



SENIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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General Members Meeting
Monday, 21 November 2016, 7:00 PM
HCC Chesapeake Center, Dining Hall South

Featured speaker: Gretchen LeGrand,
Executive Director, Code in the Schools



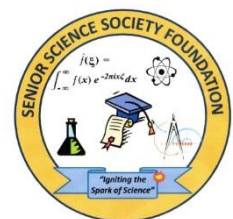
Join us on November 21 when our guest speaker will be Gretchen LeGrand of Code in the Schools, an organization formed in 2013 to provide Baltimore City youth with access to high-quality computer science education. Ms. LeGrand will speak about the state of K-12 computer science education nationally and here in Maryland, what her organization does to address the gaps, and what we all can do to make computer science education more widely available.

School Contact Plan Yields Early Requests for SSS Support

A major effort was launched at the very beginning of this school year to contact all Harford County public and private elementary and middle schools to offer them SSS STEM services (hands-on demonstrations, presentations, table talks, etc.). The SSS Board was joined in this effort by a newly created group of non-Board members of the SSS known as the Agents of Change (AoC), with the shared goal of scheduling our programs starting early in the school year when calendars are less crowded. Jim Riseley, Leader of the AoC, joined Al Horst, President of the SSS, in sending out messages to the Principals of over 50 schools, and within the first two weeks, ten schools had responded with interest in our programs, with now more than 50 demonstration modules scheduled for presentation. Added to other presentation obligations already scheduled (e.g., library events, teacher training, mentoring, special community STEM events), the SSS is starting the season with an exciting and extremely busy program. Concurrent with these events, the AoC is working to identify and train much needed additional presenters for our ever-expanding list of demonstration modules. Please consider joining our presentation team – it's both fun and highly rewarding to work directly with the youth of our community.

SSS Calendar Now On-Line and Available to All

As mentioned above, the Fall schedule for the SSS is already quite busy and growing daily. By the time you receive this newsletter, several events will likely have been added or changed. So we invite you to check the calendar on our website, SeniorScienceSociety.org, and click on CALENDAR. There you will find an up-to-date listing of all recent and planned events. You will also find a lot of other interesting information about the SSS on this website as well.



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SSS Foundation Corner



← From left: Tony Bennett, Aberdeen Rotary Club, Susan Luckan, President SSS Foundation and Bruce Burns, Secretary and Past President, SSS Foundation.

At a recent meeting of the Aberdeen Rotary Club, Susan Luckan and Bruce Burns discussed the goals and accomplishments of the Senior Science Society and the SSS Foundation. In addition to seeking the Rotary's financial support, they encouraged all to visit the SSS and SSSF websites and become involved.

If you are a member of a service organization such as the Lions, Rotary, Ruritan etc, please contact Susan and Bruce who will gladly work with you to schedule a visit to your club to discuss the SSS and SSS Foundation.

ASHLEY SIMMONS AND WILLIAM WESTHOFF EACH AWARDED \$2,500 SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Senior Science Society of Harford County recently presented "STEM" Transfer Scholarships each in the amount of \$2500, to two outstanding science students graduating from Harford Community College, Ashley Simmons and William Westhoff., both residents of Abingdon. Ashley will attend Towson University to pursue a degree in molecular biological science. William will attend UM-College Park to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering.

Susan Luckan, President
SSS Foundation



← From left, Charles Nietubicz, Senior Science Society; Ashley Simmons, HCC STEM Student; Susan Luckan, Chair, SSS Scholarship Committee; and Al Horst, President, SSS. (Absent from photo: William Westhoff, HCC STEM Student)