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### Chamber Volunteer Spotlight

This month's volunteer spotlight is on **Helen Trotter Caldwell**, from **Georgia Bank & Trust**.

Helen serves as our **Signature Event Chair** for the **Women in Business Committee**.

Thank you for your hard work on this year's Signature Event, Helen!

### Our Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings:

**10/2**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Billboard Guru**  
111 10th Street (Parker-Markwalter House: Historic Augusta)  
Augusta, GA 30901

**10/6**  
**9:00 am**  
**Symphony Orchestra**  
Bell Auditorium

Members 4 Members is a 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.

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 Metro Federal Credit Union** won first place among Georgia credit unions in the Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award Program for credit unions. The Award program, sponsored by Georgia Credit Union Affiliates and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) honors credit unions for their involvement in projects and activities that educate young people about financial topics such as budgeting, saving and responsible use of credit.

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Inc. magazine recently announced its third annual Inc. 5000, an exclusive ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies.

ESi ranked 3,084 on the list, getting there with 87.8 percent growth. Revenue was \$12.3 million in 2008.

MAU ranked 3,211 on the list, with 82 percent growth over three years.

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The 2009 Outreach and Employee Involvement Award was recently given to **Elanco** by the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia.

Augusta, GA 30901

10/8

4:00 pm

Listing Tank, LLC

600 Broad Street (Chamber Office)

Augusta, GA 30901

10/9

3:00 pm

Summerville Maids

111 10th Street (Parker-Markwaller House: Historic Augusta)

Augusta, GA 30901

10/21

11:30 am

Golden Rule Home Care Agency, LLC

2803 Wrightsboro Road Suite 15-202

Augusta, GA 30909

10/22

5:30 pm

Virginia College

2815 Wylds Road

Augusta, GA 30909



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## Member Anniversaries

**40th**

Bi-Lo, Inc.  
Wachovia

**25th**

Davis Aggregates Corporation  
Richmond County Board of Education

**20th**

Augusta Dental Associates  
Hi-Tech Power Systems

For the second consecutive year, **E-Z-GO**, a Textron Inc. company, has been named a finalist for *Industry Week* magazine's Best Plants Award. The award recognizes outstanding North American manufacturing facilities which, in the magazine's words, "are on the leading edge of efforts to increase competitiveness, enhance customer satisfaction, and create stimulating and rewarding work environments."

## Upcoming Events & Seminars

### 7th Annual Coastal Plain Meander, presented by Savannah Riverkeeper

The 7th annual Coastal Plain Meander: a 4 day educational expedition down the Savannah River. On October 2nd, a 45 foot pontoon boat and her passengers will leave the historical Riverfront Marina and Warehouse, and embark on one of the most unique and educational trips around. The Island Explorer will carry her passengers down the beautiful Savannah River, where wildlife abounds and humans are few and far between.

For boat reservations or for questions about the trip contact Sung Park (706) 826-8991 or [info@savannahriverkeeper.org](mailto:info@savannahriverkeeper.org).

### Augusta Magazine will host the annual Best of Augusta Bash on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and will highlight the winners of the 2009 Best of Augusta readers' poll. Many area restaurants will be on hand with food samples, and other local winners will be represented as well. Live musical performances will be provided by local bands - all voted the best in their particular categories.

Tickets are \$12 per person in advance, \$17 per person at the door. Price includes food and entertainment. All proceeds benefit Fort Discovery.

For tickets, visit [www.augustamagazine.com](http://www.augustamagazine.com).

### TBG Consulting Group invites you to Participate in a Live Kaizen Event, October 5th-9th.

Experience the dramatic bottom-line improvement and new manufacturing and business process efficiencies you can quickly achieve and sustain - as a member of a Kaizen team applying Lean tools at a host company.

The host company for this event is Hosted by Carlisle Tire and Wheel in Aiken, SC.

For more information, including a complete agenda, visit the [TBG website](#), or call (800) 438-5535 ext. 823.

### Child Enrichment, Inc. Presents the 14th Annual Art of Chocolate on Friday, October 9th.

Scale Systems, Inc.

**10th**  
CSRA Document  
Solutions

Each fall, Child Enrichment hosts the Art of Chocolate fundraiser. This black-tie optional event will feature live entertainment, delicious food and extravagant chocolate as well as other desserts created by some of the area's finest chefs. There will also be a silent auction featuring unique items, jewelry, professional and children's art. Tickets are \$50 per person. All proceeds benefit Child Enrichment, Inc.

Time and place: 7:00pm at Savannah Rapids Pavilion

For more information, visit [www.childrenrichment.org](http://www.childrenrichment.org) or call (706) 737-4631.

