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# DMA Gab-RRR

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## May Meeting

# Duluth Fine Wine & Spirit Super Store

Tuesday May 1st  
6pm

2870 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard  
(678) 957-0595

This month's meeting is to be held in the Crush Wine Tasting Room of Duluth Fine Wine & Spirit Super Store located on Peachtree Industrial Blvd, ½ mile north of Hwy 120, across the road from the public golf courses.

Duluth Fine Wine & Spirit Super Store offers educational wine tasting on a regular basis. This was the first such wine tasting facility in Duluth to offer such wine tasting courses. If anyone is interested in learning more about wine and not sure where to start, this is the place to be, interested persons can contact us to be placed on the email list at [sharon@duluthpackage.com](mailto:sharon@duluthpackage.com)

For those that already have a knowledge of wine and want to sample the newest vintage's, wine tasting will be held from time to time in this beautiful setting, so sign up with your email address and we will keep our customers informed via email of upcoming events. Last year, Duluth Fine Wine & Spirit Super Store expanded the store by an extra 2,500 square feet, making it the largest store of its kind in the area. The extra space has allowed us to offer more products at competitive prices. Please come in and browse around.

Duluth Fine Wine & Spirit Super Store features a vast selection of domestic and international wines, liquor, cognacs, pre mixed cocktails and liqueurs, and the widest selection of whisky, tequila, and vodka available in the area. We also stock a large variety of domestic and international beers. Duluth Fine

Wine & Spirit Super Store will do special orders for parties and also offer kegs for that fun get together. Discount on cases of wine is 10% and cases of liquor is 5%.

The owners, **Bernard, Sharon and Gareth Robertson**, have been active in the Duluth Business Community for the past 13 years and active DMA members for the past 9 years and are also enthusiastic participants in the annual DMA 5km runs as well as other road races, including Peachtree and the Atlanta Half Marathon.

Gareth is the General Manager and is assisted by **Paul Bradbury and Todd Seckler**. They form a powerful team and have set goals to provide the best selection in the area, great on-going service and to be the best and friendliest in the business. Our wine connoisseur, Paul Bradbury, has extensive knowledge of wine. Paul can recommend anything from the everyday to the eclectic and also to the most discerning of palates. Paul trained at the Culinary Institute of America, situated in New York and is always willing to suggest a good bottle of wine to go with the fish or the steak or perhaps the lamb for that special occasion. Which wine to serve to enhance dessert? Ask Paul.

Feel free to contact us at **(678) 957-0595** or stop by to see what we have in the store or visit us on line at [www.duluthpackage.com](http://www.duluthpackage.com)





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*from the desk of the  
President*

DEAR DMA MEMBERS,

Thanks to **Wild Bill's** for hosting the April General Meeting. We also invited **The Young Entrepreneurs of Gwinnett** to our meeting which **Mark Williams** is sponsoring. If you have not been to Wild Bills you need to visit the club. It is billed as the largest dance hall in the U.S.A. Get a group together and go out and have a good time. It will be a great experience for you and yours.

**SPRING FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

Last Thursday April 24, 2007 we had our annual spring fundraiser and it was phenomenal success. This was our biggest fundraiser to date. To find how much money was raised you will need to attend the General meeting at **DULUTH FINE WINES AND PACKAGE STORE, Tuesday May 1st.** Mayor Shirley and council members from The City of Duluth will be presented a check from the DMA.

**NOW A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

MARY & LARRY ROBERTS, DONNA DALUGA, SHIRLEY WILSON, SUSIE & THOM MASH, ALBERT & MARLENE MARQUEZ, JIM & SUSAN DUGAN, BERNARD & SHARON ROBERTSON, SANDY YORK, LIZ STRICKLAND, RHONDA CARPENTER, ANNICE WITT, MARK WILLIAMS, ALLAN ROTH, TOM & MARLENE SVOBODA, JOHN MONK AND ALSO THE STAFF AT WILD BILL'S, AND ALL THE PEOPLE THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO ALL.

