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Chamber Volunteer Spotlight

This month's volunteer spotlight is on **Charles Livingston**, from the **Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites**.

Charles serves as an **Ambassador** for the Chamber and also on the **Golf Tournament Committee**.

Thanks for all that you do for us, Charles!

Our Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings:

9/2/09
11:30 am
Muscle Restore Therapy
451 Broad Street
Augusta, GA 30901

9/3/09
Simply Dior Weddings & Events, Inc.
600 Broad Street
Augusta, GA 30901

Members 4 Members is a new, monthly communication newsletter that is designed to focus on information that you, our members, would like to share with other members of the Chamber. Newsletter sections will feature upcoming events sponsored by member organizations, scheduled ribbon cuts, special recognitions, volunteer profiles, member anniversaries and a section called Buy Close By which features member-to-member savings and the promotion of local commerce.

This is our first issue, so we encourage all of our members to think about what they would like to share. Perhaps you want to offer a discount to fellow members or maybe you want to toot your own horn about a recent award. Whatever it is, we want to hear from you!

Member Recognition, Awards and Honors

The **Augusta chapter of SCORE** Counselors to America's Small Business was named Georgia's Chapter of the Year on August 28th, 2009. The Augusta chapter of SCORE - Service Corps of Retired Executives - is in the business incubator near Augusta Technical College and has 10 volunteers who assist people with business plans and other advice. Augusta was a branch of the Atlanta chapter until 2005. State chapter awards are determined by the organization's national officials.

The Augusta Chronicle recently won the Purple Heart Award from Yahoo, given to the one newspaper out of 810 in the consortium that showed the most progress in the Yahoo sales culture.

Upcoming Events & Seminars

Back By Popular Demand, Savannah Riverkeeper Presents Paddlefest 2009

On August 29th, the Savannah will once again become alive with canoes, kayaks, and homemade rafts of all kinds. On the request of the city of Augusta, Savannah Riverkeeper is hosting the 3rd Annual Paddlefest, a canoe, kayak, and raft-building competition. Don't miss out on your chance to participate in this time-honored event.

To register or for more information, call 706-826-8991 or visit www.paddlefestga.com.

9/23/09
11:30
Fehrman Investment Group
211 Pitcarin Way
Augusta, GA 30909

10/2/09
3:00
Billboard Guru/
Summerville Maids
111 10th Street
Augusta, GA 30901



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Member Anniversaries

40th
AAA Auto Club
Busby's Heating & Air
Georgia Power
Sig Cox, Inc.

25th
Augusta Laboratory
The Family Y of CSRA
W. R. Toole Engineers

20th
Augusta Primary Care
Georgia Bank & Trust
The Partridge Inn

10th
AT&T
St. Pauls Church
Greater Augusta
Sports Council

5th
Finnchem USA, Inc.

Historic Augusta's 2009 Perfectly Aged: Antiques and Wine benefit auction will be held on Thursday, September 10th.

The gala evening at Saint Paul's River Room begins at 6:30 p.m. with a wine tasting, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction of antiques and fine wines.

To purchase tickets, call Historic Augusta at (706) 724-0436. Preview auction items online at www.historicaugusta.org.

Ronald McDonald House of Augusta is gearing up for their 25th Anniversary Celebration and Golf Event on September 13th and 14th.

The Golf Ball, complete with live music, cocktails, food and games with big prizes (like a television or a 1 carat diamond) will be held at the Augusta Marriott on Sunday, Sept. 13th.

The Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 14th. For more information about this event, please contact CeCe at 706-724-5901 or email cece@rmhcaugusta.com.

The 2nd Annual White Christmas Kick Off luncheon will be held at St. John UMC, 736 Greene Street, Augusta, on Tuesday, September 15th at noon.

For more information on the event, [click here](#), or call Rick Herring at 706-722-8195 ext. 304.

The Augusta Group of Northwestern Mutual will host a community Open House on September 17th in Augusta to celebrate its recent move from its office in the Atrium on Wheeler Rd. to 2924 Professional Parkway.

The public is invited to tour our new office space and meet our staff. For more information, please contact Sarah Johnston at 706-855-8811.

A Fall Wreath Class will be offered at Cudos on Saturday, Sept. 19th at 10am. Registration is \$10, but you get a \$10 gift certificate FREE at the end of the class.

Courtney Wall, the lead floral designer, will teach a class on how to make a simple but beautiful fall wreath for your door or porch. Call Cudos at 706-737-8383.

On Saturday, September 26, 2009, Grovetown Lodge #730, F.& A.M. will be sponsoring the "Keep Kids Safe" GA CHIP Event.

At this GACHIP EVENT, Grovetown Lodge # 730 and other local Masons provide the equipment, volunteers and materials necessary to generate identifying items of children in "completed packs" (not kits to be filled out at home) for parents and guardians to take home for safe keeping. In the event a child is missing, parents then provide the GACHIP PACK to law enforcement as an aid in recovery and identification.

This event is sponsored by Peak Employment Solutions. For more

information, please contact Mike Frazier at 706-829-3297 or mike@peakemploymentsolutions.com.

Buy Close By (Member to Member Discounts)

VanderMorgan Realty would like to offer \$500 commission reduction on the list and purchase of a home for all Chamber members. In addition, they have VanderMorgan Realty Prestige Partners which is the new franchise to the VanderMorgan Realty system. They would like to invite people to sign up for Investment, First Time Home Buyer, and Career Seminars.

If you would like to submit information for the Members 4 Members Newsletter, please email your information to Mandi Keown at mkeown@augustagausa.com.

Please keep your submissions specific and concise, and remember the deadline for next month is **September 8th!**

Cornerstone Members

PRESIDENT'S LEVEL:

The Augusta Chronicle. E-Z-GO. University Health Care System. Georgia Bank & Trust. Taylor Auto Group. Husqvarna. Medical College of Georgia. Procter & Gamble. SunTrust Bank. John Deere. Wachovia. Georgia Power. AT&T. Spherion. ADP. T-Mobile. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions. Virginia College. Knology

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