



A DIVISION OF EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE

## GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! Every January brings a sense of contemplation as we look ahead to the new year. The Fulford Center is embarking on the new year with great anticipation and excitement. As the Director, it is most rewarding to meet people of all ages who come and go each week and who are benefiting in some way, because we are here. We sincerely hope you will find many ways to be engaged with the center in 2012 and to be a part of positive change in our community. We value your participation and suggestions, and we are looking forward to an exciting new year with you!



JEAN D. SCHWABE, DIRECTOR

## LUNCH AND LEARN FEBRUARY 2

The Fulford Center will host the year's first Lunch and Learn on Thursday, February 2 at noon. Marnie Dekle, University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Agent, will present the program Fit as a Fiddle: Mind and Body 10 Tips for a Healthy

Mind. What a great way to begin the new year! The cost for the event is \$5 and includes lunch, presentation, and hand-outs. Reservations are required. Please call the center at 289-2464 to reserve a seat.

## JANUARY 2012

### OUR MISSION

By providing an environment where learning opportunities take place and community relationships are enriched, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will develop individual capacity and improve the quality of life for Swainsboro and Emanuel County.

### OUR GOALS

Education  
Civic Engagement  
Hospitality

# EGC WELCOMES DR. BOB BOEHMER: INTERIM PRESIDENT

Beginning January 1 of this year, East Georgia College (EGC) is under new leadership. Dr. Bob Boehmer, a decorated professor and administrator of the University of Georgia (UGA), has been appointed as Interim President effective January 1.

University System of Georgia (USG) Chancellor Hank Huckaby appointed Dr. Boehmer after the retirement of Dr. John Black in December. He said the decision was a great one for EGC, and based on Dr. Boehmer's experience in education leadership.

"We are extremely fortunate to be able to call on Dr. Boehmer's experience and leadership skills," Huckaby said. "I am confident that East Georgia College will be in very good hands."

Dr. Boehmer comes from a legal background, holding a doctor



**DR. BOB BOEHMER**

of jurisprudence (J.D.) from the University of Oregon School of Law. Before entering the teaching field, he was a partner in an Oregon law firm, practicing for more than ten years.

After entering the teaching field, Dr. Boehmer went to UGA in

1989, where he received numerous teaching awards including Teacher of the Year and MBA Teacher of the Year from the Terry College of Business, the Richard Russell Teaching Award, the Hatten-Howard Award, and a selection as a Lilly Teaching Fellow.

In addition to his teaching, Dr. Boehmer has served in a variety of administrative and leadership roles, most recently as the Associate Provost for Academic Planning at UGA. Before assuming that role, he served as UGA's Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness. He has also served as UGA's liaison to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on College (SACSCOC) and as a trustee and Executive Committee Member of the organization, and has also served as Chair of the Regents Advisory Committee on Effectiveness and Accreditation.

## AN EVERLASTING LEGACY

Some gifts have the potential of touching countless lives for many years. The Fulford Center became a fortunate benefactor of such promise through a generous contribution.

We are very appreciative to Dianne Newman for recently donating the planetarium show, BAD ASTRONOMY: MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS, in loving memory of her husband, John "Eddie" Newman, who passed away June, 2011.

Eddie was a graduate of Swainsboro High School (SHS) and Georgia Southern University. A devoted educator for more than 30 years, he previously taught at SHS and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa Society and the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club.

Most recently, Eddie served as a School Improvement Specialist with the Georgia Department of Education

(GDOE) and hosted several GDOE School Improvement Division meetings at the Fulford Center.

Eddie loved the Fulford Center and valued the importance of our mission because it reflected his own passion – educating young people. This thoughtful gift ensures a legacy that will perpetuate Eddie's life-calling.

Phil Plait, creator of BAD ASTRONOMY: MYTHS AND MISCONCEPTIONS, is an astronomer, lecturer, and author. After working a decade with the Hubble Space Telescope and six more years on astronomy education, he became an independent writer.

Plait has written two books and dozens of magazine articles. He is a skeptic and fights the abuse of science,

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## OLD SOUTH HOLIDAY RECIPES A SUCCESS!



Melissa Kitchens, of Sweet Melissa's Catering, provided an educational and entertaining cooking demonstration to area participants on Thursday, December 8 at the Fulford Center. Attendees received recipes for the dishes she prepared and enjoyed tasting the final creations.

Melissa, a Swainsboro native, established Sweet Melissa's Catering in 2010. Her cooking videos, produced and directed by Bailey Barash Productions of Atlanta, have been viewed by over 5000 users on YouTube, creating quite a following for this new entrepreneur.



## AN EVERLASTING LEGACY CONTINUED

but his true passion is praising the wonders of REAL science.

Based on the popular book and website by the same name, BAD ASTRONOMY offers a unique and fun approach to learning about the cosmos. Plait takes a critical look at popular myths and misconceptions to show audiences how science can be used to evaluate questionable claims, such as: Were the Apollo visits to the moon actually a hoax? Have aliens landed on Earth? Can you tell your future by the stars?

BAD ASTRONOMY is produced by the Detroit Science Center in collaboration with Cranbrook Institute of Science. It is entertaining, informative and appropriate for all ages, and the Fulford Center is fortunate to add it to our library.

It is an honor to share the Newman's gift with our many guests, and we will remember Eddie with great affection and respect. May he live on in our infinite celestial sky.

## HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT THE FULFORD CENTER!



Please consider the Fulford Center for your next event. The Fulford Center can accommodate up to 70 people in its multifunctional classroom area and smaller groups in the Resource Library. We also offer first class catering.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 10--Emanuel County Schools EMANUEL SAVES ! Parent Workshop (Budgeting and Price Matching)
- January 17, 18, 19, 20—Swainsboro Primary Kindergarten Planetarium Visits
- January 17—Relay for Life Planning Committee Meeting
- January 23, 24, 25, 26—Swainsboro Primary First Grade Planetarium Visits
- February 2—Lunch and Learn
- February 7 - Emanuel County Board of Education Retreat
- February 8 & 9—Emanuel County Schools Social Science Fair

## FULFORD CENTER STAFF

- Jean Schwabe, Director
- Jada Hall, Work Study Student
- Danielle Donaldson, Work Study Student

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Please consider the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center in your estate planning and when memorializing family and friends through the East Georgia College Foundation. The Foundation is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent approved by law.

Contact Jean Schwabe to learn more about how you can help.

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Other times by appointment

