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THE GAB-RRR MAY 2009



Monthly News from the Duluth Merchants Association

May meeting

May Meeting: May 5
Duluth Fine Wines & Spirits
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This month's meeting is to be held at Duluth Fine Wine & Spirits Super Store on Peachtree Industrial Blvd, ½ mile north of Hwy 120, across the road from the public golf courses. Duluth Fine Wine & Spirits Super Store offers educational wine & beer tasting on a regular basis. This was the first such wine tasting facility in Duluth to offer such wine tasting courses. .

Duluth Fine Wine & Spirits 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.

The owners, **Bernard, Sharon and Gareth Robertson**, have been active in the Duluth Business Community for the past 14 years and active DMA members for the past 10 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.

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from the
President

Harold Stamey DMA President 2009

DMA Members,

Your Association did it again! That is, the members of DMA came through for the benefit of the **Sentinels of Freedom-Gwinnett** by presenting them a check in the amount of **\$16,350**. While these benefits are no easy task, it is all accomplished by volunteer members. The planning committee met every Tuesday morning at 7:30 beginning in January. It is amazing how so few can do so much for so many. Speaking of volunteers, you are needed to assist with **DMA's upcoming 5-K race**. We traditionally do this on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. John Monk awaits your volunteerism. Please check our website, www.duluthmerchants.com for all the necessary information about the race and DMA information in general. It is a great website thanks to **Albert Marquez**.

In addition to the check presentation to the Sentinels of Freedom-Gwinnett, we just had an all around great meeting last month at **All Events Rentals** who cosponsored with **Corporate Expressions**. It was a great idea to have two for the price of one. Think about it and join with a fellow member to sponsor a future meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5th and hosted by the **Duluth Fine Wines and Package Store**. I should say hosted by **Bernard and Sharon Robertson** at their package store. They have reserved a space for you so I will see you there.

With sincere appreciation for your attendance,

Harold Stamey



Bus Tour Gets to the Heart of the Matter

GMA and the Georgia Cities Foundation explored the “Heart & Soul” of nine Georgia cities on a three-day bus tour last week. The bus tour, April 15-17, 2009, showed state agency heads, business leaders, downtown developers and philanthropists ways in which cities are revitalizing and capitalizing on their downtowns.



Duluth was the final stop for this group on Friday, April 17th. This is the second time this tour has come to Duluth. The first visit of this tour took place in 2003 after the construction of the Town Green and Amphitheater. This year, participants learned about the new City Hall, the new mixed use development that houses Mathias Corporation and Street Smarts and the plans for the old City Hall block.

The goal of this tour is to show very good examples of cities that have been successful in creating wonderful downtowns and vibrant communities through public-private partnerships. The tour is part of an overall effort to educate and inform state leaders on the importance of successful downtown development and its role in supporting overall economic development efforts for regions and communities.

Approximately 40 people participated in the Duluth tour. The Duluth High School drum line welcomed the bus as it arrived and the Red Clay Theatre provided entertainment during lunch.

Better Mornings Atlanta Broadcasting Live from Duluth Town Green

Are you an early riser? Well, we need you to be on Thursday, May 7th. Join us on the Town Green from 5:00 am until 7:00 am as Better Mornings Atlanta broadcasts live. The segment will be highlighting why Duluth is such a great place to live, work and play. We need a large crowd to come out and support us and it gives you the opportunity to have your 15 minutes of fame on television.

See you on the Green on May 7th at 5:00 am!

GPCID Welcomes Visit From U.S. Rep. John Linder

Meeting affords update opportunities and idea exchange

Congressman John Linder was an honored guest at this week's meeting of the board of directors for the **Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District** (GPCID).

A brief overview of recently completed projects as well as status updates on continuing long-term goals were conducted for Linder's benefit and other meeting attendees.



"The Gwinnett Place CID is an excellent example of communities coming together to improve their circumstances, and I appreciate their hard work towards the betterment of my community," Linder said. "They have come up with some wonderful ideas, and solid plans to ensure they come to fruition. I enjoyed my visit this morning very much."

In addition to the update presentation, Linder took the opportunity to discuss his views on issues raised by GPCID board members.

The GPCID is in regular communication with Linder's office and with representatives of other state, local and federal elected officials serving Gwinnett County residents.

Chief priority for greater Gwinnett Place remains the replacement of the Pleasant Hill Road bridge over I-85. Plans call for a

reconstructed crossing and establishment of a single-point urban interchange, which will with the addition of other area improvements allow for increased capacity and traffic flow.



National recognition for exceptional quality given to GMC

For the third time, Gwinnett Medical Center among nation's top five percent nationally for clinical excellence

Lawrenceville, GA- Gwinnett Medical Center will soon see if the third time is a charm: The hospital system was recently ranked for the third time among the recipients of the HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence(tm) . This distinction is based on an independent study released last January by HealthGrades, the leading healthcare ratings company.

Gwinnett is one of only six recipients in Georgia and of 270 in the nation to be recognized with the distinction of excelling across 26 rated procedures and diagnoses. This year's announcement by HealthGrades marked the third time that Gwinnett Medical Center has been recognized in this category. The hospital system was also recognized in 2006 and 2008.

May 23rd Declared Gold Star Remembrance Day.

On Saturday May 23, 2009 at 11:00 am - Memorial Day Weekend- the City of Duluth will

“Remember Those Who Gave All!”

They come from every walk of life, called up and volunteered from the comforts of their careers to serve and protect our freedoms since the inception of our great country.

The City of Duluth in conjunction with American Legion Post 251 will declare **May 23th Gold Star Remembrance Day**. A Gold Star banner displayed in the window of a home is an American Tradition for decades. The banner lets others know that someone in the home has proudly serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and paid the ultimate sacrifice. As Americans do their best to support the ongoing war on terror, the Gold Star Service Banner reminds us all, the war touches every neighborhood in our land.

This year there will be a remembrance ceremony for our POW/MIA's.

We hope you will bring your family and friends as we honor those who have served our country so you and I can enjoy or freedom and liberties. **If you will be able to attend please contact Alisa Williams by phone 770-476-3506 or email: awilliams@duluthga.net**

A grateful Nation appreciates all they have done to help keep this country free.

*Nancy Harris,
Mayor
City of Duluth*

*BobWitt,
Commander
American Legion Post 251*



2009 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION GOLF
6TH Annual Children and Youth Golf Tournament
Hosted By American Legion Chattahoochee Post 251
Lake Lanier Islands

Player and Sponsor Application

Thursday June 25th 10:00 am Shotgun Start

DATE: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME (S): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ 2ND PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SPONSOR LEVELS

_____ Platinum \$1,000 _____ Diamond \$750 _____ Gold \$500 _____ **Hole Sign \$100**

_____ **POST HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$50** FOR THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S SPECIAL PROJECT - ALL POST SPONSORSHIPS DONATED TO GEORGIA VA HOSPITALS

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PLAYER 1 _____ PLAYER 2 _____

PLAYER 3 _____ PLAYER 4 _____

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AND THE VA HOSPITALS**

*Food and beverages will be provided at the Tournament.
Prizes and dinner served at Post 251 following tournament.
Tournament limited to 128 players. Sign up early!*

APPLICATION ON REVERSE SIDE

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2009 DMA Meetings

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



JANUARY City of Duluth	FEBRUARY 	MARCH 
APRIL All Event Rentals	MAY 	JUNE DMA 20th Year Reunion
JULY Southeastern Rail Museum 	AUGUST  www.Duluthfallfestival.com	SEPTEMBER 
OCTOBER 	NOVEMBER Duluth Historical Society	DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY! Location TBA

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