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SCEC Completes 2010 Annual Campaign

SCEC wrapped up its 2010 annual fundraising campaign, *Energizing Washington County*, December 31 with \$93,834 in contributions, including a \$20,000 challenge grant from the C.F. Adams Charitable Trust. This total exceeded SCEC's goal of \$75,000 by almost \$19,000.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, I'd like to thank everyone involved for making this year's campaign a success," SCEC Board Chairman Josh Bragg said. "It's a difficult economy to raise



MSB President and SCEC's 2010 Annual Campaign Honorary Chair Ed Hennessey presents a check to SCEC board and staff

money, but we have many faithful contributors and a dedicated committee of Board members who went above and beyond to get the word out about how local dollars are

initiating and facilitating the creation of jobs and prosperity in Washington County."

Ed Hennessey kicked off the campaign with Machias Savings Bank's \$15,000 contribution in September.

In order to receive the Adams challenge grant, SCEC had to raise at least \$20,000 in new or increased donations from 2009. Clossey reported that the organization concluded 2010 with \$39,672 in that category.

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SCEC 2010 Annual Meeting Held in Milbridge

SCEC held its 2010 Annual Meeting at The Pines in Milbridge on October 20th. The evening featured remarks highlighting positive economic activities underway in Washington County from SCEC Executive Director Harold Clossey, a presentation from John Ferland of Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC) (see page 2), and a brief ceremony honoring departing Board members.

SCEC paid tribute to departing Board members Tony McKim (The First), Edwin Plissey of Machiasport, and Roland "Skip" Rogers (Federal Marine Terminals) for their service to the organization. New Board members Susan Corbett (Axiom Technologies), Dr. Phil Grant (ret. Husson University), Blaine Jones (Bangor Savings Bank) and Sheridan Smith (Border

Electric) were introduced to the public, as was incoming Board chair Josh Bragg (CES, Inc.), vice chair Leola Carter (Bayside & 4 Corners Shop 'n' Saves), treasurer Shirley Erickson (Maine Educational Loan Authority) and secretary Chris Lyford (Machias Savings Bank).

SCEC presented its 2010 Partner of the Year Award to Washington County Manager Betsy Fitzgerald for her efforts

on economic and community development work and her collaborative spirit. Fitzgerald joined County government in February, and has been involved in the county's Tax Increment Fi-

ancing (TIF) program for the Unorganized Territories, which SCEC administers, as well as efforts to encourage further business investment in the region.

"I'm shocked and awed – but not speechless," quipped Fitzgerald. "Thank you very much. I don't do this alone. I do it with a lot of people, and 90% of you are sitting in this room. Thank you all."



Blaine Jones and Betsy Fitzgerald

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"On behalf of the SCEC board of directors and staff, we send a special thank-you to Ed Hennessey, Machias Savings Bank, Jack Parker, Reed & Reed, and Paul Gaynor and Matt Kearns, First Wind for putting us over the top," Bragg added.

"These three companies went above and beyond this year supporting SCEC's work in Washington County."

Bragg thanked C.F. Adams for its commitment and leadership to SCEC. "The C.F. Adams Charitable Trust has been a faithful partner of SCEC for the past ten years.

In 2010, the Trust offered SCEC a \$20,000 challenge match that was met by the board and staff. It says a lot about their philosophy of helping nonprofits build within their own communities. C.F. Adams has been there at every turn, and we're very appreciative of all

that they do."

SCEC's annual campaign committee included 2010 Board and Annual Campaign Chair Skip Rogers, along with Board members Josh Bragg, Leola Carter, Shirley Erickson, Jody Grimes, Chris Lyford, Charlie McAlpin and Karen Raye.

Special Thanks to SCEC's 2010 Annual Campaign Contributors

Anne Perry
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ORPC Tidal Energy Presentation Highlights SCEC 2010 Annual Meeting



John Ferland, Director of Projects, Ocean Renewable Power Company (ORPC), discusses tidal energy development in Washington County. "Eastport, Maine is the Kitty Hawk of tidal energy. The whole world is watching," Ferland explained.



