Carolina and Richmond County in Georgia, engaged in hands-on activities related to STEM topics. Girl Scout membership was not required.

A \$7,500 donation from SRNS covered the costs of housing, meals, supplies and a stipend for camp counselors.

Bennett expressed her gratitude to SRNS and Honeywell for sponsoring the event. “They strongly supported the concept from the beginning. In fact, the volunteer support from SRS employees has also been outstanding.”

“Honeywell recognizes the importance of a STEM-based education,” said Wallis Spangler, SRNS Senior Vice President, National Nuclear Security Administration Operations and Programs. “Summer camps like Girls Get SET provide additional opportunities for students to further build their level of knowledge in these areas that will undoubtedly prove to be very important in life.” Honeywell is a parent company of SRNS.

Makayla Harris, a sophomore at Aiken High School, stated that she was pleased with how the camp activities tied into and helped to support her desire to one day become electrical engineer. “It’s been inspiring to have all of these nice ladies, engineers and scientists to listen to and learn from. You don’t have to worry about people saying ‘Oh, you are a female, and you can’t be an engineer.’ It just makes me want to work harder and do more to reach my goals in life,” added Harris.

Through a nuclear science program called Girl Scouts Get to Know Nuclear, campers learned about radioactivity, half-life and fission through interactive games and activities, including detecting radioactive materials with Geiger counters. “We’re excited to have the SRS Women in Nuclear organization on board with us,” said Bennett.

The three-day, two-night event also featured a dinner forum with scientists and engineers from SRS and nearby companies to provide one-on-one career exploration opportunities.



SRNS Structural Engineer Yara Soto-Toledo works with Madelyn Cooper, a senior at North Augusta High School, during the Girls Get SET mini-camp.



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Makayla Harris



Griffin, Kostelnik to assist Japan Atomic Energy Agency with Fukushima environmental, decommissioning efforts

SRNL is taking a greater role internationally in efforts to safely address issues related to environmental cleanup in Fukushima, Japan.

SRNL Associate Laboratory Director for Environmental Stewardship Dr. Jeff Griffin and Environmental Restoration Technology Director Dr. Kevin Kostelnik have been asked to assist the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) in its support of environmental restoration and decommissioning efforts at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station.



Dr. Griffin



Dr. Kostelnik

“The safe decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station and the restoration of the environment of Fukushima will involve significant challenges,” said Griffin. “We look forward to providing guidance and assistance as the team takes on significant research activities in order to safely and efficiently accomplish their mission.” Griffin will serve as a senior advisor on the team.

Kostelnik will serve as Deputy Director General to JAEA’s Collaborative Laboratories for Advanced Decommissioning Science. “This international collaboration will allow for monumental advances in science and technology for the safe decommissioning of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station,” he said. “Active technical exchange and collaborative partnerships with universities, research institutions and private industries will be necessary as we find solutions for environmental restoration in Fukushima. This cooperation will also be invaluable in preparing for and addressing DOE’s environmental management concerns.”



SRNS Intern Coordinator Nate Diakun (left) welcomes SRNS interns to a drop-in that included SRNS management and LEAP members.

SRNS and SRNL welcome summer interns to SRS

More than 100 SRNS interns had the chance to mingle with executives along with fellow interns on June 27 during the second annual Intern-Executive drop in.

Organized by SRNS intern coordinator Nate Diakun, the event aimed to ease the transition of interns into the workforce and to allow executives to develop working relationships with potential new personnel.

“This event allows the interns to meet the executives and ask us any questions they have about work here or individual advice on careers,” said Carol Johnson, SRNS President and CEO. “It’s a great opportunity for interns to meet each other and to network.”

Interns working at SRNL also had a chance to meet Lab management and staff at a “meet and greet” reception on June 22. More than 60 SRNL interns participate in a wide variety of SRNL programs. “Meeting with Dr. Michalske, our managers and mentors starts a lifelong career network for each intern, and it helps interns understand that they are valuable, integral members of SRNL’s research community,” said Natalie Ferguson, SRNL University Relations Program Manager.



SRNS Executive Vice President and SRNL Director Dr. Terry Michalske meets with one of SRNL’s interns.



The SRNS LEAP and AMP team, called "The Strong Force Awakens," pulled the plane 12 yards in 12.4 seconds, tying for first place in the community group category.

All together now

SRNS LEAP, AMP win first place at annual Plane Pull

SRNS Leaders Emerging Among Professionals (LEAP) and Aspiring Mid-Career Professionals (AMP) took to the tarmac on Sunday, June 4, for the eighth annual Ronald McDonald House Plane Pull.

Teams from across the Central Savannah River Area took turns lining up along a rope attached to a Boeing 737 and used all their muscle power to tug the 60,000-pound aircraft for 12 yards.

The 25-member LEAP and AMP team, named "The Strong Force Awakens," tied for first place in the community group category with Team Red, White and Blue after pulling the plane for 12 yards in only 12.4 seconds.

"At first when we started pulling, the plane wouldn't budge, and I was a little worried," said Ami Emery, LEAP Outreach Co-Chair and SRNL Laboratory Specialist. "Once we got it moving, I was amazed at what we were able to accomplish, but I never anticipated we would end up tying for first place in our category. I want to thank all the LEAP and AMP team members for lending a hand to help raise funds for a good cause. We wouldn't have been able to achieve this without each of you."

