

## Foundation Update      April 2011



### *“The Sunshine Lady”*

Southside Virginia Community College received a ray of sunshine recently. Ms. Doris Buffett, the Sunshine Lady, toured the College's Campus Within Walls Program at Greensville Correctional Center on the 18th of April. Ms. Buffett financially supports the program through her Sunshine Lady Foundation. With her leadership, the foundation supports original and effective programs which serve to improve the human condition in a variety of areas. During her tour, Ms. Buffett spoke with prison administrators, college staff, and inmates praising the program and encouraging everyone to keep working towards success. Later Ms. Buffett and Mrs. Mitty Beal were honored guests at the college's first meeting of the Campus Within Walls Advisory Committee. There, Ms. Buffett outlined her intentions to improve inmate education nationwide and called for greater cooperation and support from lawmakers to help with the effort. Pictured (Left to Right) are Dr. John J. Cavan, SVCC President, Harold Clark, Director of the Virginia Department of Corrections, W. E. 'Gene' Thomas, SVCC Board member, Carole Wallace, former Warden at Lunenburg, the Honorable Judge Cleo Powell, Doris Buffett, Robert C. 'Bobby' Wrenn, SVCC Foundation Board member, the Honorable Judge Allan Sharratt, Delegate Thomas C. Wright, Judy Philpott, former Assistant Superintendent – Academics with the Department of Corrections, and Banci Tewolde, Virginia's Statewide Prisoner Re-Entry Coordinator.



### Duggan Speaks to Graduates

Jed Duggan, General Manager of Harris Trucking recently spoke at SVCC's Truck Driver Training graduation. Mr. Duggan began his comments by saying, "I can honestly say you're graduating from one of the best Truck Driver Training Schools around, if not the best. It has been my experience that the students that graduate from Southside Virginia Community College are individuals that come from an environment where they take responsibility for their actions." He went on to say that there is a simple equation he uses when thinking about success.....L + A = P. Learning plus Attitude equals Professionalism. Mr. Duggan and Harris Trucking are long time supporters of the SVCC Truck Driver Training program.

## Meet Robbie Pecht


Robbie Pecht has been a long time supporter of the SVCC Foundation and is a member of the Board of Directors. He is President of Brunswick Ice & Coal Company, Inc. and Pecht Distributors, Inc. Both of these companies are small family owned and operated businesses located in Lawrenceville. Robbie has a BA, M.Ed and MBA from the University of Virginia. He is active in the community and serves as a member of the Lawrenceville Town Council, Brunswick Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Rotary Club and involved in economic development for the county. Robbie is married to Rebecca Akers who is a reading specialist for Brunswick County Public Schools and serves on the Leadership Council for Smart Beginnings Southside. They have three children, Anna a third year student at University of Chicago, Dorothy a senior at Brunswick County High School and attends the Governor's School of Southside Virginia and Kathryn a sixth grader at Russell Middle School.



## First Citizens Bank Nursing Scholarship Recipient

Cindy Thomas (left), Area Executive for First Citizens Bank and Nancy Edwards (right), Vice President, Business Banker at First Citizens Bank, are pictured with Lillie Phillips (center), a nursing student at Southside Virginia Community College. Lillie is the recipient of the First Citizens Bank Nursing Scholarship. First Citizens provides annual scholarship assistance for students in SVCC's nursing program.


4th Annual  
**SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION**  
**Scholarship  
Golf Classic**



**Wednesday  
June 1, 2011**

**LAKE GASTON GOLF CLUB**

Gasburg, VA



Mark you calendars for graduation  
Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 on JHD campus!