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Memo To: Executive Officers, Board Members, Chapter & Division Presidents & Others

From: Marty R. McKenzie, President

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Dear Federation Family,

The convention is one week behind us and we now turn to post convention activities. I am currently working on committee assignments with no promise of when they will be ready. If you currently chair or serve on a committee and you no longer wish to do so, please reach out to me. While some folks will likely move among committees this year, I want to ensure that people are named who will actively participate in committee meetings. There is a huge amount of work done by our committees and we need individuals who will step up to the plate and work hard for the committees that interest them.

The Presidential Release is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. You are encouraged to attend the monthly informative gathering of Federationist from across the country. The phone number is 929-205-6099 and the Zoom meeting ID is 913 3339 9714.

Due to the Presidential Release occurring on September 3, 2024, we will move the Palmetto Connects meeting to September 10, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

I am happy to share information from the Federation family in the weekly Positive Note. After working with the Positive Note for two years now, I understand that brevity is very important and I work hard to keep it at two pages. That is not always possible however. When you prepare announcements for the Positive Note, please confine them to one paragraph of approximately 100 words or less. I appreciate your assistance with this request.

Aleena Hamlin is a 2024 NFB of SC Scholarship winner. Because her classes began in early August, she was not present at the state convention. Here is a note of appreciation from Aleena.

Hello, my name is Aleena Hamlin. I'm 17 years old and was born with a genetic condition called Oculocutaneous Albinism Type 2. I'm currently attending the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, pursuing a major in Computer Science. After graduating from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind, I set my sights on earning a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. My ultimate goal is to work as a web developer or secure a position with NASA.

I am incredibly grateful and honored to receive this scholarship. I want to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this award possible. This scholarship is not just a financial boost; it's a powerful reminder that there are people who believe in me and my potential to achieve my goals.

With this support, I am more motivated than ever to excel in my studies at the University of Alabama, confident that with determination, I can accomplish anything I set my mind to. Thank you so much for investing in my future and helping me take another step closer to achieving my dreams.

From Belinda Banks

Homecoming for SCSDB is quickly approaching and we need your help to make it a success. There will be a meeting held Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6p.m. This meeting will be held on the Federation Center zoom line. I would love it if as many people as possible can make it so we can finalize the number of rooms as soon as possible. If you have any questions, reach out to Belinda Banks at 864-909-5587. The Zoom information is included below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8032543777?pwd=QTVQd2RzN3I6QnNmZ0FmSnp6NG8vQT09>

Meeting ID: 803 254 3777

Passcode: 124578

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From Marty R. McKenzie, President of the Clarendon County Chapter

The Clarendon County Chapter is raffling off a beautiful multi-colored Christmas afghan made and donated by Glenda Culick. Tickets are \$2 each or three tickets for \$5. You can mail a check to Marty McKenzie, 1516 Lucky Road, Lake City, SC 29560 to purchase your tickets. The lucky winner will be drawn at the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina Board Retreat which is scheduled for November 22-24, 2024 at the Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind.

Things to remember

- Presidential Release on September 3, 2024
- Palmetto Connects on September 10, 2024
- Clarendon County Chapter fundraiser drawing on November 23, 2024