"I look forward to this outreach event every year because it builds comradery among co-workers, and it's also an event where I can bring my family," said Michael Phillips, AMP member and SRNL Senior Scientist. "For the first time, both of my children were old enough to participate in the Kids' Plane Pull, and they enjoyed cheering on the LEAP and AMP team from the sidelines. Also, for



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me, I think the Plane Pull is a unique outreach event because how often can you say, 'I pulled a plane today.' It doesn't matter if you're young or old, tall or short, everyone can jump in together and pull as a team."

All proceeds from the Plane Pull will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Augusta, which has provided a "home away from home" for over three decades for the families of children who are seeking medical treatment for life-threatening illnesses or injuries.

"I also want to give a special thanks to the B Area and Project Management and Construction Services Local Safety Improvement Team for loaning us brand new safety gloves for this event," added Emery.

LEAP is a peer-led organization whose members are full-time employees at SRNS and have earned at least an associate's degree within the past seven years. AMP serves SRNS full-time employees who have between seven and 20 years of work experience.

Site Services golf tournament raises more than \$30K for UW

SRNS Site Services can claim another successful year for their thirteenth annual United Way (UW) Golf Tournament, raising \$30,210 for local UW agencies.

"Thank you for sponsoring this incredible event," said Sharon Rodgers, UW of Aiken County President. "All of our local agencies deeply appreciate your support, and our local communities are stronger and better because of Savannah River Nuclear Solutions. Everyone deserves an opportunity for a good quality of life, and for so many years, this golf tournament has helped make that opportunity a reality."

This year's tournament, held May 13 at Woodside Plantation in Aiken, S.C., featured 124 players on 31 teams from SRNS, Savannah River Remediation LLC, Department of Energy-SR, Centerra Group, LLC, and Ameresco Inc., as well as local businesses.

"We start planning this tournament in January, and it's a lot of work," said Kevin Heath, Manager, Site Services Fleet and Fuel, and annual UW Golf Tournament Director. "It's all worth it when it all comes together on the day of the tournament and everyone has a good time. We raise a lot of money for a good cause."

"To help the community is to help our neighbors do things that they couldn't without you," said Geoff Reynolds, Director of Site Services. "Sharing your time, talent and treasures, is what I saw in the latest Site Services' golf tournament. This is our best ever in donations. I would like to say a word of thanks to all of the sponsors, players, volunteers and especially Kevin Heath for his leadership."

Seats available through December for SRS public tours

Seats are available for SRNS-managed public tours of SRS held twice each month through December. Tour participants can view SRS facilities and learn about the Site's current activities and future missions.

"This was a perfect trip for our travel group," said Keith Richardson, lead pastor, Barnwell First Baptist Church. "Many of us hear about SRS, but it is something of a mystery. Our tour helped me understand better the diverse operations of the Site and how that has developed after the Cold War."

The tours are free of charge and begin at the Aiken County Applied Research Center located off Highway 278, near New Ellenton.

Each tour begins at 12:30 p.m. and typically ends at 4:30 p.m. Seats are filled on a first come, first served basis, up to 50 people per tour.

Large groups can be accommodated by calling (803) 952-8994.

Participants must be 18 years of age or older and U.S. citizens.

"We have been extremely pleased with the positive results of our public tour program over the years," said Elizabeth Harm, SRNS Tour Program Coordinator. "We want to continue to offer this unique experience to all who may be interested in this diverse and amazing place to visit."

To register for a tour, visit www.srs.gov/general/tour/public.htm or call (803) 952-9472. More information can be obtained at www.srs.gov.

SRNS wins Palmetto Shining Star award for safety

SRNS has been selected by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCDLLR) to receive the Palmetto Shining Star Award at an awards banquet on June 30 in Columbia.

"It is heartwarming to receive validation from safety-minded organizations in our state who value SRNS' strong commitment to safety. Integrity is a critical attribute of a strong safety culture and SRNS employees 'walk the talk' each day," said Kliss McNeel, Senior Vice President, SRNS Environmental Stewardship, Safety and Health.

SRNS has been selected as a recipient of the Palmetto Shining Star Award for working one million or more safe work hours without a lost time injury or illness in 2015, as well as having a robust commitment to safety across the company and in the community.

SRNS is one of 18 South Carolina-based companies to receive the Palmetto Shining Star Award, which recognizes safety performance excellence and is open to all S.C. employers. This is the seventh consecutive year that SRNS has received recognition from SCDLLR.

SRS Fire Department team receives Red Cross Heroes award

The SRS Fire Department Station 1 was awarded the American Red Cross Medical Heroes Award on June 1 for rescuing a stroke victim on Site last year. On November 3, 2015, SRS-FD Station 1, Medic #3 and Day Staff personnel responded to an unconscious victim stranded on the stairs of a facility stack. The individual, who had apparently suffered a stroke, could not be extricated quickly nor safely because of the stairwell configuration. Fire Department personnel used a ladder truck to rescue the victim, who was rescued within 42 minutes and transported to an area hospital within the three hour time frame needed by stroke patients. In winning the award, the team was cited for teamwork, critical thinking and skills.

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