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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN'S CLUB OF THE GWINNETT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



From the President Get to Know Chairman Charles Bannister

By Jim Maran

AS MANY OF YOU are aware, Gwinnett County is one of the most dynamic and successful communities in the nation. Whether it's leading the state in job creation, education, or population growth, it's clear to say our community's mantra rings true: Success Lives Here.

One of the reasons why Gwinnett remains one of top communities in the nation is because of our well-ran local government. The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners provides high quality essential services for Gwinnett residents and as many other services as tax revenues allow; spends and accounts for tax dollars in a responsible manner; responds to needs and concerns of the citizens; and conducts business in an open and professional manner without favoritism.

On January 24, you will have the opportunity to get to know the leader of Gwinnett's local government, Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairman Charles Bannister at the 2008 State of the County Address Hosted by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and the Council for Quality Growth.

At the address, presented by Precision Planning, Inc. and The Paragon at Satellite, Chairman Bannister will

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Charles Bannister

Motorola Employees Make a Difference for the Gwinnett Children's Shelter

ON OCTOBER 10, Gwinnett Children's Shelter hosted 102 Motorola employees who landscaped and painted the inside one of the residents' homes. The employees took a half day off work to serve at Gwinnett Children's Shelter as part of the company's second annual Global Day of Service, which mobilized more than 11,000 employees in 47 countries working on 360 projects as they volunteered in their local communities.

Motorola employees from three different Georgia locations rolled up their sleeves and gave back to the community by working at the shelter. The employees painted the inside of the young resident's home, freshened landscaping to provide a welcoming home to the children to come to the shelter seeking guidance and care.

The Gwinnett Children's Shelter offers two crisis and stabilization programs to youth and their families 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The crisis and stabilization services are offered in two of the facilities on the Gwinnett Children's Shelter campus. The Hudgens Building provides crisis stabilization services to 14 adolescent females and 12 adolescent males, ages 12-17 years of age. The Hudgens building also houses the education and community programs as well as the administrative offices. The Young Resident's Facility

became a reality thanks to the Bowen Builders Group. The Jean Kirby Bowen Home opened in October 2002, providing crisis stabilization services to eight young residents, ages 5-11 years of age.

"Motorola cares about the communities we serve, and we're using both our minds and our muscles to show it," said Ed Zander, Motorola chief executive officer. "We



MOTOROLA



are proud of the talent, creativity and dedication our employees demonstrate in the community on this day and throughout the year."

The Global Day of Service is organized by Motorola volunteers and the Motorola Foundation, which has supported education and community services worldwide since 1953. Learn more about Motorola's Global Day of Service at www.motorola.com/globaldayofservice.

Nine Client Wins in Two Months Solidifies Company Leadership for Advanced Computing Technologies

Company attributes years of growth to Chamber involvement



Brett and Joanne Taylor

SIGNING ON nine new chambers of commerce clients spanning the United States from Florida to California in the last two months,

Advanced Computing Technologies (ACT) continues to bolster its position as a leading solutions provider in the world of chambers of commerce.

“Over the past two years we have worked hard to continually refine, improve and promote ChamberExpress™, the same product that the Gwinnett Chamber has used so successfully over the last six years,” said Joanne Taylor, president of ACT. “We intend to deliver the same outstanding service and consultative support for each of our partners.”

These nine new clients (Stanton, CA; Fort Walton Beach, FL; Amelia Island, FL; Greenville-Pitt County, NC; Pickens County, GA; Ottawa, KS; Round Rock, Texas; Colleyville, Texas; Huntington, IN) join more than 40 others who are already using ChamberExpress™ products and services to manage content, communications and increase non-dues revenue.

For Taylor, her company’s growth is directly related to its involvement with the Gwinnett Chamber and all that it has to offer.

“Our relationship helped shape the fundamental features and functions of ChamberExpress™. We also committed to the Gwinnett Chamber Chairman’s Club level 10 years ago and this involvement helped to continually push us to be better than the average company,” she explained. “That financial commitment for a small company sends the message that we are a company you can depend on over time. We celebrated our 16th year in business on October 31 and we know that the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce’s continued support, programs and leadership contributed to that success.”

