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February 2008
February 7
*Founder's Day / Reflections Turn-in
Columbia*
February 9-13, 2009
PTA Take Your Family to School Week
March 2008
March 1
*All SCPTA Awards deadlines
Gerry Pfaehler Endowment Fund Grant
application
Helen Stokes PTA Scholarship application*
March 11-12
*PTA Legislative Conference
Arlington, VA*

March 30-April 3
PTA Chorus of Voices for Children Week
April 2009
April 25
*SCPTA Convention
Wade Hampton High School, Greenville,
SC*
April 27—May 1
National Volunteer Week
May 2009

May 4-8
PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
June 2009
June 27-29
*113th National Annual Convention
Ft Lauderdale, FL*

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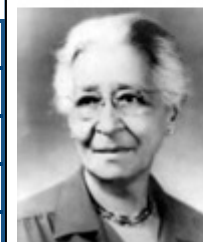
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**Plan now to attend the SCPTA Founders Day event on Saturday,
February 9, 2008, at Columbia High School in Columbia.**



PTA's founders—Alice McLellan Birney (top left), Phoebe Apperson Hearst (top right), and Selena Sloan Butler (bottom)—led our nation into meaningful parent involvement in children's education.

"They had a simple idea—to improve the lives and futures of all of our children. As much as other conditions in America may have changed, that idea has not. PTAs keep it alive." (www.pta.org)

There will be workshops, round table discussions, a retrospective look at the history of SCPTA and a birthday celebration for PTA.

This event is free to our membership, however, registration is required.



Founders Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parent involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. It's a time to reflect and take pride in our many accomplishments, and to renew our commitment to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

PTA's founders Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and the founder of Georgia's Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, Selena Sloan Butler, were women of imagination and courage. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to literally change the world. Today, PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. Our members represent the ethnic diversity of our nation, and they come from the ranks of traditional families, single-parent households, blended families, grandparents, and other caring adults. Together, we continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth.

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Founders' Day Celebration Agenda

Saturday, February 7, 2009
Lower Richland High School
2615 Lower Richland Blvd.
Hopkins, S.C. 29061

Registration & Continental Breakfast..... 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

Reflections Turn-In..... 8:00 – 9:30 A.M.

General Session I..... 9:00 – 9:20 A.M.

******PAST STATE PRESIDENTS RECEPTION.....10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.****
Gail Phillips, SCPTA Past President**

Workshops.....9:30 – 10:40 A.M.

EML (Emerging Minority Leaders)
Pat Gates, SCPTA District President Rep. & District 6 President

TCBI (The Training Capacity Building Initiative)
Marzel Thomas, District 23 Co-President

Local Unit Bylaws
Doug Griffin, SCPTA Vice President for Legislation

Workshops.....10:50 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Local Unit Nominations & Elections
Jill Schneider, SCPTA Treasurer

The SCPTA Gerry Pfaehler Endowment Fund Grant, Helen Stokes Scholarships
Nigel Lee, District 13 Past President

OMDR Plus
Amy Brewer, SCPTA Vice President for Membership

Lunch..... 12:00 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.

Keynote Address
Rutledge Dingle, Principal, Sumter High School

Group Workshop..... 1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Year end award applications and reports
Sharyl Richardson, SCPTA President Elect

General Session II – Reflections Winners Announcements..... 3:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Adjournment

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(www.pta.org)*

One Easy Resolution Jan Harpe Domene, PTA National President

Many of us will (try to) keep resolutions for New Year's. Some of these resolutions will be to do things we're already doing, but perhaps better, or at least more often. Other resolutions will be to try something new, to explore the world beyond the borders we know. One resolution will help you do a little bit of both—and help boost involvement in our schools at the same time. All you need is access to the Internet, and a little bit of time, literally whenever it fits your schedule.

PTA has always been exceptionally good about connecting people who are passionate about helping children be successful and healthy—but now we have technology that allows us to connect those people in a whole new way. I want you to resolve with me to embrace the possibilities of online social networking, because it's not just for our kids anymore.

