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NO ONE COULD DO ALONE

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Monthly News from the Duluth Merchants Association

# April meeting

**Tuesday, April 5, 2011 @ 6 pm**

### **Plantation South**

3450 Duluth Park Lane  
Duluth, GA 30096  
Phone: (770) 623-0617



## **About Plantation South Assisted Living**

Plantation South was built specifically for Assisted Living. Its gracious apartments are in a community filled with thoughtful services. Check out our [website](#), we think you'll discover how Plantation South can help you get the most out of life! We are committed to integrity, reliability and excellence. We pride ourselves on listening carefully to our residents. In fact, all of our lifestyle innovations are a direct result of listening to residents and their families. Some of our ideas for people who aren't ready, or don't need full-time residency include our Senior Day Program, Short-term Stays, and Respite Stays. Lifestyle options include a continuum of care to provide peace of mind now, and also in the future if a resident's needs change.

At Plantation South Duluth in Duluth we strive to make our residents as comfortable as possible by providing a relaxing, stress-free environment. Our variety of lifestyle choices allow you to spend less time taking care of things, and more time enjoying life. Our gracious community provides Assisted Living, Personal Care, as well as Respite and Short-term stays in our beautiful community in Duluth. To learn about each of these lifestyle options at Plantation South Duluth, visit our [website](#).

*Plantation South Duluth is a home, a community, and a family. Our goal is to provide the best possible experience for every resident.*



*From the President*

Dear DMA Members,

The March 1<sup>st</sup> found many DMA Members enjoying the **Bank of North Georgia** Suwanee facilities for the first time. It was a great meeting...with many new guests as well as many returning guests. Now we look forward to making these interested parties...new members. Kudos to Rachel Moore our hostess for the great pizza and wide variety of beverages! Thank you so much for hosting the March DMA Meeting...it was an outstanding meeting...because of you and Bank of North Georgia! And of course, because of all the DMA members

April 5<sup>th</sup> will be the date of our Meeting and it will be



at \_\_\_\_\_, we extend our invitation to all the DMA Members and their guests to join us at 6:00pm for a great evening of networking, information, learning, new friends, and of course *'accomplishing together what no one could do alone'*. Please mark your calendars, this is the first time Plantation South has been our host and we want to support them just as they are supporting DMA!

Sad news, Cody Ann Moran, one of DMA's founding members passed away March 18<sup>th</sup>. Cody was a friend, former president, a huge supporter of DMA, very involved the Duluth community, Foster Children's Foundation, and the Humane Society. She will be very missed by her loved ones and friends and community.

Put on your spring gloves and hat and plant some seeds about membership in the Duluth Merchants Association! The DMA wants to be your business association of choice. Come to the meetings, bring the board your suggestions and ideas, become involved on a committee, be a part of the Growth! I look forward to seeing all at **Plantation South**...April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please feel free to contact me at work...678-312-6857 (Gwinnett Medical Center-Duluth) and be sure to introduce your guest to everyone at the meeting!

**Sunny**

Sunny Ramsay, DMA President 2011  
 678-312-6857  
[ramsav@gwinnetmedicalcenter.org](mailto:ramsav@gwinnetmedicalcenter.org)  
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- Vice President **James Johnson**
- Secretary **Al Brown**
- Treasurer **John Monk**
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# Board Member Bio

## Michelle Murray

### Elegant Thread Creations



Elegant Thread Creations, etc., was founded in October, 2003 and specializes in embroidery and unique gift items, rhinestone apparel, corporate gifts & apparel and promotional products.

Starting out in the Wedding industry, the company quickly expanded to include consumer items and apparel for Baby, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bath, & Home Décor. They also offer products for sports and clubs as well as items for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations and other special occasions. The clothing and t-shirt line includes rhinestone designs that can be customized.

The corporate world began requesting products and apparel a few years later. Elegant Thread Creations now has an array of offerings for corporate apparel and gifts. Promotional products help their clients brand their own companies and become "top of mind" for their clients. Clients can have their logos created in rhinestones for a truly stunning effect.

The most unique and sought after gift item is a woven blanket that's duplicated from a photograph. It's a true heirloom you have to see to believe! Beautiful wind chimes are also available.

Elegant Thread Creations is a member of several business organizations. ASI, PPAI and NNEP are national organizations that offer continuing education in their fields. Michele and her husband, Charles, attend trade shows each year for education and to locate new products and suppliers. Local memberships include the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, Women's Networking of Gwinnett, ABWA, Suwanee Business Alliance and the Duluth Merchant's Association.

