

DISTRICT 1 NEWS

Aiken, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Richland and Sumter counties

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Golf tournament raises \$4000 for Muscular Dystrophy Association, fellow employee

Richland Maintenance teamed up with the Columbia Fire Department #9 for its First Annual SCDOT/Columbia Fire Department Charity Golf Tournament. The tournament was held on April 29 at Linrick Golf Course in Columbia. The money raised went to the MDA and to Doyle

Miller, one of our own employees that was injured in March. The tournament was Captain's Choice shotgun start and lunch was served following the tournament.

There were many sponsors that made the tournament a great success, such as Wachovia Bank, Lonnie Roberts Towing,

Local 793, Blanchard Machinery, Columbia Fire Department #7 and #9, Applebee's in West Columbia, A-1 Irrigation, First Class Landscaping, Red Knoll, and Starbucks in Five Points. Also, there were two SCDOT sponsorships, the Specialized Bridge Division - District 6 and Richland Maintenance,

each raising just over \$100.

Trophies were awarded following lunch. Third place went to Saluda Team #1, Second Place to Columbia Fire Department Team #1, and First Place to the Gary Bass Team. A raffle was also held. Some donated prizes included rounds of golf at the University Club, Crickentree, The Windemere Club, Columbia Country Club, and Mid-Carolina Country Club, food prizes from Hooters and Applebee's, golf balls, free car washes from Frank's Car Wash, a free 30 minute massage from our very own Syrees V. Gillens, and several others. We also had a prize for a hole in one. Carolina Honda on Buckner Road donated a 4-wheeler for the one lucky player who got a hole in one. There was no winner, but all who tried had fun.

All in all, the tournament was a great success and thank you to everyone who donated money, food, and prizes to make this come together. Also, thank you to a few people who donated their time to help with the tournament: Keith Stone, Glenn Motley, Ramona Eckrote, Aaron Williams, Eddie Baughman, and Jackie McClinton. Thanks for coming out and spending the day cooking and helping out. It was greatly appreciated.

If you missed this year's tournament, don't worry. We will be doing it again next year. Just watch your email for details. Once again, THANK YOU ALL!



Teresa Harley

Got news?

District 1 has a new Connector Coordinator. Teresa Harley is interested in your story ideas.

Contact her at:
803-737-6650 or email
her at HarleyTL@scdot.org



From left, James Magwood, Clint Davis and Tony Magwood participate in the golf tournament at Linrick Golf Course.

40 Years of Service



District 1 Engineering Administrator Thad Brunson, right, presents Albert McKnight with his 40-year service award.

Albert McKnight began his career on May 17, 1965. He is a second-generation employee with SCDOT. His father, Henry James McKnight, retired from SCDOT after working at Sumter Maintenance for many years.

He is currently a Trades Specialist II Level E. McKnight has worked with many different crews during his tenure at SCDOT to include the bridge and guard-rail crew, slope mower operator, and supervisor of inmates.

McKnight is always willing to take our "new employees" under his wing and assist them with learning the ropes. He

has volunteered on many occasions to assist with clean up after hurricanes or snow storms. When Hurricane Fran hit North Carolina, McKnight was among a group of four who traveled from Sumter and assisted our neighbor state in their clean up efforts. He volunteered to travel to the state of Florida when they were besieged with numerous wild fires to deliver much needed equipment to help battle the blazes. He has always approached any request with a "can do" attitude.

We appreciate the efforts and hard work McKnight has provided to the Department.

MEET JACQUELINE McCLINTON

Name: Jacqueline McClinton
Title: Administrative Specialist II
Unit: Richland Maintenance
Start Date: Sept. 5, 2000

Jacqueline McClinton has been a member of SCDOT's Richland Maintenance family for the last five years. She was originally hired as a temporary employee. She excelled in her performance and was recently promoted

to Administrative Specialist II. She is married to Freddie McClinton, who is retired from the Navy with 22 years of service. They have two sons and one daughter. She is a devoted member of the Morris Creek Baptist Church. Co-workers have been known to say that her favorite pastime is to aggravate everyone else as much as the law will allow.



Jacqueline McClinton

A LETTER WE LIKED

Dear Mr. Sanders,
I am writing this letter to commend an excellent employee of yours, Mr. Henry Long. On Friday, February 11, at about 12:50 pm, I stopped at the Camden rest area. I accidentally tripped and fell onto the sidewalk near a large storm drain grate, almost smacking my face into the cement sidewalk. My car keys fell through the grate, landing about 8 feet below the road surface. I was in mild shock; at least one pedestrian walked past me, offering no assistance and looking at me as if I were a joke. After regaining my composure, I walked around to the back of the building and found Mr. Long. I told him what happened and he immediately began to help me recover my car keys. I was only 50 minutes into a 5-hour trip and without Mr. Long's

help, I would have had to wait hours for someone to bring an extra set of keys before going on. After only about 15 minutes, Mr. Long was able to retrieve my keys and I was back on the road. He was a real life saver that day. I don't know what, if any, reward programs exist within SCDOT, but I think that Mr. Long richly deserves some sort of monetary reward or some kind of special recognition. I feel that he went out of his way to help a stranded traveler and should be recognized for this good deed. Mr. Sanders, please acknowledge receipt of this email and also let me know how Mr. Long will be rewarded for his actions. I feel that you have an excellent employee in Mr. Henry Long. Thank you for your attention. Sincerely yours,

David P. Ribar, Ph.D.