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Foundation for a Quality Life

GCAA Foundation Begins Scholarship Program For 2009

The Georgia Construction Aggregate Association scholarship program is once again open for business. As you may recall, in 2007, the GCAA established the GCAA Foundation, Inc. in order to properly administer the newly established scholarship program. With funds being raised through the 2007 Fall Golf outing, the newly created Foundation was off and running.

In the spring of 2008, the GCAA Foundation made its first awards. The inaugural class consisted of 10 recipients and was representative of all 3 classifications of GCAA memberships. The winners hailed from metro Atlanta to middle Georgia to the Augusta area. The class collected \$8,500 to assist them in their first year of college.

2008-2009 will mark the second year of the GCAA scholarship program. On the heels of yet another successful Fall Golf outing, the GCAA Foundation is prepared to surpass last year's total awards of \$8,500. **The application period will open on Monday, January 12, 2009 and close on Monday, March 2, 2009.** Applications have been sent to GCAA member companies.

They are available for download on the GCAA website as well. The applications are also accompanied with a cover letter that contains all appropriate instructions and information. Awards will range from \$250 – to \$1,000.

Additionally, GCAA Foundation scholarships are available exclusively to the children of employees of GCAA member companies in good standing with the Association. Since candidacy is restricted to these students, it is important that GCAA's member companies help get the word out to their employees that their children are eligible for this scholarship.

Once the application period closes, the Foundation's Board of Directors will review the applicants and notification of the awards will occur in April. Presentations will be made at awards banquets throughout the state at the end of the school year. Checks will be mailed in the summer directly to the school and confirmed with the award winner. The scholarship is a one-time award for students entering their first semester of college.

Again, for more information about the scholarship program, please contact your company's HR or the GCAA office directly.

Trucking Workshop Series

The GCAA has begun an educational series to benefit and educate the Truck Division and other interested members. It began in September as members of the GCAA Truck Division and other guests of the GCAA gathered at Nalley Motor Trucks in south Atlanta.

At the September workshop, Michael Cooper of the Office of Equal Opportunity with the Georgia DOT, addressed potential changes to the Department's DBE program. Currently, the DOT stipulates that 12% of the work let by the state must be done by certified DBE contractors. The DOT will be increasing that percentage to 13% in the current fiscal year and will be making additional changes in how contractors are registered within the state so that they may better track the number of ready, willing and able contractors doing business in Georgia. In fact, by the start of 2009, all contractors wishing to conduct any business at all with the state will first have to register. This requirement is for DBE's and non-DBE's alike. Please keep in mind that this new registration requirement will not replace the DBE certification process. The certification process will remain the same for companies seeking DBE status.

In November, the GCAA will continue its workshop series with a compliance seminar. The Motor Carrier Compliance Division of the Department of Public Safety will be on hand to inform us on the latest in compliance. They will address trends that they have identified in the field and discuss measures that operators may take to ensure that their drivers and equipment can be compliant while they are in use. MCCD will also focus on the areas that will be emphasized in the upcoming year.

The compliance workshop will take place on **Thursday, November 20th at 2:00 pm in the training room at the Nextran Truck Center on Memorial Drive in downtown Atlanta.** MCCD's presentation will be about 45 minutes and allow time for questions. The workshop will probably conclude between 3:30 – 4:00.

As was the case with the DBE workshop, space will be limited to the first 40 registrants. There is no cost associated with the event, but we ask that you please RSVP with Jimmy Cotty at the GCAA office. Jimmy can be reached at (678) 473-0012 extension 25 or jcotty@gcaa.org. The DBE workshop was well attended, so if your intention is to participate, please let us know. For any further questions regarding the DBE program, you may contact Jimmy as well.

2009 Management Workshop

The advent of fall means that planning for the Management Workshop is well under way, and this year is no exception. The Workshop Committee has been hard at work and has put together a quality program centered on sustainability. The theme for the 2009 Management Workshop is **“Going Green While Saving Green.”**

The full program, as well as all registration and hotel information, is available on the GCAA website at www.gcaa.org. On Tuesday morning, we will continue to have the Aggregate Quality & Applications program, which is a collaborative effort between our Technical-Marketing Committee and the GDOT Office of Materials Research. The GCAA Environmental Committee will host the other Tuesday morning program and will feature topics such as biodiesel, Clean Air Campaign, an NSSGA sustainability initiative and a discussion on the cost of non-compliance with EPD.

The General Session will again feature an economic forecast and an industry executive as well as a look at future energy and sustainability in construction. There is full slate of topics as well for the Wednesday concurrent sessions that should prove to be beneficial.

In an effort to “practice what we preach,” GCAA has taken steps to ensure that the Workshop will feature environmentally friendly measures as well. Those items will be highlighted in your registration packet and we encourage everyone to fully participate.

Most of the program is now set save a few expected late additions. Registrations continue to flow in, and booth space is quickly being snatched up. Projections indicate that we may meet the attendance figures from previous workshops. There are still a few booths available for companies interested in exhibiting. For more information on booth availability or the Workshop in general, please contact Linda Moore in the GCAA office at 678/473-0012 extension 21.

2008 Fall Golf Tournament Recap

As has become the tradition, members of the GCAA met at Windermere Golf Club on the first Wednesday in October for the annual golf outing. Once again, we could not have enjoyed a more picturesque day to be on the links.

The purpose of the golf outing in 2008 was two-fold. As was previously indicated, all the proceeds from the 2007 outing were used to fund the newly created GCAA Foundation and scholarship program. In 2008, GCAA will again be earmarking much of the proceeds for education. With 2008 being an election year, some of the funds will be used to fund StonePac, GCAA's political action committee. From StonePac, we will continue to provide support for candidates who have demonstrated a commitment to better transportation and proper oversight of environmental issues.

While the last several years, we have enjoyed a full field of 144 players, we still had a strong showing of 120+ players in 2008. The field, despite its slightly reduced numbers, was ultra competitive. Here is how the competition ended:

1st Place – Matt Allen, Gabby Edwards, Greg Fussell, Mark Williams

2nd Place – Roy Brooks, Wanda Greenway, Cass Moore, Dale Hawbaker

3rd Place – Jason Russell, Donnie Walker, Ross McGee, Eddie Wood

4th Place – David Dukes, Kip Wilbanks, Chris Wilbanks, Bud Wilfore

Longest & Straightest Drive – Jon Cox

Closest to the Pin(s) – Darrell Erwin, Guy Milliken, Tom Evans, Mickey Chadwick, Allen Cruikshank

Possibly the most memorable occurrence came at the hands of **Ross McGee** with NorX. He might have missed the hole-in-one on opportunity on the par 3 16th hole for a brand new Lexus SUV; Ross went the extra mile with an extremely rare hole-in-one on the par 4 8th hole for a double eagle. While Ross did not get a new car for his effort, nor did he need a new driver, Ross benefited by earning himself a pat on the back from everyone as well as a new putter.

Winners abound after lunch as door prizes were drawn and folks won a whole myriad of prizes. Thanks to all who donated including items such as new golf equipment, cash, iPods and even a free weekend at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

Thanks to our many sponsors as well who made this event possible, including Tractor & Equipment Co. for the beverage cart. Also, special thanks to our Golf Committee for their time and effort in making this event possible – Guy Milliken - Nalley Motor Trucks; Tom Flynn - Lafarge Aggregates; Wanda Greenway - GCR Tire Centers and Randy Watkins - Lehigh Hanson.

For more on the results from the golf outing and to check out pictures from the day as well, please visit the GCAA website at www.gcaa.org. The golf outing is listed under the Events tab at the top of the page.

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