



# The Alumnigram



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## *Message from the President*

**Mary L. Wade '61**

Spring - the season when trees and flowers begin to open, has arrived. However, the past few days may have had some of us questioning when spring would truly arrive and if winter was going to stay around a little longer. One day we have snow showers and a few days later we are wearing light jackets and the temp goes up. Have you thought about what this really means? Is this the usual unstable weather of spring? Is it possible that scientists may be right and that we have caused most of the climate changes and warming by releasing heat-trapping gases as we power our modern lives? These changes to the earth's climate and the changing weather patterns are called global warming. Just look out the window. The deer are scrambling into our backyards looking for food, eating whatever they can find. There are dry, falling trees all around us. We do not know what the future holds, but we need to be prepared to support each other and our environment. We need to show more respect for our homes, community, and each other. We need to work together to slow down the global warming effect, and keep our earth a harmonious place for a peaceful existence.

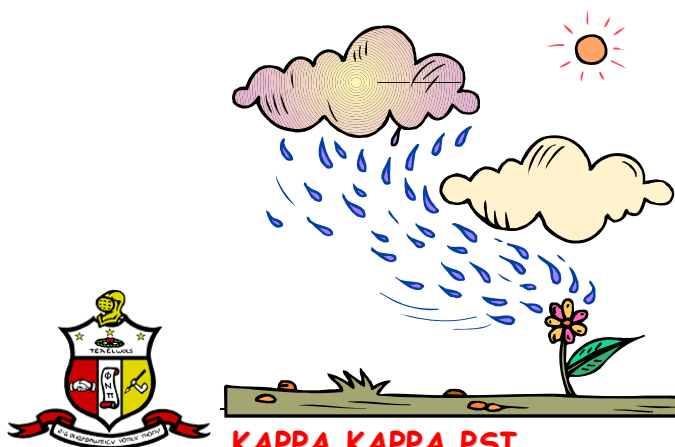
Bulldogs, please let us do our part to promote peace on this earth!

Mary Wade, Class of 1961

The Inauguration of our 10th President, Dr. George E. Cooper was a very impressive and solemn occasion. Thursday, March 26 was the First Lady's Luncheon. The sold-out affair recognized faculty and community leaders in the

areas of Education, Fine Arts, Politics, Health Care, and Law Enforcement. Special recognition was given to Ms. Ellen Zisholtz for bringing quality programs to the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium. Friday, March 27, friends and family members came from far and near, from Gaithersburg to Florida. The air was full of pomp in spite of the rain showers. Invited participants included College and University presidents, City officials, SCSU National Officers, Chapter presidents, and faculty and staff. Everyone was splendid in their caps and gowns representing their degree category. Participants from our chapter included: Curtis Stevens (Treasurer); Ned Felder (Parliamentarian); Mary Wade (President).

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family of Dr. and Mrs. George E. Cooper on the passing of his father. Bertram Cooper, Tallahassee, FL, passed on April 5, 2009.



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**HOSTS APRIL MEETING**

**WHEN:** Friday, April 24 2009 at 7:30pm  
**WHERE:** Epiphany Episcopal Church, Parish Hall  
 3111 Ritchie Road, Forestville, MD

**MEETING INFORMATION**

The remaining Chapter meeting locations between Maryland and Virginia will be according to the following schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
24 Apr	Parish Hall, MD
29 May	Parish Hall, MD

**UNIVERSITY NEWS!!**

The **South Carolina State University 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Alumni Association Convention** will be hosted by the Greater Columbia Chapter at the Columbia Marriott Hotel in Columbia, SC from July 30 – August 2, 2009.

