



# In the News

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## Classified Employee Assembly

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## TODAY'S AGENDA

- I. Welcome / Approval of September Minutes
- II. Reports from Administration:
  - Mike Lemons: Technology Issues
  - Randy Duckett: Strategic Planning Update
  - Tony Ateca: Baseball Field/Convocation Center
  - Mike Hosang: Family Fund
  - Deidre Martin: Adopt A Child for Christmas
  - Kay Benitez: Commission for Disabilities Fundraiser
- III. Reports from CEA Committees
- IV. Reports from the Chair
- V. Announcements (Open Floor)

*Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen:*

## *President of the University of South Carolina*

On December 14 at 2:00 pm, the University of South Carolina will install its twenty-seventh President, Dr. Andrew Sorensen. A native of Pittsburgh, Dr. Sorensen holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology, from Yale University as well as a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health degree from the University of Michigan. Dr. Sorensen comes to USC having served as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996). With his extensive experience in higher education, he seems poised to lead the USC System in its entirety.



From the outset of his arrival at USC, Dr. Sorensen has expressed his support for all of the USC campuses, and according to Chancellor Hallman, has already assembled the leaders of the non-Columbia campuses twice to discuss issues pertinent to each campus. "I am very impressed with his command of the issues and his unwavering commitment to do what is right," says Dr. Tom Hallman. "I believe that Dr. Sorensen will be a great leader for the entire University, and I look forward to working with him to serve the students, faculty and staff members of this great institution."

## *CEA Family Night*

Show your Pacer Spirit by attending the USCA Pacer basketball double header Wednesday January 29, 2003 when the women's team faces North Florida at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men's team, who will tip off at 7:30 p.m. against North Florida. The USCA Pacer Club has graciously invited all CEA members to watch the games and then join them at the end of the women's game and at half time of the men's game at the Watering Hole located in the SAC cafeteria. The Watering Hole allows members of the Pacer Club a chance to converse with each other about the game or to catch up on other events in an informal atmosphere. Snacks will be provided along with soft drinks and some adult beverages. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Jeff Jenik (jeffj x3258) no later than Wednesday, December 12, so we can have enough food for everyone. The cost will be \$5 per person, which will cover the food and beverage costs for both Watering Hole sessions. As a Classified Employee, admission to the games is free.

## A Message from the Chair...



We now approach end of another calendar year and, if you are anything like me, you are wondering where all the time has gone. It seems like just last week we were all getting used to the hustle and bustle of beginning a new academic year and reminiscing about our summer vacations.

Obviously, our lives continue to become busier and busier, both professionally and personally, and it remains our dubious task to create some sort of balance between them both. This holiday break I would hope that everyone will find time to relax and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

I would like to wish you and all of your families a safe and healthy holiday season, and I look forward to working with everyone, refreshed, relaxed and rejuvenated, when we return in January.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Jenik, Chair

## Name That Christmas Carol!

1. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior Incisors
2. Righteous Darkness
3. Loyal Followers Advance
4. Far Off in a Feeder
5. Array the Corridor
6. Bantam Male Percussionist
7. Monarchical Triad
8. Nocturnal Noiselessness
9. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe Chevaliers
10. Red Man En Route to Borough
11. Frozen Precipitation Commence
12. Query Regarding Identity of Descendant
13. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Beings

### Answers:

1. All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
2. O Holy Night
3. O Come, All Ye Faithful
4. Away in a Manger
5. Deck the Hall
6. Little Drummer Boy
7. We Three Kings
8. Silent Night
9. God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen
10. Santa Claus is Coming to Town
11. Let It Snow
12. What Child is This?
13. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



## Over the River and Through the Woods...

See what your coworkers have planned for the holiday season!

**Jodi Herrin** is going to Hampton, VA with her mom to visit her brother where she will enjoy spending time with her family. She is also looking forward to attending Christmas Eve Mass.

**Margie Evans** will be shopping this holiday season, and spending Christmas day with her kids and grand-kids.

**Karen Morris'** family is coming into town. Karen looks forward to playing with her two-year-old grand-daughter.

**Troy Mothkovick** is going to Manhattan, NY for the holidays, where he plans to be completely spoiled at the famous Ritz Carlton Hotel.

**Donna DeTroye** is going to be busy getting ready for the newest addition to her family, a baby girl! Her in-laws are also coming in to town all the way from Minnesota.

**Lib Thomas** is staying home. Both of her daughter's and their families are coming into town along with her 83-year-old parents. Her parents are coming all the way in from South Dakota.



**Brenda Hill** will be refinishing some furniture over her break. She will also be busy baking and planning for the arrival of her family.

**Katya Terry** has absolutely "NO IDEA" what she will be doing over Christmas break, but she's sure to get into something spectacular for the holidays.

**Tiffany Coleman** is planning to spend her time at home simply relaxing and being with her family.

**Ahmed Samaha** is going on a Disney Cruise with his wife and son and the rest of his family. He'll leave from Port Canaveral and spend 5 days aboard the cruise while visiting such places as Nassau and the exclusive Disney Island. Hopefully he and his family will return safe and sound.

