

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

CAMILLA

Barbara Hilliard, Executive Director of the Camilla Housing Authority, was awarded the Boys and Girls Club of America National Silver Medallion. The award, given for outstanding and extraordinary services to youth through the Boys and Girls Club movement, is one of the highest given to board members by the national organization. Ms. Hilliard was interested in a safe and structured environment for the children in Mitchell County including the children in the housing authority neighborhoods. She was instrumental in persuading citizens in the community to support it and pledged financial support for the viable organizations. The local club was founded in 1992 and she has raised more than \$710,000 for the club over the years.

CEDARTOWN

Cedartown Housing Authority sent 4 delegates to the annual Resident Leadership



Development Conference held in Doraville. Representing Cedartown was Mrs. Robin Chandler, social

worker and residents Lamar Hutchins, Lorenda Lou Ward and Sadie Shurley.

They learned that the tone of your voice, the right body language and willingness to listen can help in getting along better with others. One of the more important sessions attended was "Can We All just Get Along," taught by Ms. Reta Thomas-Johnson from Augusta.

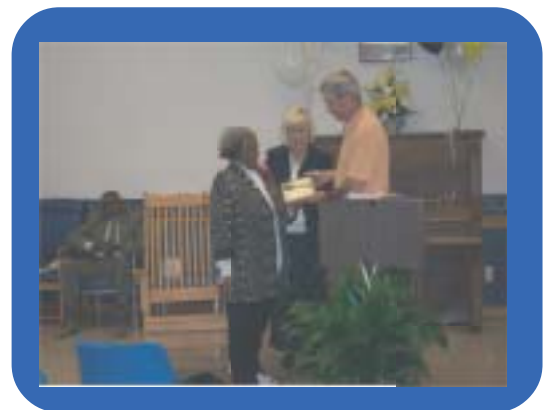
Thank you Cedartown Housing Authority and Mrs. Shirley Kiles for making this trip possible for us.

PELHAM

Ms. Belia Brown the first Resident services Coordinator for the Pelham Housing Authority, retired on February 25th after ten and one half years of dedicated services. Ms. Brown was responsible for organizing numerous parties and festivals for the residents along with after school tutoring, Shining Stars and County Extension Service Programs such as Teenage Mothers or "TAMS."

The one activity she really put her heart into was the Boy's Basketball Team under GAHRA. She organized this team and transported them to the annual state-wide tournament.

Ms. Culbreth presented her with a plaque commemorating her years of service and a gift of a wood mantle clock from the Pelham Housing Authority.



Awards and recognitions deadline is May 28, 2004. Contact Clara Braswell at Warner Robins Housing Authority 478-929-0229 x 14

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CARROLLTON

Elderly/Disabled residents from the Carrollton Housing Authority attended a workshop on heart attacks and heart disease. Local cardiologist Dr. Charlie Rouse spoke to residents on preventive measures such as exercise, diet and ways to reduce stress. In addition, Dr. Rouse spoke on other diseases such as diabetes and hypertension which often accompany heart disease.



Outstanding achievements in affordable housing were celebrated once again this year when the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) hosted the Third Annual Housing Georgia Conference and Magnolia Awards Program.

An award for Special Achievement in Affordable Housing was presented to the City of Carrollton Housing Authority for the Revitalization of Brookwood apartments. The renovated apartment complex now also includes a range of social services including a medical clinic, the Abstinence Educational Program Center, youth art classes and English as a Second Language Classes.

Carrollton Housing Authority was Awarded \$150,000 for the Neighborhood Networks Grant

This grant will provide public housing residents and youth with technology skills, and supportive skills necessary to achieve individual educational and self sufficiency goals which in turn will improve the overall quality of life for each public housing family.



VALDOSTA

The Valdosta Housing Authority will be hosting the GAHRA Basketball Tournament on July 15th, 16th and 17th. Contact Mark Stalvey for details 229-242-4130.

Thomson

The Department of Natural Resources, like all government agencies, is experiencing cutbacks thus reducing the events that they can offer to the public. Recently they approached the Thomson Housing Authority about partnering to continue to offer the Kids Fishing Event that is held periodically throughout the year. We agreed to sponsor two. One was held March 27, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The other will be held April 24, 2004. These are available to any child under the age of 16 who wishes.

The first was extremely successful. Of the 316 children who registered



to participate 40 of those kids were housing authority residents. Each child was allowed to keep five fish to carry home.

