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# DMA CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 4 Christmas Party will be hosted by Suzanne Geske - The Foster Children's Foundation**

**Duluth Fall Festival Center at 6pm**

**This Year's Christmas D.M.A Party will be FREE to all DMA Members but you MUST send RSVP to Richard Daluga at [rdaluga@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdaluga@bellsouth.net)**

**In lieu of cover charge, please consider making a donation to The Foster Children's Foundation.**

### About The Foster Children's Foundation

The Foster Children's Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit organization established by a large group of high energy, positive business leaders and caring individuals in our community. The Foundation will continue to provide for un-met needs of foster children. The Foundation plans to conduct activities to raise these children's self-esteem, teach and nurture and let them know they are cared for.



**Foster Children's Foundation, Inc.**

### Our Mission

To improve the quality of life for children who are in foster care or are in danger of entering the foster care system by identifying their economic, environmental, educational and emotional needs and implementing ways to raise public awareness and establish programs in an effort to solve these issues.

The Foundation will identify the many un-met needs of foster children and implement ways to both solve these issues and raise public awareness. Our focus will include activities to raise foster children's self-esteem and provide for specific needs, thus helping them realize that they are, a vital and valuable part of society.

It is the goal of the Foundation to improve the quality of life for Foster Children and offer them many of the opportunities that non-fostered youth enjoy. Through these efforts, the children will be able to establish a more stable foundation to help them reach their potential.

### Goals

- To bring public awareness to the needs of and situations faced by foster children.
- To partner with the Private and Business sectors to provide solutions for these needs.
- To assist in finding more foster and adoptive parents and help expedite the training process.



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from the desk of the  
*President*

Thanks to Marci Davis the Marketing Director with Donnie Houston and Company CPA's for hosting the November meeting. We had a very nice turnout and as usual Donnie shared several tips on how to run your business and be very profitable and getting your information to your CPA in a timely fashion. Thanks again Donnie and staff.

Next month is our Christmas party and our annual award for Merchant of the Year. Also, at this meeting we will vote and install our new board members for 2008 and I will pass the gavel to your new president Marion Maloof.

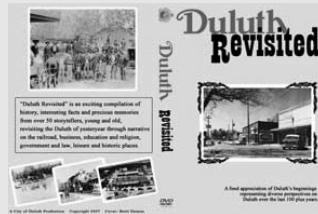
The meeting will be at The Fall Festival Building on the Town Green. Food will be provided by your favorite Mexican restaurant La Cazuela and liquid refreshments by Duluth Fine Wine, Beer & Spirits Superstore. In the past we have always charged a nominal fee for the party, this year it will be FREE to all members and their spouse or significant other. Suzanne Geske and the Foster Children's Foundation will be hosting the meeting and in lieu of a fee we ask that you make a nominal donation to her organization.

You must RSVP to Richard Daluga if you are going to attend. Please go to the web site in order to e-mail me or simply email [rdaluga@bellsouth.net](mailto:rdaluga@bellsouth.net)

Hope to see all of you there!

*Richard Daluga*

**Get Yours Now!**



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2008 City of Duluth Calendar. Beautiful pictures of Downtown Duluth including Main Street shops, Town Green, W.P. Jones Park, Duluth Montessori School, Duluth High School C.L.A.W squad, Duluth v. Peachtree Ridge football game. On sale at City Hall for \$10 each.

**TOYS FOR TOTS**

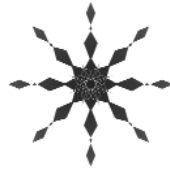


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**Main Street Jingle Mingle**

November 29th, December 6th, 13th, & 20th from 5:00pm-9:00 pm  
Every Thursday evening, beginning November 29th running through Christmas, Duluth's Downtown Merchants will be open and serving wine and appetizers and lots of Holiday fun for customers. Come take a walk in the Town Green and get all your holiday shopping done on Main Street!

**4th Annual Duluth Hometown Holiday Festival**

Saturday Dec 1st from 10am-6pm  
Duluth Town Green & Amphitheater  
Arts & Crafts vendors, food, entertainment and lots of Holiday cheer!