If you haven't visited the PTA pages on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Fotki, you haven't seen the amazing online community that continues to grow there every single day. You'll find postings and pictures and videos of people who are sharing ideas, inspiration, and lots and lots of information. You can even communicate with PTA's leadership, including myself.

For anyone unfamiliar with the sites that millions of people (and most of our children) have been using, PTA is launching an entire series of introductory videos to help you get acquainted with social networking. Leaders can learn how to establish a Facebook presence for their local units, and how to reach out to their community and connect with the national office once they do. And absolutely anyone interested in supporting our nation's children can learn why this new form of communication is so important, and just the few simple steps it takes to get involved.

So as you resolve to bring more people into your PTA this New Year, check out <http://pta-tv.org> (with the username "ptacommunity" and password "1pta1"—just click "enter" to watch each video) to see how easy it is to be part of our online community. And I'll see you on Facebook!

Visit www.pta.org for useful information such as, parenting resources, PTA leadership, and legislative issues.

Letter from the President Phil Clark, SCPTA President

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

2008 was a wonderful year for SCPTA! We are continuing our movement as a state PTA who meets your needs. With that in mind, I would like to share with you a message from Byron Garrett, NPTA CEO, "As the new year ushers into being, know that your life begins anew this January. Put aside the triumphs and trials of the past and enter this new year with hopes, dreams and aspirations coupled with the capacity to fulfill them in the next 365 days."

Please join SCPTA as we usher in 2009 with our Founder's Day Celebration on February 7 in Columbia and our state convention April 25 in Greenville.

Your state board is here to serve you. Please, let us know what we can do for you!

SCPTA House named in National Register of Historic Places

Submitted by Martha Knight, Historic House Preservation Committee

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of properties and sites with significance in American history and culture. It is part of the federal preservation program that is conducted by the National Park Service under the Secretary of the Interior and administered for South Carolina by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) — part of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. Each year preservation specialists and interested citizens prepare nominations to the National Register for review — first by the State Board of Review, and then by the National Park Service. Properties listed in the National Register earn the honor of displaying South Carolina's National Register bronze plaque and parchment certificate.

After doing some checking, the SCPTA Historic House Preservation Committee learned that the SCPTA Office/House was already a part of the National Register of Historical Places. With further inquiry, the committee members learned that there was a plaque available to designate a house in the Register. Noticing that the house next door already had its plaque posted, the committee members decided that there should be one for the SCPTA house. The plaque features a palmetto tree, carries the inscription "National Register of Historic Places," and gives the name of the property.

As a donation to SCPTA, the members of the committee divided the cost amongst themselves and purchased the plaque. The plaque was installed on December 18, 2008, by Nigel Lee, on the post of the picket fence in the front of the house so that all who pass may see it.



Members of the SCPTA Historic House Preservation Committee are as follows: first row - Martha C. Knight and Gail Phillips, Co-Chairmen; second row - Karen Kurimcak, Nigel Lee, and Patricia Gates.



Nigel Lee installing the plaque—December 18, 2008

SOUTH CAROLINA PTA
Founder's Day / Reflections Turn-in
Saturday, February 7, 2009
Lower Richland High School
2615 Lower Richland Blvd.
Hopkins, SC 29601



Advanced Registration Form

NO CHARGE for ADVANCE REGISTRATION.
ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS \$20 per person
Registration deadline January 30, 2009
On-line Registration until January 30, 2009

Local Unit/ School Name _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Member Registration

Name of Registrant (Please Print)

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| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Questions? Call the SCPTA Office at 800-743-3782 or 803.765.0806 or email: office@scpta.org.
Please pre-register so that the appropriate arrangements can be made to ensure that the day is comfortable and rewarding for you.
Mail registration form to: SCPTA, 1826 Henderson St., Columbia, SC 29201
or fax to 803.765.0399 or send via email to office@scpta.org.

