



"Fostering Relationships Between People"

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Hello Friends,

Well, after our summer break, the Abbott Institute is getting back into the swing with our first **Unity in Diversity Luncheon** of the season. We'll kick it off at noon at Golden Corral on **Saturday, September 10**. Our guest speaker will be Captain Angela Smith of the Brunswick Police Department. She will enlighten us about types of fraud that we may not realize we're vulnerable to in these times, and suggest ways we can avoid becoming victim to the schemes she'll describe. It is my hope that we also might glean from her how she and her colleagues at Brunswick P.D. are working to foster healthy relations between the police and ordinary citizens. I've read bits and pieces about this in the paper, but I'd like to hear more from her.

Come and find out what's in store for 2016-17, and bring your own ideas and suggestions as well. We'll bring you news of a Fall event that is in the planning stages. On **Wednesday, November 16 from 4:00 to 6:00** in the Conference Center at College of Coastal Georgia, we'll join with our friends and collaborators there in another event designed to highlight the diverse cultures within our community, called "**The BIG Conversation**". As you might guess from the title, it aims to open up and improve *communication* between people of differing backgrounds. Put it on your calendar, and stay tuned...

We started accepting memberships to The Abbott Institute in the Spring, and we're now up to 36 members! If you've come to a few luncheons or other events and feel inclined to join us, first check out our website (if you haven't already) at www.TheAbbottInstitute.org, and then attend the luncheon on September 10. You'll need \$25 cash, or a check made out to The Abbott Institute. The more members we have, the greater impact we can have in the community to make it an even better place for all citizens.

With warm regards,

Diane Knight

Treasurer