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**The Augusta Symphony's Signature Series opens on October 10th.**

The series of six Saturday evening concerts will highlight the orchestra in three very brilliant pieces: John Williams' (of Star Wars fame) "*Sound the Bells*," Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 3, and Hindemith's *Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber*.

To order tickets or for more information, call 706.826.4705, fax 706.826.4735, visit [www.augustasympphony.org](http://www.augustasympphony.org).

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**Historic Augusta invites you to Walk with the Spirits on October 10th and 11th.**

Join Historic Augusta, Inc. for this very special trip through Augusta's past on Saturday, October 10 and Sunday, October 11, 2009. Guided tours will begin every twenty minutes from 3 pm to 6 pm each day. During a 40 minute guided tour, participants will hear about the history of the cemetery and iconography of the headstones as well as be introduced to notable Augusta residents who are buried there.

Tickets: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (age 5 to 18). For more information, visit [www.historicaugusta.org](http://www.historicaugusta.org).

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**The Augusta Chronicle presents the Think Pink Banquet on October 13th.**

Featuring guest speaker Kris Carr, the Think Pink Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Savannah Rapids Pavilion.

Tickets are \$35 per person, and include dinner and optional participation in the silent auction.

For additional information, including purchasing a ticket to this event, visit the [Chronicle's website](#).

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**Shaw AREVA MOX Services hosts the 22nd Annual United Way of Aiken County Charity Golf Tournament on October 26th.**

The tournament will be held at Woodside Plantation Country Club

in Aiken. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

For additional information, please contact [UnitedWay@moxproject.com](mailto:UnitedWay@moxproject.com) or call Connie Mitchell at (803) 819-2855.

### **Buy Close By (Member to Member Discounts)**

**Savannah Lakes Village** is offering **\$30 Augusta Metro Chamber Rate at Golf Clubs**.

The weather is cooling down, the scenery is beautiful, and the golf courses at Savannah Lakes Village are in excellent shape. And as the temperature drops, so do the golf rates for members of the Augusta Chamber of Commerce! Fellow chamber members and their guests are invited to "Play the Lake" at Savannah Lakes Village Golf Clubs for only \$30 per player. This special rate for Augusta Metro Chamber Members includes green and cart fees for tee times at both the Tara and Monticello Golf Clubs at Savannah Lakes. The rate is good through the fall and winter months of 2009/2010 for all tee times made three days or less in advance.

To take advantage of this special offer, please visit [www.savannahlakesgolf.com](http://www.savannahlakesgolf.com) or call 800-332-0013. Remember to list or mention your affiliation with the Augusta Chamber to receive the special \$30 rate for tee times made three days or less in advance.

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**The Georgia Aquarium** is excited to offer **Augusta Metro Chamber Members a 10% discount on General Admission tickets and the additional add-ons for your Georgia Aquarium visit**. Click on the following link to purchase your family's discounted tickets today!

[www.georgiaaquarium.org/amcoc](http://www.georgiaaquarium.org/amcoc)

- SPECIAL 10% DISCOUNT for Members and their family! The 10% discount is applicable on general admission tickets, Premium Day Passes, Behind the Scenes combo tickets, or the PLANET SHARK combination tickets.
- Print your tickets in advance from your computer or bring Order Confirmation # to Box Office to receive tickets.
- No waiting in line to purchase tickets.
- Download our "self guided" tour right to your personal iPod.

To receive the 10% discount, all tickets **MUST** be purchased from the web link provided above and the discount will be applied at the time of checkout. You will be prompted to select a date and time that you wish to visit the Aquarium. You must arrive at the time you have reserved; no late entry will be permitted. This discount is NOT available by phone or at the front gate / box office. If you need assistance, please contact our call center @ 404-581-4010. All Guests must still go through security checkpoint.

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

Please keep your submissions specific and concise, and remember the deadline for next month is October 15th!

## 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

PARTNERSHIP LEVEL: Boral Bricks. Doctors Hospital. Plant Vogtle. SCANA Energy. Balfour Beatty. Trinity Hospital of Augusta. FPL Foods, LLC. SRP Federal Credit Union. Shaw Areva Mox Services. Kellogg's Snacks. Sitel. Bank of America. JMS Burn Centers, Inc. MAU. First Citizens Bank. URS. Blanchard & Calhoun. Thermal Ceramics

SUSTAINING MEMBER'S LEVEL: Hensel Phelps/Kiewit. Augusta First Bank & Trust. Queensborough National Bank & Trust Company. Jameson Suites. Parsons. Supreme Kitchen. Talecris Plasma Resources. Hydro One, LLC