"It [tidal energy] is having an economic impact now. This project has put to work over 80 people in 16 counties. There's a cluster of activity in Washington County, and this is going to grow as the company matures, as the project grows and as more service companies, supply firms, and so on, get involved in the industry. That base is being set," John Ferland, ORPC Director of Operations, said. "Over \$5 million has been spent in this state over the last couple of years,

most of that in the past 18 months. Spending in the Eastport area has been about \$2 million over that same time frame. There's going to be more spending locally. How it shows up is in jobs, contractors, direct employees of ORPC. It's spending in the communities, fuel, supplies. The bulk of this is going to happen in the Eastport area, but it's also going to happen in the Lubec area." For more information visit: www.oceanrenewablepower.com

UT TIF Fund Awards \$200,000 for Projects

Administered by SCEC for Washington County Government, the TIF fund has distributed over \$200,000 to businesses and nonprofits in the **County's Unorganized Territories**. The UT TIF, created by the Stetson I

and II wind farm projects, has leveraged approximately \$2.5 million in direct economic benefit to Washington County projects. A complete list of projects, as well as application forms, program criteria and more

information can be found at: www.washingtoncountymaine.com/tif, or by contacting Diane Smith-Halkett at 255-0983 or dshalkett@sunrisecounty.org.

SCEC Joins Regional Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Consortium

SCEC is part of a unique collaboration between Aroostook and Washington counties that will align community development plans such as comprehensive, economic development, emergency management, transportation, and workforce devel-

opment plans to find efficiencies, fill gaps, and build connections on a regional basis.

A wide ranging consortium, major participants include: Aroostook Washington Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB), Northern Maine

Development Commission (NMDC), Washington County Council of Governments (WCCOG), SCEC and others.

This initiative will bring \$800,000 of federal funds to Northern and Eastern Maine.

A "Snapshot" of SCEC's 2010 Annual Meeting



What is Sunrise County Economic Council?

SCEC is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) that initiates and facilitates the creation of jobs and prosperity in Washington County by working with a consortium of community-minded businesses, nonprofit organizations, municipalities and citizens. Founded in 1993 by a group of business and commu-

nity leaders, SCEC uses a grassroots approach to economic and community development. By seeking common ground, working across political, municipal and economic boundaries, Washington County residents are building a brighter future.

Three Ring Binder Ribbon Cutting Celebrated



Congressman Michael Michaud addresses the large crowd gathered at UMM to celebrate the ribbon cutting of the Three Ring Binder Project at the University of Maine Machias in November. Michaud, a strong supporter of broadband development congratulated the team that will be building 1100 miles of fiber in Maine, which includes high-capacity fiber-optics along the Route 1 corridor in Washington County.

Michaud also applauded and supported the introduction of a Mobile Emergency Management Services Broadband Pilot Project in Washington County following a presentation by Kevin McGinnis and key EMS personnel.

Training Available for Washington County Residents

Eaton Foundation Provides Scholarship Funds for Non-Traditional Training

Thanks to the Eaton Foundation, SCEC once again has funds to provide scholarships of up to \$500 for Washington County young adults, aged 18-29, with a small amount set aside for adults over 29, for training and/or certification, not covered by traditional forms of financial aid, that will increase their employability and career advancement potential. For more information or an application: www.sunrisecounty.org/crmacna.html.

Free Online Workshop: "Customer Service: Exceeding Customer Expectations"

www.MaineSBDC.org - Click on "Online Workshops" in left hand menu.

This free and highly flexible training answers the questions: *What is customer service? Why is good customer service important? How can I improve my customer service skills?* The online training is available to all small businesses in Maine and was made possible through collaboration between the Maine Woods Consortium and the Maine Small Business Development Centers. For information on this and other tourism business trainings in Washington County, email scec@sunrisecounty.org or visit www.sunrisecounty.org.



VISIT SCEC AT THE STATE HOUSE!

Join SCEC staff on January 27, 8:30am-1:00pm, in the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta as we celebrate Maine Nonprofit Day, hosted by the Maine Association of Nonprofits. One of 12 nonprofits selected from around the state, SCEC is proud to be representing economic and community development efforts in Washington County.

VOTE FOR SCEC!

SCEC is honored to be nominated and placed on the ballot of Bangor Saving Bank's 2011 Community Matters More initiative recognizing the role of nonprofit organizations in our communities.

We appreciate your support! Vote for SCEC by visiting www.bangor.com/cmm

NEW COMMERCIAL FISHERIES LOAN FUND

SCEC recently announced a newly created microloan fund targeting the commercial fisheries and marine related industries located in Washington County. With loans up to \$10,000 to qualified applicants for start-up or expansion capital, more information can be found at

www.sunrisecounty.org/decff or by calling 255-0983.

SCEC Economic & Community Development Partners