SCPTA FOUNDERS' DAY / REFLECTIONS CONFERENCE

Directions to Lower Richland High School
2615 Lower Richland Blvd.
Hopkins, SC 29061

Directions from Charleston

1. Start out going NORTHWEST on MEETING ST toward BROAD ST. 2.1 mi
2. Merge onto I-26 W via the ramp on the LEFT toward NORTH CHARLESTON/COLUMBIA. 104 mi
3. Merge onto I-77 N via EXIT 116 toward CHARLOTTE. 6.3 mi
4. Merge onto SC-768 S/SHOP RD via EXIT 6A. 1.8 mi
5. Turn LEFT onto SC-768/PINEVIEW RD. 1.9 mi
6. Turn RIGHT onto US-378 E/US-76 E. 3.2 mi
7. Turn LEFT onto SC-37/LOWER RICHLAND BLVD.
8. End at 2615 Lower Richland Blvd Hopkins, SC 29061-8641

Estimated Time: 1 hour 58 minutes Estimated Distance: 119.79 miles

Directions from Greenville


1. Start out going WEST on BEATTIE PL toward N CHURCH ST/US-29. 0.0 mi
2. Turn LEFT onto N CHURCH ST/US-29. 0.1 mi
3. Turn LEFT onto E NORTH ST/I-385 SPUR. 0.5 mi
4. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto I-385 S. 42.0 mi
5. I-385 S becomes I-26 E. 63.5 mi
6. Merge onto I-77 N via EXIT 116 on the LEFT toward CHARLOTTE. 6.2 mi
7. Merge onto SC-768 S/SHOP RD via EXIT 6A. 1.8 mi
8. Turn LEFT onto SC-768/PINEVIEW RD. 1.9 mi
9. Turn RIGHT onto US-378 E/US-76 E. 3.2 mi
10. Turn LEFT onto SC-37/LOWER RICHLAND BLVD.
11. End at 2615 Lower Richland Blvd Hopkins, SC 29061-8641

Estimated Time: 1 hour 58 minutes Estimated Distance: 119.71 miles


Directions from Rock Hill

1. Start out going SOUTHWEST on OAKLAND AVE S/US-21 BR toward MAIN ST E. 0.0 mi
2. Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST E/US-21 BR/SC-5. 0.1 mi
3. Turn RIGHT onto SALUDA ST/SC-72. 1.8 mi
4. Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto MT HOLLY RD. 3.2 mi
5. Merge onto I-77 S. 63.7 mi
6. Take the SC-262/LEESBURG RD exit, EXIT 9B, toward US-76/US-378/GARDERS FERRY ROAD WEST. 0.4 mi
7. Turn RIGHT onto SC-262/LEESBURG RD. 0.1 mi
8. Turn LEFT onto US-378/US-76/GARNERS FERRY RD. Continue on US-378 E/US-76 E. 5.6 mi
9. Turn LEFT onto SC-37/LOWER RICHLAND BLVD.
10. End at 2615 Lower Richland Blvd Hopkins, SC 29061-8641

Estimated Time: 1 hour 18 minutes Estimated Distance: 75.32 miles



Help Wanted



<p>The strength of any organization comes from its leaders. SCPTA is beginning the search for emerging leaders for the following state board positions to be elected in the spring of 2009:</p> <p><i>President-elect</i> <i>Secretary (to fulfill unexpired 2008-2010 term)</i> <i>VP for Legislation</i> <i>VP for Programs</i></p> <p>The following positions are appointed by the SCPTA President and subject to approval by the SCPTA Board of Directors. These positions are state board committee positions: (District President positions are district elected positions)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ District 2 President ◇ District 4 President ◇ District 5 President ◇ District 6 President ◇ District 7 President ◇ District 8 President ◇ District 10 President ◇ District 11 President ◇ District 12 President ◇ District 14 President ◇ District 15 President ◇ District 16 President ◇ State By-Laws Chair ◇ State Communications Chair ◇ State Elections Committee Chair ◇ State Health & Wellness Chair ◇ Historic House Preservation Committee Chair ◇ State Parent Involvement/Volunteer Chair ◇ State Reflections Chair (This position needs to be filled immediately) ◇ Youth Delegate (2 positions available) 	<p>South Carolina PTA values the expertise, experience and enthusiasm of all PTA members in South Carolina and believes their participation critical to the successful pursuit of the PTA mission at the state level. To that end, please consider nominating yourself or someone else to serve in a leadership position with SCPTA. Please email SCPTA at Office@SCPTA.org for more information about officers, committees and their requirements.</p> <p>For a nomination form please visit www.scpta.org</p>
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PTA In The News . . .

