

# SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## AWWIN Introduces WOPP Women Leadership Summit 2008

AWWIN, Inc (A Working Woman In Need) has partnered with University of Phoenix - Savannah and GAWL (Georgia Association of Women Lawyers, the Savannah Chapter) to host a 2-day Women Leadership Summit at the University Of Phoenix Campus. Join us November 13th and 14th as we present WOPP (Women of Power & Prosperity) 1st Annual Women Leadership Summit 2008.

This is promised to be two days you will not want to miss. Over the two days, Employers, Leaders, Visionaries, etc will come together in one arena, to Educate, Motivate and "Groom Up To Leadership" the lives of working women, women seeking employment, women seeking a higher education or women seeking to own businesses. The participants will also get the opportunity to hear enriching stories of transformation and success, words of encouragement and life lessons. We expect a network of women from all walks of life, to attend this life changing experience.

Please consider supporting the first annual Women's Leadership Summit, "Grooming Up to Leadership". The purpose of this summit is to provide a platform where successful women leaders can

teach other women through the sharing of life experiences and skill sets. Organized mentoring programs for women are limited. "Grooming Up to Leadership" sets the stage for future mentorship and professional development opportunities. The program covers all aspects of personal presentation from dress to etiquette to intellectual and rational to responses to workplace problem solving, communications and conflict.

Some of the participating vendors are International Paper, St Joseph's/Candler, Memorial University Medical Center, Darby Bank and Marti Barrow of the Savannah Area Tourism Leadership Council will share the exciting message of how the Tourism and Hospitality industry provides not only jobs but the opportunity to grow and have a thriving career. With tourism being the area's 2nd largest industry and providing more than 16,000 jobs locally, they have a lot to offer! Vendors will share their hiring process, job openings if available, requirements needed to be a part of their team, etc.

GAWL, (Georgia Association of Women Lawyers the Savannah Chapter) will share also if you are looking for an opportunity to start or advance

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## Shay to Keynote Chatham County Young Democrats Meeting



Patrick Shay

The Chatham County Young Democrats is looking for members to join and seeking interested person to self-nominated executive board position. The position open are V.P. Community Outreach. The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the Democratic Party Headquarters at 109 West Victory Drive in Savannah from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The featured guest speaker is Commissioner Patrick Shay. He will be discussing sustainable practices that young people should utilize when running for office.

Commissioner Shay was elected to the Chatham County Commission in 2004, and served as a Commissioner previously from 1992 to 1996. He also served the public for the past

ten years on the Georgia International Trade Center Authority, serving for 6 years as Chairman.

Shay received a B.S. in Environmental Design from the University of Pennsylvania, and later obtained a Master of Architecture degree from Clemson University. Shay also studied Urban Design at the Charles E. Daniel Center in Genoa, Italy. Shay is an Associate Professor of Architecture at Savannah College of Art and Design, until recently teaching Studio in Urban Design.

Shay is the senior principal at Gunn-Meyerhoff-Shay Architects, founded in 1956. He is a LEED certified designer, and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Patrick and his wife, Janice, live in downtown Savannah, and have raised two sons, Kerry and David.

The Chatham County Young Democrats is the county's official youth arm of the Chatham County Democratic Committee (CCDC). Members of our organization strive to make a positive difference in the community.

For more information, goto [www.chathamyoungdemocrats.com](http://www.chathamyoungdemocrats.com).

## Facing Change Together

by Thomas B. Lockamy, Jr.

Instant is not one of my favorite words. Instant breakfast, instant potatoes, instant karma, instant gratification, instant grits and instant fixes all fall into the same category; good intentions typically resulting in poor results.

The reality is - there are no instant fixes in education. Over the past four years, with the support of our broader community, we have moved collaboratively in the right direction. We have introduced a number of key ingredients to the mix: differentiated instruction, specialized data teams, assessment teams, E-SPLOST, school construction, PTA, community engagement, improved bus service, more rigorous curriculum, high expectations, school uniforms, and the list goes on and on. Creating a world class educational system takes time, patience, and experience using just the right mixture of ingredients and synergies.

Now we approach yet another challenge that we must consider together with thoughtful deliberation and careful regard for families, communities and most importantly, our students. The next challenge before us is redistricting our schools into fully energized yet harmonious learning communities.

Before we begin there must be unilateral agreement; redistricting is not an instant fix. It is not a magic bullet. It is simply the next step on our



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journey to World Class. It is a necessity, albeit challenging, but it is an absolute necessity.

Local school attendance zones have not been redrawn in several years. In the meantime our population has migrated. For example, I am reminded of the prevalent joke in the 70's and 80's about the possibility of Wilmington Island sinking due to over growth. While Chatham County has not witnessed exceptional growth in the last ten years, we have witnessed an east-to-west migration or rather a reversal of the growth pattern from just 30 years ago. No one can deny the exceptional expansion and growth in West Chatham County. In addition, other communities have sprouted in various corners of our county while older, more established communities have waned and in some cases replaced with all new communities. Where neighborhoods once housed families with children, some communities

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## Outage Planned for Nov. 15

Georgia Power is dedicated to providing its customers with reliable electricity 24 hours a day—365 days a year. One of the ways we do this is by regularly monitoring our equipment to ensure it's operating to the best of its ability.

We recently found that the ground wire on the transmission line serving customers on Wilmington and Tybee islands is damaged and needs to be replaced. This wire is necessary to protect the transmission line from lightning strikes that can result in extended power outages.

Georgia Power crews from across the state will work together on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to replace this ground wire. Customers east of Turner Creek on Tybee, Wilmington and Talihi islands will experience a temporary outage. We expect to have power restored within six hours. In case of inclement weather, the planned outage will take place on Nov. 22. Oatland and Whitmarsh islands will not be affected.

Georgia Power will contact impacted customers using its automated phone system to provide details about the event.

Please use extreme caution in the work zone. Be sure to follow road signs and police who will be directing traffic.

As we work to improve reliability in your area, we appreciate your understanding and apologize for the inconvenience this outage will cause.

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