

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 2011

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Happy Valentine's Day to each of you. May cupid send love darts in each direction you choose to take during this, the shortest month of the year. I also remind you that this is the month set aside to commemorate the many contributions made to our country by our darker brothers and sisters. As we think of all of the good things which we enjoy today including many inventions, many heroic deeds, legal hurdles, and the other accomplishments blessing our lives because of those who made these things possible for us; let us remember Ronald McNair of Lake City, SC who gave his life as he led his crew into space, Rev. Joseph Armstrong (J.A.) DeLaine, Mr. Harry Briggs, and the others of Summerton, SC, who were instrumental in bringing about integrated schools and working conditions for all of South Carolina and for women and men who were suffering the shame of inequality all over the United States, for Dr. Martin Luther King, who took his stand in Georgia a few years after our start in Summerton, and for ALL OF THE OTHERS who have made our lives better by their sacrifices; let us stop now and say 'Thank You'.

We are still seeking our members who have for some reason not joined us this year. We need a strong membership if we are to represent you with our legislators in any capacity. If you looked at your checks for this month, I know you are wondering what has happened and how you are going to make ends meet if, without notice, your check will be cut and you still have medicine to buy and other bills to pay. We need to know that we have someone who will look into the situation if we can't do it ourselves.

The SCEA-Retired Annual Convention to be held on May 11, 2011 will be an exciting event. The speaker has not yet confirmed. The Registration fee will be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. If you would like to register, please fill out the following form and enclose your check to SCEA-Retired

## The SCEA-Retired Annual Convention Registration Form

May 11, 2011

Time: 11:00

Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 for each person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ SC Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Local \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

This Registration Form may be used for more than one person. All of the information requested must be included on each person. You may copy this Registration Form or you may send the information on another sheet. Please mail with your check to The SCEA-R, 421 Zimalcrest Dr., Columbia, Sc 29210.

We are looking forward to having Dr. Todd C. Shaw, assistant professor of Political Science and African-American Studies at the University of South Carolina bring us our message for the day. We will be sharing the name and contributions of our OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD recipient, our J.P. Coates scholarship award recipient as well as other persons whom you have chosen to represent your on our board and in other capacities. We will have exhibitors waiting for your visits to their booths—please take the time to see what they have to offer you.

Our members Advocacy Day will be held on March 15 or 16, 2011. Please check with your local president if you plan to join us. The correct day, Tuesday or Wednesday, will be given to the local presidents as soon as the Legislature Chair gives it to me. According to Kermit, our chair, some important business will be discussed on February 9. If you are interested, you do not have to wait for us. The more we visit our legislatures in session, the better they will know that WE are concerned about OUR welfare. They must be aware that WE WANT: the money we worked for and saved to care for us in our retirement years without cuts and on time; to know that our children are not being cheated of the education they deserve; to receive the respect we deserve for helping law makers get the education they needed to get the positions they now hold. We don't need legislatures getting those RAISES that are equal to and in some instances surpassing the amount we receive to live on for the entire year after we have worked 30 years or more to make our income possible. This is especially critical when we are hearing cuts in everything necessary to keep our state and country moving forward, and furlough days for those teaching our children who will be the future leaders of our country!

We thank persons who have already made contributions toward our future newsletters. We do not ask for a specific amount, but the only way we can communicate with our members will be through a newsletter. If you want to know what we are doing in your association, please make a small donation for postage and mailings so that we may be successful with the newsletter.

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You are welcome to make gifts in HONOR of, in MEMORY of, or for the sake of staying informed. We believe you will appreciate the information we have that replaces the EMPHASIS Magazine which is no longer being published. So that we will be able to learn what you and others are doing, please send your announcements and other success stories to us for publication. We look forward to hearing from you.

We are in sympathy with our members whose loved ones have gone to their eternal rest during the year. We appreciate your sending in the names of our deceased members. May peace

be with all families in this loss of knowledge and friendship, and may our Maker continue to be with you and bless and keep you.