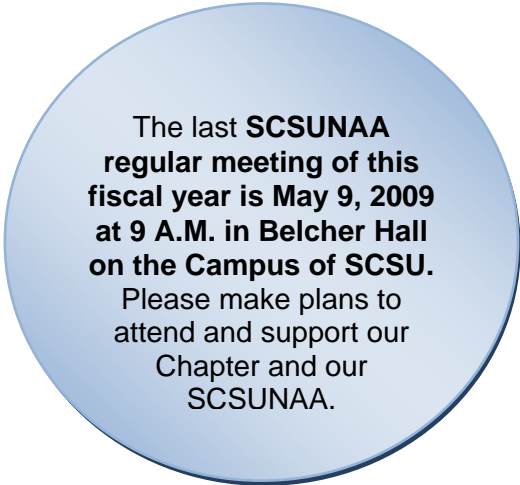
*Theme:*

*“Giving Back to the University is not just Our Responsibility, it is Our Obligation”*

Early Bird Registration ends by May 31, 2009.

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Nominee packets for the **2010 Calendar for Stellar Alumni** must be postmarked to the **SCSUNAA by May 25, 2009**. If Chapter members would like to nominate individuals for this prestigious honor, please notify the President, Mary L. Wade at [Madwe7@aol.com](mailto:Madwe7@aol.com) for forms and guidelines and provide written documentation to support your nomination.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

To the 2009 SCSU National Alumni Association Award Winners

**2009 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year**

***Mrs. Deborah Joseph, '74***  
***Charleston Chapter***

Past President of the National Alumni Assoc., and Life Member. She has served as chapter president and on various committees for the chapter, the University and the Charleston community as she continues to contribute to the betterment of SCSU.

**2009 Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year**

***Mr. Detrick Fennell, '94***  
***Charlotte Chapter***

Chapter President, Life Member and National Alumni Technology Committee Co-chair. He actively serves on the Band Alumni Assoc., and on committees in the community as he continues to contribute towards the betterment of SCSU.

2009 Ms. National Alumni Queen

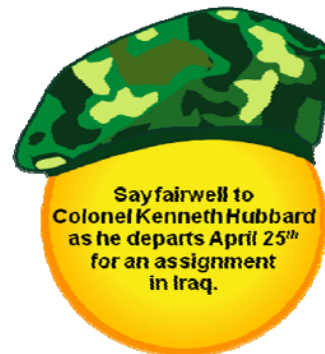
***Cheryl "Ms. T" Thompson, '78***  
***Atlanta Chapter***



Past 2nd VP of the Chapter and Co-chair of National Alumni Assoc., Future Alumni Committee. She actively serves on committees in the local chapter and the community while she continues to contribute towards the betterment of SCSU.

Ms. Joseph, Mr. Fennell & Ms. Thompson will accept their honors on May 9, 2009 at the SCSU Alumni Banquet.

**CHAPTER NEWS!!**



Say fairwell to  
 Colonel Kenneth Hubbard  
 as he departs April 25<sup>th</sup>  
 for an assignment  
 in Iraq.

**2009 Prospective Student Luncheon**

The chapter's annual recruitment event will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Area high school seniors that have been accepted into the university for the Fall 2009 semester have been invited to the brunch. Both university representatives and alumni will speak with students about the benefits of an undergraduate education at SCSU. Dr. Rodell Lawrence, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, will be our guest speaker. Admission is \$25 for alumni. Students are allowed to bring one guest. Each additional guest is \$25. Please confirm your attendance with Krystal Speed at (703) 909-3552 or [krystal\\_l\\_speed@hotmail.com](mailto:krystal_l_speed@hotmail.com) by Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday, April 25, 2009**  
**9:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**Radisson Hotel**  
**9100 Basil Court**  
**Largo, MD 20774**



*ROTC Hall of Fame*  
*Inductees - 11am*  
*and*  
*ROTC Military Ball - 6pm*

*Honors*

*Colonel Antonio Coleman '84*  
*Colonel Stephen Twitty '85*  
*Second Lieutenant*  
*Clifford Gadsden '03\**

