

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CDC Holds Appreciation Luncheon



Dr. Paula Denitto, local physician, and Dr. Ingrid Hall, Epidemiologist, Centers for Disease Control

On Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 11:30-1:30pm, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Macro International Inc. hosted an Appreciation Luncheon to honor breast cancer survivors and Health Care Professionals participating in the African American Women and Mass Media (AAMM) Pilot Campaign.

The AAMM Appreciation Luncheon was coordinated by Cumulus Media and held at the Mulberry Inn in downtown Savannah, Georgia. The

event was attended by the breast cancer survivors participating in the campaign, several members of the medical, faith, and general Savannah community.

The AAMM is a multifaceted awareness campaign designed to inform African American women aged 40-64 about the importance of mammography screening in the early detection of breast cancer.

Dr. Ashani Johnson-Turbes (Macro International, Inc.) kicked off the Appreciation Luncheon by welcoming all

attendees and introducing the event's keynote speaker Dr. Ingrid Hall (CDC). Dr. Hall is an Epidemiologist at CDC and the Principal Investigator leading implementation and evaluation of the AAMM.

During her presentation, Dr. Hall described the goal of the AAMM pilot campaign to inform women about the availability of low- or no-cost mammography services through the Breast Test & More Program at their local health department.

Dr. Hall and Yasmine Zavahir (Macro International Inc.) presented breast cancer survivors and health professionals having participated in the AAMM pilot campaign's radio ads and live shows with Appreciation Certificates and roses.

The AAMM in Savannah is a collaborative venture of the Georgia Department of Human Resources (GA DHR), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the African American Health Information Resource Center at St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital, and the Sisters Network.

SSU to Present Seminar on Making Smart Investments

Savannah State University (SSU) will offer a free seminar for individuals who want to learn more about investing in new or existing business ventures.

The seminar, "Why Smart People Make Dumb Investment Decisions," will be held on March 19, 4-6 p.m., in the Jordan Building on the Savannah State campus.

"Almost everyone has been or will be asked to invest in a business owned by a relative or suggested by a friend," said Ervin Williams, Ph.D., entrepreneur-in-residence in the College of Business

Administration at SSU who will conduct the seminar.

"The question is more likely in today's economic climate because traditional financing sources are closed to most entrepreneurs."

Rather than acting on emotions, Williams said the educational seminar will prepare individuals to make rational decisions about business investments.

Williams, who has opened nine ventures on three continents, is a member of the Ariel Savannah Angel Partners, LLC, a member-driven organization of experienced professionals from a wide range of indus-

tries who review, analyze and invest in early-stage, high-growth potential companies.

The seminar is based on his experience in assessing the viability and profitability of hundreds of entrepreneurial ventures.

The seminar is supported by the City of Savannah, the Savannah Economic Department and the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information or to register, call (912) 634-8225 or contact the SSU Business Growth Entrepreneurship Center at ent.ctr@savannahstate.edu.

All-Star Basketball Returns to Savannah

The GACA North vs. South All-Star Basketball Classic presented by Memorial Health University Physicians will be celebrating its sixth year in Savannah on Sunday, March 22.

The North vs. South All-Star Basketball Classic is a Greater Savannah Sports Council managed sporting event, which partners with the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association.

The event will feature the top male and female high school athletes from across the state of Georgia.

The majority of players have committed to play at major division one programs like Georgia Tech.

The girl's all-star game is scheduled for a 2 p.m. tip-off, immediately followed by the boy's all-star game at approximately 4 p.m.

The North vs. South All-Star Basketball Classic

attracts annually 3,500 spectators and is held at Tiger Arena on the campus of Savannah State University. The admission is \$5.

For more information about tickets, available sponsorships or how you can support the GACA North vs. South All-Star Basketball Classic presented by Memorial Health University Physicians, please contact Ben Wilder at 912.644.6414 or orbwilder@savannahvisit.com.

Facing an Upside Down Economy

There is no question that every citizen of the United States of America is feeling, to some extent, the effects of the recession and depression in which we now exist.

The extremities have tremendous ranges, i.e. decreased pay, decreased hours, frozen wages to absolute unemployment; diminished retirement and investment accounts, diminished home equity and yes, foreclosure.

In an effort to continue on its mission to serve Savannah and surrounding areas, the Financial Planning Ministry of Connor's Temple Baptist Church has chosen the topic **INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SURVIVAL IN A STRUGGLING ECONOMY** for its first quarter's series of workshops/seminars.

This session is co-hosted by the Covenant Couples' Ministry of Connor's Temple.

"As a result of the economic environment in which we now find ourselves, every one of us is impacted in one way or

another. Therefore, we deem it quite timely to provide an open setting for individuals to partake in discussion that offer ideas and suggestions which may transcend to hope, positive thinking and ways in which we can tighten the household belt.

In the business world, such forums and round-tables are afforded every day, but it is equally essential that homes are considered, also" says Ministry Chairperson, Pat Mathis. "Cutting overheard applies to individuals as well as to corpora-

tions in our pursuits to survive tough times."

Certified Public Account, Warren F. Mitchell will facilitate this FREE TO ALL seminar which will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009, 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, at the ConEd Family Resource Center, 714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Savannah.

While registration is not required, you are encouraged to do so online at www.financialministry.eventbrite.com or by calling 912-232-8291.

All Copy Due By Friday, 4pm

SCAD to Hold Meeting for Master's Aspirants

The Savannah College of Art and Design invites those interested in becoming a K-12 art or drama teacher to attend the Master of Arts in Teaching interest meeting. Join the M.A.T. faculty to learn more about SCAD's one-year program.

Applications are still being accepted for Summer 2009.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 6 p.m.

in Corbin Hall, 600 E. Broughton St., Savannah, Ga.

For more information, e-mail Liz Koomler at lkoomler@scad.edu or call 912-525-5923.

SCAD, The University for Creative Careers The Savannah College of Art and Design is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution that offers bachelor's and master's degree programs in 42 different majors. Visit us at www.scad.edu.

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