RICHARD DALUGA  
DMA PRESIDENT

May 04 - Flicks on the Bricks presents "Duluth Revisited"

May 26 - Duluth's Annual Memorial Day Celebration

June 01 - Bridgeworks Concert, Mother's Finest, \$10 cover

June 08 - Bridgeworks Concert, The Mike Veal Band, \$10 cover

June 15 - Bridgeworks Concert, Satisfaction (Rolling Stones Tribute band), \$10 cover

June 16 - SummerStage Concert, International Day

June 22 - Bridgeworks Concert, Ocean Street, \$10 cover

June 29 - Bridgeworks Concert, The American Flyers, \$10 cover

June 30 - Flicks on the Bricks, Star94 presents "Charlotte's Web"



## CID Unveils Concept for New I-85/Pleasant Hill Road Crossing

The first-ever presentation of a new look for a redesigned bridge at Pleasant Hill Road and Interstate 85 was recently part of Gwinnett Place CID Annual Meeting.

An artist rendering of the possible new interstate crossing was made available and discussed during the CID function.

"When it comes to talking about how we can reshape a major part of our signature roadway, it can only help to have a clear visual example available," said Joe Allen, CID Executive Director. "We are please to have the opportunity to present details of this very important project to our stakeholders and the community at large."

Revising the Pleasant Hill Road/I-85 interchange to create a new single-point urban interchange is the highest priority for the CID. District leaders continue to connect local, state and federal authorities to bring about a future overhaul of the bottlenecked bridge.



Studies show that reconstructing the interchange, along with other planned enhancements to Pleasant Hill Road, can reduce area traffic congestion by as much as 30 percent.

Also during the meeting, the CID presented an award to honor **Laura and Jerry Moore**. The Moores, who own Centurion Foods Inc., were two of the first business owners to catch a vision of what the District could mean for Gwinnett Place.

Additionally, the CID recognized the efforts of Gwinnett County Solicitor **Rosanna Szabo** and Police Major **Thomas Bardugon** to create a Criminal Trespass Notification program, which helps enhance the ability of local law enforcement to keep private properties secure.

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*11th Annual*

# Stars & Stripes 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, May 26, 2007  
Duluth Town Green  
8:00am



## **The Race**

Join the Duluth Merchants Association & the City of Duluth on Saturday, May 26, 2007 for our 11th Annual Road Race. Proceeds will go to the Gwinnett Foundation & be distributed to local charities & for downtown development.

5K RACE Starts at 8:00am

## **The Fitness Walk**

There will be entries for Fitness Walkers so we encourage you to sign up. The Fitness Walkers will begin right after the 5K racers leave the starting area.

Fitness Walk Starts at 8:00am

## **The Course**

The race will start & finish in the Towne Green in Downtown Duluth.

## **Affiliation**

The company, business, school or organization identified as having the most entrants in any of the categories will receive special recognition the day of the race! Make sure to identify your company, business, organization or school . . . & get your cohorts to sign up with you to participate in this healthy, fun, community competition!

## **Age Division**

10 & under, 11-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, & 70 & over.

## **Awards**

Awards will be presented to the first male & female overall & the top three finishers in each age division. All participants will also receive a cotton T-Shirt & goodie bag on the day of the race!

## **Registration**

Register at [www.duluthmerchants.com](http://www.duluthmerchants.com)

Pre-register before May 23th for \$15. Day of the Race is \$20.

Credit Cards accepted via PayPal Secure Online Processing.



# Gwinnett Place CID Presents Check to Partnership Gwinnett

## CID committed to \$80,000 contribution over four years

The Gwinnett Place CID is now the first official contributor to the ambitious Partnership Gwinnett initiative, signing over a \$20,000 check Friday as the first of its annual installments.

CID Board members voted to contribute \$20,000 annually for four years to Partnership Gwinnett. The first portion of the \$80,000 pledge was donated at the new Gwinnett Place Gateway Monument on Satellite Boulevard.

Partnership Gwinnett is a first-of-its-kind economic development effort that will seek to bring more than 65,000 new jobs and \$5 billion in new wealth to the county. The effort will target such industry segments as health care and information technology, among others.

"Today's presentation is yet another showing of our CID's solid support for creating new jobs and extending the economic vitality for our District in particular and all of Gwinnett in general," said Joe Allen, CID Executive Director. "We are looking forward to working closely with Partnership Gwinnett and enjoying shared success for years to come."

*Photo (left to right)*

- **Larry Johnson**  
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Chief Financial Officer
- **Nick Masino**  
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development
- **Lorraine Green**  
Gwinnett County District 1 Commissioner
- **James Maran**  
Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce President and CEO
- **Mark Williams**  
Gwinnett Place CID Chairman
- **Joe Allen**  
Gwinnett Place CID Executive Director



# 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 4:** Maloof Chiropractic

**OCTOBER 2:** Atlanta Flooring & Design

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

**DECEMBER 4:** Red Clay Theatre

## **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)

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