

# ARBITRATION NEWS

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Program Director

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SOLICITOR E. L. CLEMENTS, III, ADDRESSES THE ATTENDEES AT THE ARBITRATOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON.



SHERIFF KENNEY BOONE REMINDS ARBITRATORS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT THE ARBITRATOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON.

**MAILING ADDRESS:**  
City-County Complex, Room 1101  
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Florence, South Carolina 29501

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147 North Irby Street  
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Across from the City-County-Complex

**DIRECTOR'S BOX**

**LOOK WHAT YOU DID!**



Solicitor Ed Clements presenting donations to Beth Townsend, Early Intervention Supervisor, Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs Family Support Services.

Monetary donations totaling over \$2,200 were provided to local community donation sites! **All** donations were earned by our kids!

Gift donations totaling over \$8,700 were provided to approved, local charities! **All** donations were earned by our kids!

A few of our charities:

Harvest Hope Food Banks	\$3,063.67
Tools for Schools	\$1,582.99
Christmas in July	\$1,788.64
Flo. Co. Disabilities & Special Needs Board	\$1,306.45

(Totals based on completion date – end of the year)

Over 6,500 hours of community services were provided to our community!  
(All totals based on completion date – end of the year)

**Special Thanks to  
PEPSI COLA COMPANY  
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Pepsi Cola has generously assisted our program and donated snacks for our Volunteer Arbitrators. Thank you **Marilyn Tanner & Pepsi** for giving back to your community!

Dear Arbitrators,  
**Happy New Year!** It is exceptionally hard to believe that it is 2013. According to my eldest son's calculations, this is the year he gets his driver's permit. Where did the time go? And going we are! Cases have been underway since January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we're scheduled through the end of the month. Thank you all for being so gracious and starting off our new year with commitment and spirit.

Thanks to everyone who joined us at our annual Arbitrator Appreciation Luncheon in December. Florence County Sheriff Kenny Boone and his team gave a wonderful presentation. Thanks to Sheriff Boone for helping make our luncheon a success. The Leatherman Senior Center is an amazing facility and the staff that take care of it are such great folks! Thanks to Kammy Benton, RSVP Director, for helping us schedule and coordinate; thanks to Gene Wells, Manager of the Leatherman Senior Center, for all of his assistance as well. In Kammy's absence, a fellow volunteer, Noreen McFann, decorated, cleaned, and pretty much kept us together during the festivities. Now if we can just get her to become an Arbitration Volunteer! Let's not forget our local Chick-Fil-A cow from Chick-Fil-A on Irby Street; thanks to Mark Drummond & Chick-Fil-A for your willingness to help sponsor our events. And of course, thanks to our Solicitor, Ed Clements, for providing us with this opportunity to fellowship and appreciate YOU!

We would also like to thank all the Arbitrators who held hearings during the weeks before Christmas. With all of the holiday stress and craziness that abounds at times, you gave comfort to families in need, and you made the celebration of Christmas mean even more. And one more "Thank You" to all who remembered us at Christmas; your thoughtfulness is always greatly appreciated. Our Arbitrators are the best!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year's Eve! Keep checking your email for cases to be scheduled. We look forward to working with you and all of our community partners in this New Year.

Take Care, 

**TIPS FOR MEANINGFUL HEARINGS:**

- \*\* Make sure everyone is introduced.
- \*\* Listen to everyone. Everyone gets a chance to speak and be heard. Sometimes victims need to vent, you decide how long is appropriate, but **everyone gets a chance to speak.**
- \*\* It is **not mandatory** for the Officer or the Victim to attend. If they are not present then **you must become the spokesman for the victim.** Every crime has a victim; the youngster must attempt to understand this through your words if the victim is not there.
- \*\* Juveniles 12 to 14 are very hard to place at community service sites. Please ask a parent or guardian if they are a member of a Church where their youngster could work if they are under 14 years of age.

~~ contributed by the Lexington Community Juvenile Arbitration Program

Thanks to **Warren Snell** and **Fatz Cafe** for catering our Arbitrator Appreciation Luncheon. It was a delicious meal enjoyed by all! Thanks also to **Gene Wells**, Manager of the **Leatherman Senior Center**, for the wonderful surroundings.

Everyone had a great time!  
Thanks for treating us so special!

# Thanks a MILLION!



Solicitor Ed Clements, along with Elizabeth Toth and April Watson, presented Gerald Biscup an award for holding over 100 cases.



Solicitor Ed Clements presented Theresa Toth an award for holding over 100 cases.



Thanks to Noreen McFann, Elf Helper Extraordinaire! (Pictured here with our very special guest - the Chick-Fil-A Cow!)



The Insiders at the December Insiders presentation continue to make an impact on the future leaders in our community.



**From us to you, Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year from your Solicitor's Office!**