**29th Annual Duluth Tree Lighting**

Saturday Dec 1st  
Duluth Festival Center on the Town Green  
Everyone is invited to attend this memorable occasion which is sponsored by the Duluth Fall Festival. BB Harris Elementary School will perform their festive holiday carols and a soloist will also "light up the night" as the tree is lit. The highlight of the evening will be the special arrival of Santa to meet all of the children.

**Duluth Hometown Holiday Festival of Trees**

Dec 1st & 2nd and 8th & 9th  
3132 Hill Street on the Town Green  
Come out & vote for your favorite tree! Prizes will be awarded based on your votes.

**Radio Disney Jingle Jam Concert**

Sunday Dec 23rd at the Duluth Town Green



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- To establish programs and projects to improve the self-esteem and quality of life for foster children.
- Provide a "Needs Center" a safe and clean facility where children can go to get clothing, hygiene products, book bags and other desperately needed items.
- Establish a facility for the Foundation to provide a location where people can come to get help and information.
- Partner with corporations to help collect needed funds to implement goals.



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- Mentor and tutor children with specific/special needs
  - Introduce foster children and families to positive functions they may not otherwise get to experience, such as performing arts and sporting events.
  - Provide scholarships for the children to do things they could not do before such as

attend summer camp or take music lessons.

- To establish a solid foundation in the Metro Atlanta area which can then grow to meet these needs in every county.
- To work in close contact with DFCS, caseworkers and foster parents to constantly stay informed regarding the needs of the foster children in our communities.

**REMEMBER:**

**In lieu of cover charge, please consider making a donation to The Foster Children's Foundation.**

**Edward Jones Adds Financial Advisor**

DMA member and Edward Jones financial advisor, **David Cook**, announced today that a second financial advisor, **Todd Hudson**, has joined his office in Duluth.

*"I'm very impressed with Todd, and I'm sure my clients will be, too," Cook said. "Edward Jones prides itself on providing the best service possible to those investors who choose to do business with us. Todd will help provide the high level of service investors in Duluth have come to expect from us and extend our services to new investors, as well."*

*"I'm looking forward to working with David and meeting investors in this area. I've come to admire his professionalism, and I believe working with him will make me a better financial advisor," said Hudson.*

Hudson will work out of Cook's office over the next several months, then will continue serving investors throughout the area.

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 10,000-plus financial advisors work directly with more than 7 million clients to understand their personal goals -- from college savings to retirement -- and create long-term investment strategies that emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold strategy. Edward Jones embraces the importance of building long-term, face-to-face relationships with clients, helping them to understand and make sense of the investment options available today.

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# 2007 DMA meetings Calendar

Most Meetings begin at 6:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month (although this can vary). Locations vary monthly. Dates subject to change.

**JANUARY 9:** Findley Building (John Monk's office)

**FEBRUARY 6:** The Soda Shop & The Artistic Gourmet

**MARCH 6:** Gwinnett Community Bank

**APRIL 3:** Wild Bills

**MAY 1:** Duluth Fine Wine and Package

**JUNE 5:** Cover You

**JULY 3:** Hands of Christ

**AUGUST 7:** Duluth Fall Festival

**SEPTEMBER 11:** Maloof Chiropractic

**OCTOBER 2:** Atlanta Flooring & Design

**NOVEMBER 6:** Houston & Company, CPAs

**DECEMBER 4:** Fosters Childrens Foundation

## **WELCOME TO THE DULUTH MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION!**

*The DMA was conceived with the idea that as business people we can best accomplish together what no one could do alone.*

*It is an association for members to participate in and improve the Duluth Community.*

## **IS YOUR COMPANY MAKING NEWS?**

If it is, we want to spotlight you in the DMA Gab-RRR. If you have any significant news about your business: awards, big wins, new expansions, relocating, please e-mail them to Terry Palmer at [gabrrr@duluthmerchants.com](mailto:gabrrr@duluthmerchants.com)

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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