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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings! I hope everyone has had a terrific summer. I know all that attended the 2014 convention in Sandestin had a grand time. Once again we had a great venue and wonderful fellowship. Also, the Saturday morning educational sessions were quite possibly the best yet! A big thanks goes out to Chip Battle with Raffield Tire and Stacy Jarrett with the GTDRA for making the 2014 convention a success. The 2015 convention will be held July 17-19. I know Chip will find us another awesome venue, and I look forward to great times with you all next summer.

David Polhill
 President



GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Links Golf Club

Teams played on Friday morning at the beautiful Links Golf Club. Thanks to Federated Insurance and Cintas for supplying golf goody bags and golf balls to all of our golfers. 1st place team: David Polhill; Rett Johnson; Barron Annunziata; and Jason Cheek. 2nd Place Team: Jerry Morgan; Barry Morgan; Neil Schlossberg. 3rd Place Team: Steve Fulton; Garrett Pepper; Micah Rahn, and Sean Plumstead. Long Drive: Garrett Pepper. Closest to Pin: Rett Johnson.

Winners received gift cards 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

Azalea Room

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were enjoyed in the Azalea Room.



SATURDAY EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Saturday morning educational sessions were informative and enjoyed while eating a delicious Sandestin Breakfast Buffet. If you would like information regarding any of these discussions, please contact the GTDRA office.

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SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Azalea Room

A Paradise Island Feast was served during the dinner hour. Guests were encouraged to bid on various Silent Auction items throughout the evening. After dinner, the 2014 Scholarship winners and Hall of Fame Inductee were recognized. President David Polhill presented plaques to Bill Duckworth, Bill Duckworth Tire Company, and Neal Page, Albany General Tire Service, for completing their three year terms on the Board of Directors. Sean Plumstead initiated a scholarship pledge drive for the Scholarship Foundation. A total of **\$5,750** was raised! A **Variety Duo** performed on stage singing while also playing the keyboard, fiddle, sax, and guitar. Outside in the Azalea Foyer, guests had their pictures drawn by a very talented caricature artist. Guests were entertained by the artist and then were able to take home this GTDRA keepsake. The Raffle Drawing for the \$200 Cash Prize for early registration went to Prinitis Pettway, Kauffman Tire. Congratulations Prinitis! Lastly, winners of the Silent Auction bids were announced. Guests left with wonderful items - Braves tickets, UGA football tickets, golf bags, a freezable wine bag and wine glass set, a Streamlight Lantern, a Galaxy Tablet, an Engel DeepBlue Cooler, and other great items.



SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

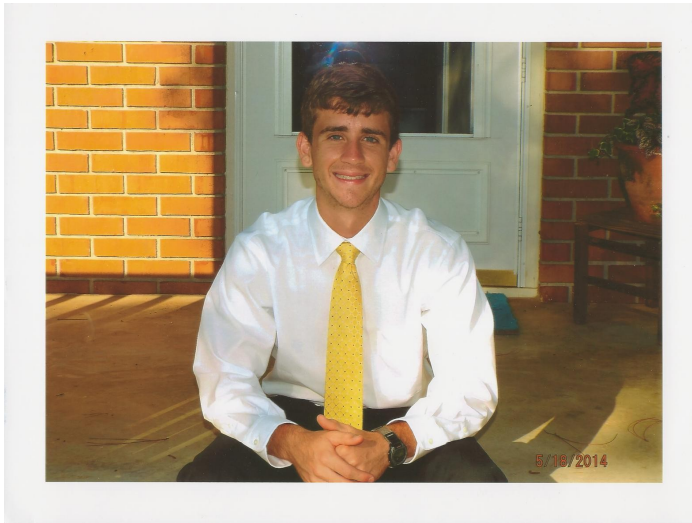


SUNDAY BOARD MEETING & ANNUAL MEETING

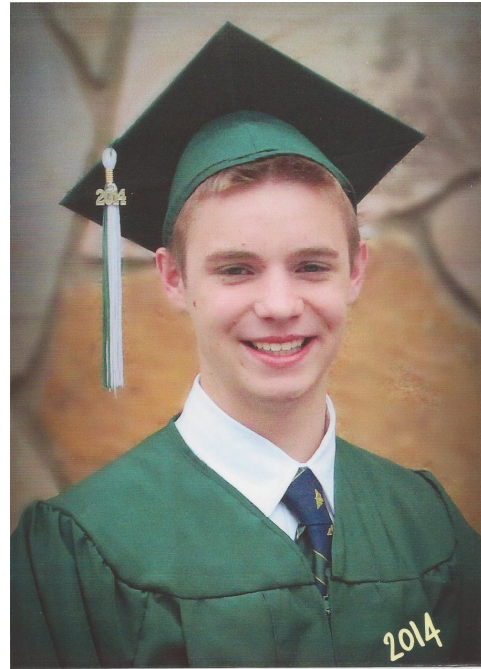
A quarterly Board of Directors meeting as well as the Annual Meeting took place. All Officers agreed to serve a second year term. Thanks to Bill Duckworth and Neal Page who agreed to serve another three years on the Board of Directors. And GTDRA would like to welcome Adam Waisath as a new member on the Board of Directors.



2014 GTDRA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



LUKE ALLEGOOD
Tom Snow Memorial Scholarship
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2014 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Tony Sexton was recognized as the 2014 Hall of Fame recipient.

Tony has held many roles in the Georgia Tire Dealers Association. He has been President, Board of Director, Foundation Trustee, and now currently serves as the President of the Past President's Council. Tony keeps an ongoing relationship with the Environmental Protection Division, and he is instrumental in keeping up with current legislation regarding the Tire Industry. Tony started his volunteer work within the tire industry in 1987 with the Young Tire Dealers, and then he became a key member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Tire Dealers Association where he went through the chairs and become President.

Tony is always willing to do whatever it takes - making phone calls, meeting people, attending meetings, and speaking at events - to see the Association improve and grow. He currently works for Toby Sexton Tire in Loganville, GA, and he is an active member of his community. He loves his family – his wife, his children, and grandkids. Tony Sexton is an honorable recipient of the 2014 Georgia Tire Dealers Hall of Fame. Congratulations Tony!



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Please join all GTDRA members for this Scholarship Fundraiser golf tournament. This event will help raise scholarship money to give to the 2015 GTDRA Foundation Scholarship winners. **\$204,500** has been awarded to very deserving scholarship winners. The date and location of the tournament will be announced soon!

2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

When: July 17 - 19, 2015
Where: To Be Announced Soon

Mark your calendars now for next year's Georgia Tire Dealers & Retreaders Association Annual Conference! Meet other business owners and vendors in the Tire Industry. Enjoy a long weekend with your family. Look for registration information and other details in the mail!

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