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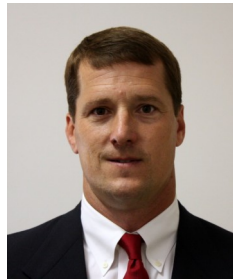
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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



WOW!!! What a fantastic 2013 convention! We had wonderful accommodations, great fellowship, and very deserving scholarship winners. Also, we had tremendous sponsorship this year from our vendors. On behalf of all the members of GTDRA I would to say THANK YOU for your continued support over the years.

As the GTDRA moves forward into its next chapter, I am excited about working with our new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice president, Larry Bush. Larry will be working alongside John Rauco, Advance Auto Parts, in an effort to not only increase membership but also increase membership involvement. I have no doubt that with Larry's and John's leadership the GTDRA will make great strides in both areas.

With our continued emphasis on awarding scholarships to outstanding students, Sean Plumstead, Tire Distributors, is planning a scholarship foundation golf tournament this fall. In conjunction with the fundraiser golf tournament we will have our fall board meeting. Details of the event will follow shortly.

Again, thanks to everyone who took time out of their busy schedule to attend this year's convention. I hope that all of you had a wonderful time and I look forward to seeing you next year.

David Polhill  
President

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

### Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club

Teams played on Friday morning at the beautiful Queen's Harbour Country Club. Winners were announced at the Friday night reception and were given gift cards to the Queen's Harbour Golf Pro Shop. Thanks to Rob Miller for organizing the event.



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**FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION**

**Verandina**

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were enjoyed on the outside terrace.



**SATURDAY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

Saturday morning educational sessions were informative and enjoyed during a Classic Breakfast.

*Federated Insurance*  
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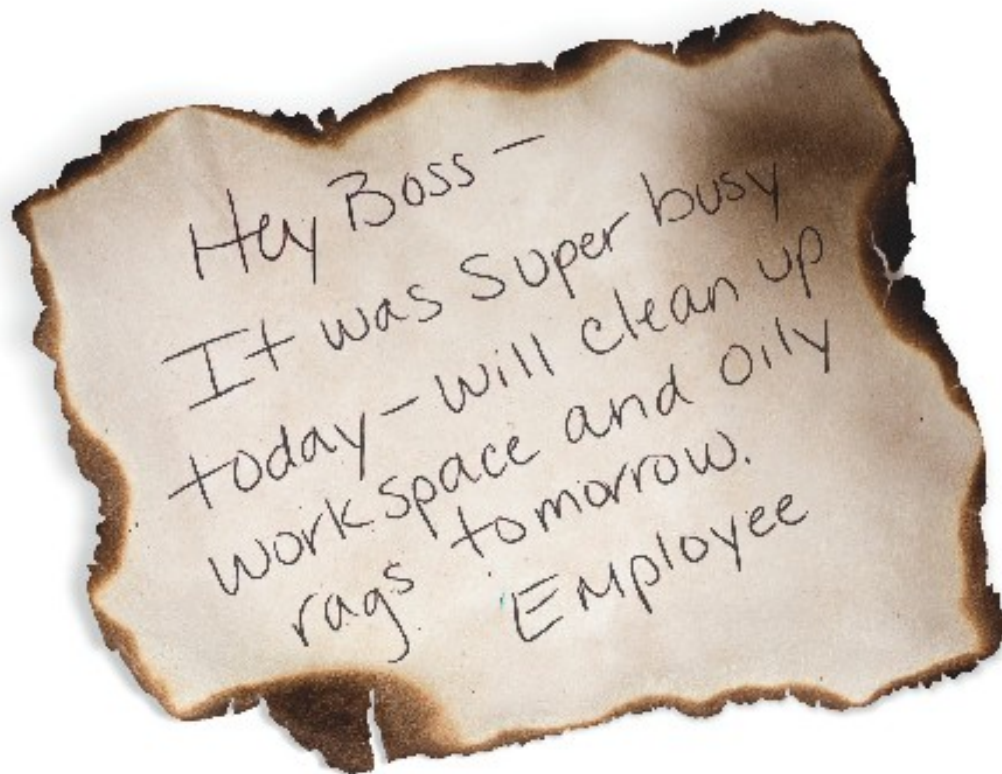
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## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

### *Solaria Room*

A Hawaiian Luau Buffet was served during the dinner hour. Guests were encouraged to bid on various Silent Auction items throughout the evening. After dinner, the 2013 Scholarship winners and Hall of Fame Inductee were recognized. Lowell Tench presented the Presidential Keystone Award to Tony Sexton for all of his hard work this past year with the EPD and at the State Capitol. Also, a plaque was presented to Steve Dillingham, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, and Morris Moses, Georgia Tire Company, for completing their three year terms on the Board of Directors. Mike Wilkinson was also recognized for serving his three year term. Scott Beasley then initiated a scholarship pledge drive for the Scholarship Foundation. A total of **\$4,200** was raised! **Three On A String** performed a talented and hilarious show that had the audience laughing, clapping, and singing. The Raffle Drawing for the \$200 Cash Prize for early registration went to Tony Sexton who quickly donated the money to the Scholarship Foundation. Lastly, winners of the Silent Auction bids were announced. Guests left with wonderful items - Braves tickets, UGA football tickets, golf bags, beach bags filled with many accessories, a wireless speaker, and other great items.





## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET



## SUNDAY BOARD MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING

A quarterly Board of Directors meeting as well as the Annual Meeting took place. The new Officers and Board of Directors were elected. David Polhill - President; Chip Battle - 1st Vice President; Larry Bush - 2nd Vice President; Morris Moses - Secretary-Treasurer; Lowell Tench - Immediate Past President; and Steve Dillingham and Rob Miller as Directors.

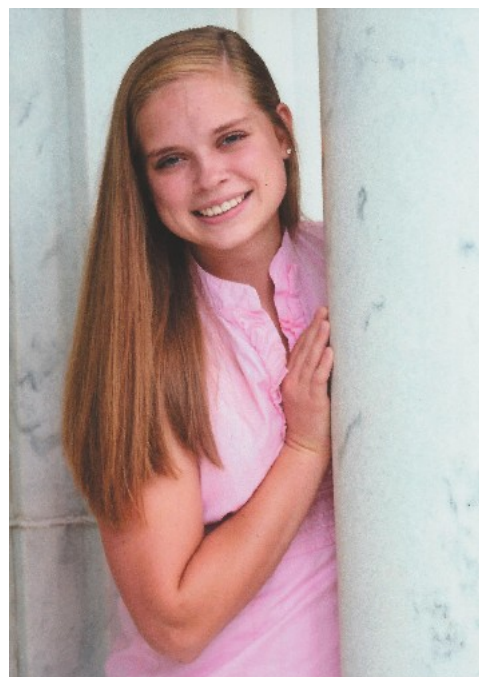
Tony Sexton gave the oath of office to these members for their respective positions.



**2013 GTDRA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



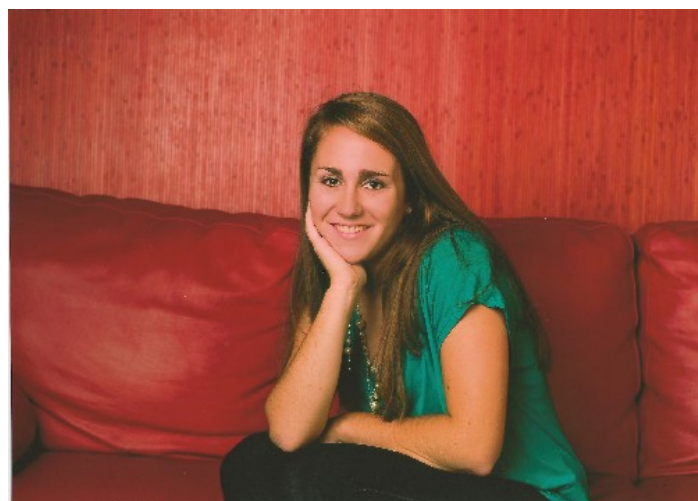
**MEGAN HIGHTOWER**  
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**SAVANNA MYERS**  
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**\$2,500**  
*Armstrong Atlantic State University*



**ELISE BIEGLER**  
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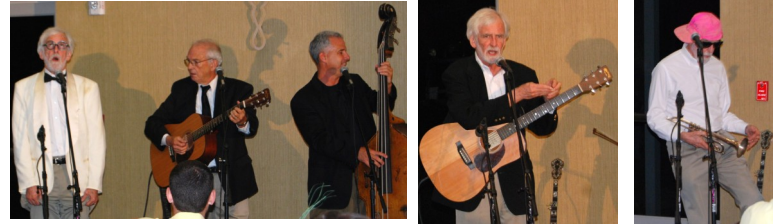


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*Mike Harrison was recognized as the 2013 Hall of Fame recipient.*

His career was an obvious choice. Mike settled in Gainesville and worked with his father at their family business, Harrison Oil and Tire Company. He eventually became Owner and President of the company when his father retired. The business has been in his family for 80 years and he has remained an active part of the daily business until his health prevented him from going to work every day. He ran a successful business that was built on honesty and serving his customers well. His reputation was second to none. During his career, Mike was an active participant in professional associations including; a member and President of the Georgia Tire Dealers Association, member and President of the Atlanta Metro Tire Dealers and member and board member of the Georgia Oilman's Association.

Mike always believed that you get out of a community what you put into it and that is certainly how he lived his life. He was very involved in many local organizations. He worked closely with the Boy Scouts, he was President of Enota Elementary PTA, a baseball coach, a member of First Baptist Church, where he was a Sunday School teacher and a sponsor of the First Baptist Church youth choir. Mike was also active in many local civic organizations including: Gainesville Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and the Elks Club. He served on the Board of Directors for the Hall County Humane Society of Northeast Georgia for over 11 years.

Mike passed away on April 16, 2013.

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## **3rd ANNUAL GTDRA FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Please join all GTDRA members for this Scholarship Fundraiser golf tournament. This event will help raise scholarship money to give to the 2014 GTDRA Foundation Scholarship winners. **\$193,500** has been awarded to very deserving scholarship winners. The date and location of the tournament will be announced soon!

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## **2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**When:** July 18 - 20, 2014

**Where:** San Destin Golf and Beach Resort

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