*April 17, 2009*  
*Student Center*  
*Bulldog Lounge*

*(public is invited to attend)*

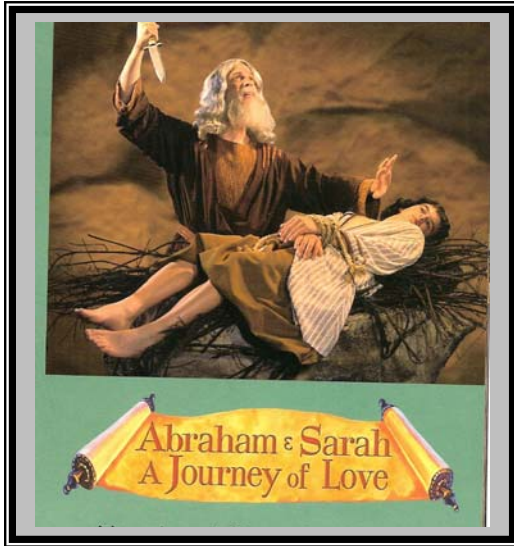
*\*deceased*



## LANCASTER, PA TRIP

Come travel with the Washington, DC Chapter to the Living Waters Theater in Lancaster, PA to see

*"Abraham and Sarah - A Journey of Love"*



Saturday, May 30, 2009  
Price of \$115.00 includes:

- ❖ Leaving at 7:30am from Epiphany Episcopal Church, Parish Hall.
- ❖ Travel by handicap accessible motor coach with on-board snack.
- ❖ Enjoy lunch or dinner on your own at a local restaurant of your choice. Time to shop, browse or relax before departing home.

Make all checks payable to: SCSUNAA  
Washington, DC Chapter. **Final payment must be received by May 1, 2009.**

### **Send payment to:**

SCSUNAA Washington, DC Chapter  
c/o Celissi A. Klugh  
13413 Tamarack Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

For more information call  
Celissi Klugh at 301-384-0171

For flyer go to:

[http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/userfiles/files/SCSU%20Lancaster%20Trip\\_2009.pdf](http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/userfiles/files/SCSU%20Lancaster%20Trip_2009.pdf)

## ADOPT-A-ROAD PROJECT

### **Frances Hooks**

Prince George's County Annual Countywide Spring Cleanup "A Livable Communities Initiative" is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon**. Our chapter is invited to participate in the cleanup on that date since we are active participants in the ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM.

After the cleanup, we will join County Executive Jack Johnson and all the volunteers for a thank you celebration at Watkins Park with lots of food, prizes, music & games.

Please come join us and volunteer a few hours to help keep Prince George's County Beautiful!

Frances Nelson Hooks  
301-249-9353 H

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

### **Frances Hooks**

Regular membership dues are only \$55.00 for the fiscal year (July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009); life members pay only \$30 for the fiscal year. It's critical that we meet our projected goal with membership dues since the dues provide the revenue for our chapter's operating budget. For FY 2009, we based the budget on having a total of 300 financial members; however, we have only **263** financial members thus far for this fiscal year. The difference translates into a budget shortfall. We thank all of our financial members for their loyalty and continued support of the Washington, DC Chapter.

P.S. Reminder to complete your Ballot for the SCSUNAA election of officers for the next fiscal year and drop in the mail today!

Frances Nelson Hooks  
Membership Chair

**WE ARE 74 YEARS OLD!!!!!!!!!!**

Please plan to attend the April chapter meeting. A special activity will be held to recognize the founders of our Washington, DC Chapter.

**Washington, DC Chapter**  
**South Carolina State University National Alumni Association**  
**~ Membership Application ~**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month Day  
 Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 SCSU Graduate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 ROTC Graduate Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
 Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Retired: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please Volunteer! I am interested in assisting with the following:  
 \_\_\_ Membership      \_\_\_ Scholarship Dance      \_\_\_ Outreach  
 \_\_\_ Newsletter      \_\_\_ Special Activities      \_\_\_ Recruitment  
 \_\_\_ Social      \_\_\_ Publicity      \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee: Regular (\$55) Life member (\$30)  
 Mail this form and check to: Washington, DC Alumni Chapter, SCSUNAA, PO Box 23847, Washington, DC 20026-3847

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