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Say It Loud!

December 2011

Sickle Cell News You Can Use

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey

Calendar Listings:

December

3rd. SCANJ Breakfast With Santa at Applebees. Thanks to Santonio Holmes, NY Jets Wide Receiver.

6th *The Leaguers Inc., and Horizon NJ Health One Day Conference on Diversity and Early Education* 9am - 3pm. 405-425 University Ave in Newark. SCANJ presents at 11:30 am on sickle cell disease programs and services. Call 973 643-0300 Ex. 234

10th *SCANJ 2nd Annual Holiday Party* -Van Vleck Mansion 21 Van Vleck St. Montclair. Free for families affected by sickle cell disease. All others are Merrymakers by making a donation (\$20.00 or more). Special appearance by *Kenta Klaus; Santa's Brother from another Mother*. Thank you to NOBLE North NJ our primary Toyland Sponsor. 3:00pm-5:00pm. RSVP ONLY call 973 482-9070 or scanjholidayparty.eventbrite.com.

January 2012

5th *SCANJ Volunteers Meeting* 6:30pm 20 Northfield Ave in West Orange (Law office of Connie McGhee)

24-27, 4 Day Peer Leader Training for Take Control of Your Health Certification part of the Stanford School of Medicine CDSMP program. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM Tuesday -Friday. Grace Baptist Church 811 King Georges Road, Fords NJ. Register online or call SCANJ at 973 482-9070 for more information.

February

18th *Save the Date* for the American Red Cross Black History Month Sickle Cell Awareness Blood Drive.

25th *Take Control of Your Health Workshops Series* Begin February 25th and run each Saturday through March 31, 2012. 9:00am-11:30am in Newark. Location TBA. Register online or call SCANJ at 973 482-9070.

Updates on
sicklecellnewjersey.org
and
Eventbrite.com

Did you know?...

Our motto: "SCANJ equals faith with good works for sickle cell disease."

Our colors: Kente Yellow and Red symbolizing hope for the blood.

Seasons Greetings From the Executive Director...



Mary Bentley LaMar

In the spirit of the Christmas season, I reflect on my inspiration.He seemed to not have very much going for him; poor parents, shabby surroundings, born amongst stable animals. Such humble beginnings, yet the power of the love generated is felt in the peace, goodwill and charity of all who embrace that spirit of love.

In light of that spirit of love, I thank each of you. SCANJ has enjoyed a productive year and it could not have happened without each of your gifts and talents, freely given. Your support has made our actions speak louder than words.

Please enjoy the Pictorial End of The Year Report (pg2). And gear up for the many exciting things that will be coming up next year. We welcome and need your involvement. 2012 initiatives include:

- The Sickle Cellabration
- The 24 Seven Line Dance Marathon
- SCANJ Road Trips
- SCDA A Advocacy Day
- The Poster Child Program
- SC Awareness Contest for Youth ages 13-25 yrs.
- SC Education Seminar
- Take Control of Your Health CDSMP Peer Leader Training and Community Workshops.
- Spanish Language materials

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey

Mission Statement

In concordance with the mission of The Sickle Cell Disease Association of America; "to advocate for and enhance our membership's ability to improve the quality of health, life and services for individuals, families and communities affected by sickle cell disease and related conditions, while promoting the search for a cure for all people in the world with sickle cell disease

My thoughts on the mission...stay on it dog gone it!

~Mary

The Story Behind the Dr. Charles F. Whitten Awards

Dr. Charles F. Whitten was a trailblazer in medical education and sickle cell disease. During the early 1970s, he realized that services for people with sickle cell disease and their families were sorely lacking. Out of his pioneering efforts to advocate for the needs of people with sickle cell disease, the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDA A) was born.

In 1960 Dr. Whitten started a fund to help minority medical students with financial and academic assistance. He wrote many educational materials and was the recipient of many honors and awards. His papers are archived in the National Institutes of Health Library of Medicine. He was re-

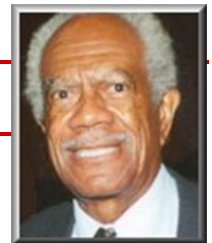
ceived in the Oval office by three sitting U.S. presidents.

Dr. Whitten died in 2008. He is survived by his wife, Eloise (Culmer) Whitten; his daughter's Lisa Whitten, PhD and Wanda Whitten Shurney, MD.

The Sickle Cell Association of New Jersey is honored that the Whitten Family has permitted us to share in Dr. Whitten's legacy by allowing us to name our highest awards for service after this great champion for sickle cell disease.

RSVP now to join us on December 10th at the Van Vleck Mansion in Montclair as we honor this years awardees during our 2nd Annual Holiday Party.

The 2011 Dr. Charles F. Whitten Award Honorees:



Dr. Charles F. Whitten

Dr. Wondwessen Bekele
Outstanding Service by a Health Care Professional

Mrs. Sonya Williams
Outstanding Advocacy

Ms. Olga Barnwell
Volunteer of The Year

The WWOR My9 News Team
Outstanding Media Coverage of Sickle Cell Disease

New Jersey City University and its Student Government Organizations (SGO).
Mack Do, SGO Vice President Student Activities
Robert Quinones, Advisor Outstanding Community Service

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*Happy
Holidays
To All!*



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Beverly Lucas-Editor

The 2011 Pictorial End of The Year Report



*The
Best...*



*Is
Yet to
Come...*

**Dr. Ian Smith
is coming to
Newark.**



**Smart move
Smart man.**



Please Remember SCANJ in your
Year End Giving
All donations are tax deductible

**SCANJ's Wish List for
Kenta Klaus:**

Volunteers

Donated or low cost office, with
space for workshops, genetic
counseling, support groups, a
library and room to grow.

Furnishings for the new office

An LCD machine and screen

A new laptop

Gas Cards for transportation
assistance

Operating Funds

Corporate Sponsorship for all
major events

Donations and especially,

**A Universal Cure For
Sickle Cell Disease**