Crossroads Church Becomes 12Stone Church

WEEKS BEFORE moving onto their new campus with a 2,600 seat state-of-the-art experience center, Crossroads Church is moving into a new season with a new name. Crossroads Church



Norwood Davis

is now 12Stone Church.

“The name 12Stone serves to mark the change in our scope of mission and allows us to reclaim our distinctiveness in name and URL while honoring the rich biblical heritage 12Stone represents.”

The name 12Stone comes from the story of Joshua, who led the Israelites into the Promised Land. Before they could reach the Promised Land, they would have to cross the Jordan River which was at flood stage. God told Joshua to have the priests, who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant, step into the water. When they did, the waters were cut off, allowing the Israelites to cross on dry land. Once they were on the other side of the river, 12 stones (one for each of the 12 tribes of Israel) were taken from the river and set up as a monument so that future generations would know the rescuing hand of God.

Crossroads Church has been an active and growing church in Gwinnett County for 20 years, serving more

than 3,600 adults and children weekly with its unique worship and teaching styles.



“Our mission is to inspire bold crossings in the lives of everyone we come in contact with. That bold crossing may be encouraging someone to step foot inside a church, strengthen their marriage, accept Jesus Christ as their Lord or to give themselves away in acts of serving and compassion.”

For more information about 12Stone Church, call Norwood Davis at (678) 990-9512 or visit www.12Stone.com beginning November 18, 2007.

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review the County’s 2007 achievements and lay out his vision for 2008 and beyond. You’ll get an overview on the County’s efforts in economic development, revitalization, public safety, and transportation, and find out how the County is working to improve the overall quality of life for Gwinnett citizens.

Be a part of one of the most popular events in Gwinnett! Join me and your fellow Chairman’s Club members at the 2008 State of the County Address.

New Chairman's Club Members



Dick Sullivan

GEORGIA FORCE

Since Arthur M. Blank purchased the team in 2005, the Force has compiled a 33-15 (.688) record and has appeared in the playoffs in three consecutive seasons with two division championships under the ownership of Blank and the leadership of team President Dick Sullivan.

With the guidance of two-time AFL Coach of the Year, Doug Plank, the Force has tallied a league-best 20-4 regular season record in home contests since 2005. The Force will return to The Arena at Gwinnett Center in March 2008. Force season tickets are currently on sale, starting at \$9 a game. For ticket information, call 1-888-55-Force.



Michael Holton

PHX HOME PRODUCTS

PHX is an industry leader of quality manufactured interior and exterior decorative mill work. We are committed to producing residential and commercial building products that exceed customers' expectations. We are also a distributor of the finest PVC trim board and urethane exterior pediments and ornamental trim in the industry. We create beautiful, durable and easy-to-install products to meet the high standards of designers and building professionals.



Jon Richards

SITE ROI, INC.

At Site ROI, we want to turn your Web site into a tool that produces leads you can use —ones that will turn into sales for your company. To do this, we will meet with you to understand your business goals, then take that knowledge and combine it with our knowledge of search engines and Web marketing to develop a custom action plan that we will follow to improve your Web site's effectiveness. Site ROI was founded with the goal of bringing large company Web site marketing capabilities to small and midsized businesses.



Marsha Bomar

STREET SMARTS

Street Smarts, founded in 1990, has grown to more than 100 people with offices in Atlanta, Dallas, and Orlando. Our multi-disciplinary planning, engineering and design services span all land use and transportation issues, including site planning, transportation engineering, landscape architecture and support

services such as surveying, data collection, rezoning and public involvement.



Steve Brumer

WIRELESS RAIN

Wireless Rain, established in 2003 as a National Master Dealer and wireless product distributor, built a base of channel partners throughout the US specializing in business-to-business sales of wireless services, products, fulfillment and professional services.

With the ever evolving wireless industry,

Wireless Rain has re-launched itself as a complete business-to-business "Wireless IT and Managed Services Provider". Our new goal is to provide our channel partners and clients with complete enterprise-level wireless services. Enterprises are searching for a comprehensive approach to solving their wireless needs and projects. Wireless Rain is positioned to provide these services.

This 'n' That

Tom Andersen of **Andersen, Tate & Carr, P.C.** has been named to the 2007 Best Lawyers in America (25th Anniversary Edition) in the specialty of real estate law.