District 23
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Windsor Hill Elementary PTA raised over \$4000 with their Secret Santa Shop and purchased Christmas gifts for almost 40 families in the local community

Fort Dorchester High School organized a food drive to benefit the Lowcountry Food Bank. They collected approximately 312 lbs of food which allowed the food bank to prepare 244 meals.

District 4
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Pineview Elementary in West Columbia was one of the PTAs nation-wide awarded a \$1897.00 by National PTA for their program for "Take Your Family to School Week."

SCPTA Convention
Wade Hampton High School
April 25, 2009

Everyone is invited to Greenville on April 24 and 25 to attend the 86th annual South Carolina PTA Convention. Invite your principal, your board members, your parents, and anyone else to attend this information packed event.

We will have an opening reception on Friday night and start early on Saturday with general sessions, workshops, speakers, vendors, and a fun filled Reflection and awards event on Saturday night. Our keynote speaker will be Byron Garrett, CEO of national PTA, a former South Carolina resident.

Our theme is "Connecting the Pieces" so that you can learn how to connect all the different pieces of PTA.

Look for the Call to Convention which you will receive in the mail at the end of February with all the fabulous details.

Bring your game skills as we will have an exciting puzzle for you to complete for prizes!



2009 PTA National Convention

113th Annual PTA National Convention & Exhibition

Friday, June 26–Monday, June 29, 2009

Greater Ft. Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Join thousands of parents, teachers, students, and leaders who come to national convention each year to enhance their skills, connections, and success!

- ◇ Education — Choose from 30+ workshops
- ◇ Exhibits — Visit more than 200 exhibits
- ◇ Issues — Raise your voice on national business and emerging issues
- ◇ Resources — Gather 100s of ideas, handouts, giveaways —interact with 1,000s of other PTA leaders from around the country
- ◇ Ft. Lauderdale — Stay and play in this great family vacation destination

Registration and hotel information will be available March 2009.
For more information to help you plan, please email nptameetings@pta.org.

PalmettoBizBuzz.com

Welcome to PalmettoBizBuzz!

We can help you find the most trusted businesses and professionals in your neighborhood. Palmettobizbuzz takes the guesswork out of choosing a local business because you can read reviews and ratings from other consumers. You can also post your own reviews of businesses in your community— good, bad, or average.

Palmettobizbuzz works hard to ensure that every review is accurate and unbiased, so you can make an educated decision when you need to choose a local company.

PalmettoBizBuzz has the buzz on thousands of businesses and professionals in South Carolina!

PalmettoBizBuzz GiveBack Campaign

PalmettoBizBuzz.com is partnering with SCPTA for the next round of the GiveBack campaign. This is a great opportunity for individual PTAs in South Carolina to earn donations to help support their efforts.

PalmettoBizBuzz.com is the #1 website in South Carolina for consumer reviews of local businesses, and the GiveBack campaign has already donated more than \$10,000 to local non-profits in the state. This unique fundraising program makes donations in exchange for reviews of local businesses written by consumers on PalmettoBizBuzz.

Previously, the GiveBack campaign had been open to any non-profit organization in South Carolina, but this next phase will be open only PTAs. During the GiveBack campaign, PTAs will receive \$1.00 for each eligible review written by one of their supporters. Individual PTAs are eligible to earn a maximum donation of \$1000. If there is sufficient participation from PTAs in South Carolina, there will be an additional \$500 bonus for the PTA that generates the most reviews. The GiveBack campaign is a great way to help boost your fundraising efforts!

In order to participate in the "Give Back" program, a PTA must complete a simple registration form to confirm their eligibility.

For more information, please visit, www.palmettobizbuzz.com/giveback or email giveback@palmettobizbuzz.com. The program starts on February 1 and will run until February 28, 2009, so be sure to sign up early. Participating PTAs will receive their donations within a month of the conclusion of the "Give Back" program.