**Sherri Jenik** is spending her break recuperating from her wonderful vacation to Jamaica over Thanksgiving. She will also be spending quality time with her family and friends.

**Maryanne Cavanaugh's** daughter is coming in from Colorado. They will be busy shopping, baking cookies, and watching movies. The two will also be going to Greenville, SC to visit Maryanne's 1-year-old granddaughter Kate.

**Kay Benitez** will be enjoying her new home over the break. She'll also have a great time at the Wild Adventure Park in Valdosta, GA.

**Sherene Power** and her hubby will spend the holidays traveling through the hills and dales of Ireland with one of their daughters and her family.

**Mike Lemons** will be celebrating the holidays with family and "EATING" his fair share of delectable delights.

**Donna Howell** will be staying home with her children and her one and only grandson.

**Jody Yates** is going to Florida to see her family. She's contemplating going to Disney World but that is still in the works.

**Annette Beeler** will have fun camping and horseback riding with her hubby and son.



## Annual Holiday Luncheon Reminder

The stockings are hung, the Christmas tree lit;  
The Kinara is burning, the dreidel, it spins.  
And under the mistletoe what do I spy?  
It's MaryAnne Cavanaugh ordering pies...

For the Holiday luncheon— Come one and come all!  
Bring good will and laughter and we'll have a ball.  
The food is all potluck; bring something to share—  
A casserole or salad or pie made of pears.

Canned or boxed goods you may also give  
For those who have less than *your* paycheck to live  
Entertainment is welcome as are volunteers  
To set tables & decorate & spread good cheer.

December twentieth, indeed, that's the date  
At Twelve o'clock sharp— and don't be late!  
'Cause Santa is watching he's got "that list"  
Of good girls and good boys— well...you get the gist.

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## A Call for Suggestions

The Classified Employees Assembly is many things: it's a grapevine, a support system, a community. In these tough times, when money is tight and time is precious, it is more important than ever to keep staff morale high and participation in University events constant. We ask all employees to take advantage of their CEA membership and help keep fellow staff members' spirits high. If you have any suggestions or comments on how to keep classified employee participation in University events high or how to make CEA's presence better felt on campus, feel free to contact Jeff Jenik or any member of the Advisory Committee. If you would like to make announcements regarding special interests or events here on campus, speak up at CEA meetings. There is great power in numbers, and the Classified Employees Assembly can make great strides in improving our work environment if everyone gets involved.

### Welcome New Classified Employees

Susan Huntley,  
Ruth Patrick Science Center

Kathy Brantley,  
Admissions

Christine Inman,  
Operations

Mattie Bennett,  
Library

Cynthia Gelinas,  
Counseling Center

Howard (Vinny) Morrison,  
Public Safety

## South Carolina State Employees Association

The South Carolina State Employees Association is a non-profit, non-partisan organization established to advance the welfare of state employees and retirees and to promote efficiency in the administration of the business affairs and public services of state government. It is supported financially by the dues of those employees and retirees who choose to be members. Over the years, SCSEA has played a key role in the establishment of many of the benefits that state employees enjoy today, including:

- Health insurance for employees and retirees with premiums paid by the state
- Full retirement benefits with 28 years of service with a Teacher/Employee Retention Incentive Program (TERI), and many other retiree benefits
- Excellent sick leave program to include maternity benefit and use of sick leave for family illness, and a leave bank allowing employees to contribute leave for use by those with great need
- High-quality annual leave program with extra benefits for career employees
- Deferred Compensation Program

These are just some of SCSEA's outstanding accomplishments, but many more improvements are needed. SCSEA will continue to work for benefits, but we need YOUR support! If you interested in joining or learning more about SCSEA, please contact Kojak Martin, president of the local chapter, the SCSEA Columbia office toll free at 877/882-4025 or email at SCSEA@scsea.com.

### Addicted to the Web

*Sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland"*

Doorbell rings... I'm not list'nin',  
From my mouth, drool is glist'nin',  
I'm happy — although  
My boss let me go —  
Happily addicted to the Web.  
All night long, I sit clicking,  
Unaware time is ticking,  
There's beard on my cheek,  
Same clothes for a week,  
Happily addicted to the Web!

**Friends come by; they shake me saying, man!  
Come with us to sing some Christmas songs!"  
W ith a listlessing, I utter "No, man;  
I just discovered I laugh a lot on the web!"**

**I don't phone, don't send faxes,  
Don't go out, don't pay taxes,  
W hoo-ass if some day  
They drag me away?  
I'm happily addicted to the Web!**

### Dates to Remember

12/6	Deferred Compensation Information Session	12:30pm, Penland 110
12/11	CEA meeting with President Andrew Sorensen	2:30pm, H&SS 116
12/20	Faculty/Staff Holiday Luncheon	12:00pm, Etherrege Center Lobby
1/02	"Back to School" for Classified Employees	
1/29	CEA Family Night: Pacers vs North Florida	5:30 & 7:30, SAC Gym