A couple of career highlights were published interviews in the Gwinnett Business Journal and STITCHES, an embroidery trade magazine. There is also some work on display in the Women's Pavilion at GMC in Lawrenceville.

Elegant Thread Creations also supports local charities such as Tiny Stitches and the Foster Children's Foundation. Michele became a Board Member for the Duluth Merchant's Association in 2011.

On a personal note, Michele is originally from the Chicagoland area. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary and Special Education from Drake University. She has been married to Charles for 26 years and they have one adult son. They have been in Gwinnett County for 27 years and Duluth residents for 10 years.

# April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>DMA Meeting- Plantation South 6PM</b>			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	<b>Planned PETHood Vaccine Clinic 9 - 1</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Easter Sunday</b>						





# Easter / Spring Wine Tasting

Wednesday April 13th

6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.



2870 Peachtree Industrial Blvd Duluth GA 30097  
(Rear of Duluth Fine Wine & Spirit Superstore)

**678 957-0595**

30 + wines poured

\$10.00 per person

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres served

Special discounts for wines poured at Easter / Spring Wine Tasting

1 - 5 Bottles - 5%

6 - 12 Bottles - 12%

13 or more bottles - 15%





## Tips for SPRING– help our children grow!

To grow a strong, healthy flower, you need a few key ingredients: soil, sunshine, water, and love. When you take the time to care for your flower and give it the support it needs, it will bloom into something beautiful. Children are much like flowers. They need soil, the foundation of support and safety for children that give them a starting point from which to grow. They need sunshine, the guidance, light, and warmth that will help them to reach their destiny. They need water, which is the tools, resources, knowledge, and nutrients that help them to develop into healthy, successful adults. Most of all they need love, which is the most important ingredient in any child's life. Foster and at risk children often are not given the ingredients that they need to become strong, healthy adults. By supporting their needs, creating a safe and sturdy foundation, providing the tools and resources needed, and showing love and caring, we are able to help our children grow!

Please consider making a \$25.00 donation to help us provide summer clothing and hygiene products to foster and at-risk children in our community. You can donate online at [www.fosterchildrensfoundation.org](http://www.fosterchildrensfoundation.org) or make checks payable to Foster Children's Foundation and mail to Foster Children's Foundation P.O. Box 2469 Duluth, GA 30096



**FOSTER CHILDREN'S**  
FOUNDATION, INC.



Rainbow Village, Inc.

Building Strong Communities

*...One Family at a Time*

**Rainbow Village Board of Directors  
invites you to join us in launching our  
20th Anniversary Celebration as we  
Break Ground for our New Village!**

Friday April 15th at Noon  
On the site of our New Village  
3427 Duluth Hwy 120, Duluth, Georgia

*Lunch will be served*

RSVP to Amy Anderson by April 1st  
aanderson@rainbowvillage.org • 770-497-1888 ext 10



## Is your cat driving you crazy?

We can **FIX** that!

This is the time of year that female cats start “caterwauling” and male cats start roaming and getting into scraps. It’s **SPRING** and they want to reproduce! Male cats also start marking their territory so the females will know how to find them. Your female cat wants to go outside all the time. You may also see stray or feral cats a lot more as they are roaming looking for mates.

This is the time to get them “fixed” before you have an unwanted litter, whether it be your own pet cat or a stray/feral who decides to have her litter under your front porch.

Planned PETHood will spay a female cat for \$60 and neuter a male for \$45. Stray/feral (unowned) cats can be altered for \$25. These prices all include a rabies vaccination and a post-op pain injection.

Contact **Planned PETHood of Georgia** if you have any questions or wish to schedule an appointment for your pet to be spayed or neutered:

**Planned PETHood of Georgia**  
2860 Buford Hwy, Duluth GA 30096  
678-561-3491  
[www.PlannedPETHoodGA.com](http://www.PlannedPETHoodGA.com)

# DMA Meeting Locations

**NOTE: All meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.**

Jan 4, 2011	February 1	March 1
	   <b>Stantec</b>	 a division of SYNOVUS BANK
April 5	May 3	June 7
	  <b>DULUTH FINE WINES</b>	 <b>Gwinnett Medical Center</b> Lawrenceville • Duluth
July 5	August 2	September 6
TBA	 free Admission!	
October 4	November 1	December 7
 Since 1985 Call Us today: (770) 4-FLOORS (770-436-6677)	TBA	 <b>NEW DAWN THEATER COMPANY</b>

**Do you have news or an article you like to include in the DMA Newsletter? Send it in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order for it to be included in the next newsletter.**