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AUB “GOLDEN THRONE” LETS CUSTOMERS FLUSH FRUSTRATIONS, HELP UNITED WAY

ATHENS, Tenn. – At Athens Utilities Board’s (AUB) Customer Appreciation Cookout this Thursday, customers will have the chance to flush their frustrations while helping the local United Way campaign.

At the event, which takes place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., several dignitaries from the city of Athens and AUB will sit beneath a suspended toilet while customers try to “dump” on them by hitting a target with a ball.

“It’s sort of a reverse dunking booth,” said AUB’s Wayne Scarbrough. “Last year, we raised several hundred dollars for a local charity organization by charging a dollar for two throws at the target. This year, all of the money we raise will go to the local United Way campaign.”

Scarbrough said this is the time to come out and take a shot at dumping icy water on a city council member or AUB director. “Many want to do it, few get the chance,” he said.

Those who have agreed to take a 15-minute rotation under the “Golden Throne” include:

- Eric Newberry, AUB General Manager 5:00 – 5:15
- Bo Perkinson, Athens Vice Mayor 5:15 – 5:30
- Mitch Moore, Athens City Manager 5:30 – 5:45
- Joe Hutton, AUB Board of Directors 5:45 – 6:00
- Buddy Liner, AUB Board Chairman 6:00 – 6:15
- Linda Morrow, AUB Board of Directors 6:15 – 6:30
- Dick Pelley, Athens City Council 6:30 – 6:45
- John Proffitt, Athens Mayor 6:45 – 7:00

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