Michael Hay, Gene Luciani, and Amy Bray of **Andersen, Tate & Carr, P.C.** have all been named to *Atlanta Magazine* and *Law & Politics*'s 2007 Georgia Super Lawyers "Rising Stars" list. Only 2.5% of the lawyers in Georgia are named to this list.

HavenTrust Bank is excited about the opening of a new office in Snellville this fall. The office will be in the Presidential Market Shopping Center which is located on Hwy 124 on the out parcel in front of Bed, Bath and Beyond. This location is the former office of SouthTrust Bank which will open this Fall once renovations are complete. The management team for this new office is Vickie Malone and Ginger Kilman who are veteran bankers in this thriving market.

After 22 successful years in Duluth, **Atlanta Flooring Design Centers**, has moved its Corporate Headquarters to its new location at 3665 Swiftwater Park Dr. in Suwanee, while still maintaining its flagship retail location in Duluth. The new 35,000 s.f. facilities will be home to the company's corporate offices, its commercial flooring group, a new designer/customer-friendly retail showroom and a state-of-the-art warehouse that will support both locations.

Upcoming Events

December 5

**General Membership Annual Legislative Luncheon
Featuring Lt. Governor Casey Cagle
Presented by Gwinnett Medical Center**

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Atlanta Hilton Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial
Boulevard, Norcross, GA 30092-3416.
Cost: \$35 for members and \$55 for non-members;
payment at the door is \$55.
RSVP to: Laurie McKenzie at 770-232-8816 or
laurie@gwinnettchamber.org

December 7

**Executive Women's Leadership Series Featuring Debra Orr,
Founder & President of Notre Dame Academy
Presented by Gwinnett Medical Center**

Time: 7:45 am – 9:15 a.m.
Location: The 1818 Club.
Cost: \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.
RSVP to: Laurie McKenzie at 770-232-8816 or
laurie@gwinnettchamber.org

Dec 13

**Business After Hours
Presented by Office Creations & Beverage Superstore**

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Location: 305 Shawnee North Drive
Ste 700, Suwanee, 30024
RSVP to: Angelia Risher at 770-232-1273 or
angelia@gwinnettchamber.org

**December 24, 25, 26, 31 & January 1
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Office Closed**

January 11

**Success Lives Here Business Leadership Series
Featuring Tom Andersen
Presented by Atlanta Real Estate Specialists,
Mike Runyan, Broker**

Time: 7:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Location: Sugarloaf Country Club.
Cost: \$45 for Chamber members; \$55 for non-Chamber
members.
RSVP to: Laurie McKenzie at 770-232-8816 or
laurie@gwinnettchamber.org

January 17

**Business After Hours
Presented by Notre Dame Academy**

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Location: 4635 River Green Pkwy, Duluth 30096
RSVP to: Angelia Risher at 770-232-1273 or
angelia@gwinnettchamber.org

January 22

**Gwinnett Technology Forum Featuring a presentation
From Wylly R Harrison, Governmental Relations Director,
Technology Association of Georgia
Presented by Horizon Software International, LLC**

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location: Scientific Atlanta Auditorium, Busbee Center,
Gwinnett Technical College, 5150 Sugarloaf Parkway,
Lawrenceville, GA, 30043.
Cost: No charge.
RSVP to: Melissa Britt at 678-957-4958 or
melissa@gwinnettchamber.org

January 24

**2008 State of the County
Hosted by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
and the Council for Quality Growth
Featuring Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners
Chairman Charles Bannister
Presented by Precision Planning, Inc. and
The Paragon at Satellite**

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Atlanta Marriott – Gwinnett Place,
1775 Pleasant Hill Road Duluth, GA.
Cost: \$35 for members and \$55 for non-members; pay-
ment at the door is \$55.
RSVP to: Laurie McKenzie at 770-232-8816 or
laurie@gwinnettchamber.org

January 25

**60th Annual Dinner
Presented by Gwinnett Medical Center**

Time: 6 p.m. cocktail reception, 7:30 p.m. dinner and
program to follow.
Location: Gwinnett Center, Thomas P. (Tommy) Hughes
Grand Ballroom, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth,
GA 30097.
Cost: Please call for pricing and ticket information.
Contact: Alicia Krogh at 770-232-8809 or
alicia@gwinnettchamber.org



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