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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Georgia Tire Dealers and Suppliers,

I want to thank Chip Battle for his leadership the last two years as the president of the Georgia Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association. He did an outstanding job!

I would also like to thank Stacy Jarrett, our suppliers, and the Board of Directors for their hard work and support in making our 2017 Annual Convention at the One Ocean Resort a memorable event. As usual, a great time was had by all & many enjoyed reconnecting with other dealers & suppliers.

The GTDR Scholarship Foundation, led by Tony Sexton, continues to impact young lives. To date, the foundation has given a total of \$237,500 in scholarships to worthy recipients! Many thanks to Tony for his willingness to lead in this area.

Congratulations to our 2017 Scholarship Winners!

Chandler Bennett – Tom Snow Memorial Scholarship

Caroline Cates – Bobby Carroll Memorial Scholarship

Ashlyn Quattlebaum – Bobby Carroll Memorial Scholarship

Hannah Paul – Foundation Scholarship

Applications for the 2018 GTDR Foundation scholarships will be available in January 2018.

It was exciting to see Richard Newlon honored in Jacksonville by being inducted into the GTDR Hall of Fame. Richard has been very important to our association, having served as president in both 1984 & 1987. He has been very helpful in dealing with the Georgia EPD & the State legislature concerning issues that affect the GTDR! Congratulations Richard! Be preparing now to nominate someone to the 2018 Hall of Fame.

2018 Annual Convention: Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort

Thanks to Sean Plumstead, 1st Vice President, we are headed to Amelia Island for 2018. Please mark your calendars for July 20 - 22, 2018. The 2018 Convention will be a great time to spend with family & friends at a luxurious resort while supporting our association! Sean will have great entertainment planned and, as usual, we will have informational & informative educational sessions. I look forward to seeing everyone at Amelia Island in July!

Larry Bush

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club

Teams played on Friday morning at the beautiful Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club.
 Thanks to all who participated and endured the Summer heat.
 Winners received gift certificates and prizes at the Friday night reception.
 A big THANK YOU goes out to Rob Miller for organizing the event!



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FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

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Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were enjoyed on the Verandina.



SATURDAY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Saturday morning educational sessions were informative and enjoyed while eating a delicious Breakfast Classic Buffet.

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SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Atlantica Ballroom

The Hawaiian Luau Buffet was served during the dinner hour. Guests were encouraged to bid on the many available Silent Auction items throughout the evening. After dinner, President Chip Battle presented Bill Duckworth a plaque for completing his three-year term on the Board of Directors. Neal Page was also acknowledged for serving his three-year term. Larry Bush then recognized Chip Battle, Raffield Tire, with a plaque and a gift for serving his two-year Presidential term. Tony Sexton asked each of the 2017 Scholarship winners to come forward and be recognized while receiving their Scholarship Certificates. Craig Roll, Intrafirst Corp - a GTDRA Preferred Provider, then presented the Foundation with a \$2,000 check! Tony Sexton and Scott Beasley initiated a scholarship pledge drive for the Scholarship Foundation. A total of **\$10,600** was raised! **Mike Bliss** entertained the crowd as a comedian, magician, juggler, and pick pocket! The Raffle Drawing for the \$200 Cash Prize for early registration went to Kevin Kummerer, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, who generously donated the money to the Scholarship Foundation. Lastly, winners of the Silent Auction bids were announced. Guests left with wonderful items - Braves tickets, a variety of awesome coolers, a tech performance patch kit, wine glasses, a Streamlight rechargeable flashlight, floor mats, a bocce ball set, a Bose Bluetooth speaker, a gift certificate for a two-nights stay at this wonderful venue, One Ocean Resort and SPA, and other wonderful items.

Thanks to all the Board and other Suppliers who generously donated items for the Silent Auction!



SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET



SUNDAY BOARD MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING

A quarterly Board of Directors meeting as well as the Annual Meeting took place. New Officers and Directors were announced and given the oath of office. Thanks to Chip Battle who served his two-year Presidential term and Bill Duckworth and Neal Page for completing their three-year Board of Directors terms. All received plaques for their dedication and service. Also, thanks to Bill Duckworth and David Polhill who agreed to serve another three-year term. A special welcome goes out to Travis Hicks, Carroll Tire, who is the newest Board of Director member.



2017 GTDRA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



CHANDLER BENNETT
Tom Snow Memorial Scholarship
\$5,000



CAROLINE CATES
Carroll Tire Memorial Scholarship
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Carroll Tire Memorial Scholarship
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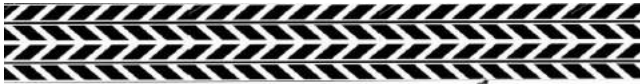
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Banquet Entertainment

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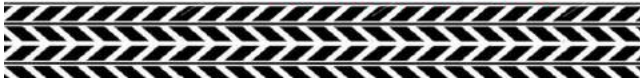
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Registration and Sponsorship information coming soon!



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