

Press release – Dr. Boehner Silver Good Citizenship Award 05/05/2010

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On May 5, 2010 Dr. James F. Boehner, M.D. was presented the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Silver Good Citizenship Medal by the Henry Laurens Chapter of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SCSSAR). The presentation was made at Newberry Hall in Aiken, SC during the Henry Laurens Chapter's Spring Social gathering.

Dr. Boehner was nominated for the award by the Chapter and, upon review of the nomination and Dr. Boehner's contributions to the health and welfare of South Carolina's citizens, the SCSSAR promptly approved the award. The Silver Good Citizenship Medal, authorized by the SAR in 1939, recognizes outstanding patriotic achievement and public service at a statewide level; and is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government, military, education, religion, medical, business other appropriate professions.

Dr. Boehner was nominated by the Henry Laurens chapter in recognition of his extensive history of promoting the health and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina. A Syracuse, New York native, Dr. Boehner moved to the Aiken area in 1986. Dr. Boehner is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (F.A.C.O.G.) and is certified by the Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

At the Aiken Regional Medical Center (ARMC), Dr. Boehner founded the Department of Prenatal Medicine, and served as Chairman of that department from 1991 to 1997. Additionally, he has served on many committees at the ARMC, and currently serves as Chairman of the ARMC Board of Governors. For several years, he has served as Board Member of the Aiken Kidney Benefit, a non-profit organization.

Dr. Boehner is an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator (N2ZZ), has won many awards in amateur radio, and donates much of his free time as the elected Roanoke Division Vice Director of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), The National Association for Amateur Radio.. Dr. Boehner restructured the ARRL-SC field services, and accomplished unification of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES).

In his position with the ARRL, he promoted a grant request for the first Amateur Radio Trailer purchased through a Homeland Security grant. This trailer was received by Aiken County and local amateur radio operators installed the technical equipment. He also supported the development of the SCHEART system - a Healthcare Emergency Amateur Radio Team using a statewide repeater network to support SC hospitals.

Through Dr. Boehner's support, ARMC now has a fully functioning amateur radio station located on the top floor of the medical complex, giving the hospital the ability to establish contact with other hospitals should an event occur where normal means of communication are disrupted. Additionally, he is the trustee of a radio repeater at ARMC.

In further support of the SCHEARTS Program, Dr. Boehner has supported grant applications which have resulted in the receipt of over one million dollars in funding.

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The South Carolina Society of the SAR joins in effort with the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Children of the American Revolution, and all patriotic and historical groups in keeping alive the ideals of our ancestors who gave us our United States of America. For more information, see www.scssar.org.