

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Momon Promoted to General Manager



Debra Momon

Isn't it amazing what you might find, and where you might find yourself... when you're lost?

In Debra Momon's case, what she found unexpectedly while touring Savannah one day in 1987, was a long, happy career. Momon, a newcomer to the city, wandered into the Inn at Ellis Square, seeking directions.

She struck up a friendly conversation with the clerk behind the front desk. Soon the hotel's manager joined in the conversation, and within minutes, he recognized Momon's excellent interpersonal skills and management potential.

Practically on the spot, Momon was hired as a front desk agent that lucky day in 1987... a move which launched her current 22-year-long career.

In short order, Momon was promoted to night auditor and controller. In 1998, she was then promoted to Assistant General Manager, most recently working closely with the late Dominique Audran, for more than five years.

Her dedication to the

hotel is unsurpassed, and has been recently rewarded with her appointment to General Manager.

Momon is the only woman to hold this position at one of the largest hotels in the Historic Savannah district.

With the hotel's owner's encouragement to pursue this prestigious position, Ms. Momon succeeded in a competitive field which included more than 200 applicants.

A "military kid" born in Lafayette, LA and raised in Milton, FL, Momon joined the Army in the late 1970s to see the world.

Her seven-year military career included a wedding, two daughters, and four years as a sergeant stationed in Manheim, Germany.

When her husband was transferred to Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Momon decided to leave the service because her daughters were entering school, and for the first time in her life, Momon was free to explore her new home, which led her to the Inn at Ellis Square.

"Finding innovative ideas and thinking outside the box" are two of Momon's challenges as General Manager.

"Because so many young people are traveling these days, we want to be sure that we're using the most current Internet tools to reach this audience," she said.

Her primary goals for

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Gorman Joins Statesboro Cardiology



Dr. Alfred Gorman

Alfred Gorman, M.D. has joined Statesboro Cardiology as a cardiologist. He obtained his bachelor of science in biology from Georgia State University and a doctor of medicine from Morehouse School of Medicine.

He completed his medicine residency at Eisenhower Army Medical

Center and postdoctoral fellowship in cardiology at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Previously, Dr. Gorman was Staff Cardiologist at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Memorial Health Medical Center and St. Joseph/Candler Hospital in Savannah.

Other hospital appointments include serving as Chief of Cardiology at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C. and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

City of Savannah to Observe Earth Hour

The City of Savannah will participate in the worldwide Earth Hour event by darkening City Hall between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

Earth Hour, organized by the World Wildlife Fund, seeks to increase awareness of climate change and promote energy conservation by encouraging individuals, businesses, institutions and organizations to turn out their lights for that one hour on March 28.

By agreeing to go dark, Savannah joins more than 1,800 communities across the globe participating in the event. Landmarks across the globe, including the Eiffel Tower and Sydney Opera House, as well as thousands of homes and businesses,

will go dark during Earth Hour.

Savannah encourages its citizens, businesses and institutional partners to also participate in Earth Hour, as well as take direct action to reduce the size of their carbon footprint.

The City of Savannah is in the middle of an organization-wide energy audit, being conducted by Georgia Tech, whose goal is to create recommendations for making City government buildings more energy efficient.

It's part of Savannah City Council's larger Thrive initiative, which seeks to reduce Savannah City Government's carbon footprint by 15 percent by 2020.

For more information on Earth Hour, visit www.earthhour.org.

City Wide Talent Showcase Seeks Entries

A city wide talent show to advocate, advance and award promising people in the Coastal Empire and Low Country is accepting entries from all ages.

If you can sing, rap, dance, do comedy, spoken word, etc. then you are eligible.

Auditions will be held Wednesday March 25th, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Black Box at S.P.A.C.E. Cultural Arts Theatre located 9 West Henry Street, and

judged by Pittsburgh Steelers Nick Eason. A \$10 fee is required.

Finalists will move on to compete in the BIG SHOW, to feature industry executives, next month.

Prizes will include cash money, trophies and an opportunity to headline a community concert.

My Dreams Productions, Inc. is sponsoring this fundraiser event. For more info call Lester at (912) 351-6159.

ILA 1414 Wins State Men's Industrial Title

The City of Savannah Athletics Dept. would like to congratulate Savannah's ILA (International Longshoremen's Association Local 1414) Men's Industrial basketball team for winning the State Men's

Industrial Title.

The tournament was held in Augusta, GA on March 13-15. ILA won the final game after playing three overtimes with a final score of 69-66.

Representatives to Host Public Hearing

Do you have suggestions that may help Georgia lead the nation in improving student achievement?

If so, you can take advantage of an opportunity to speak directly to State Board of Education Members Linda Zechmann and Allen Rice. Ms. Zechmann represents the First Congressional District and Mr. Rice represents the Twelfth Congressional District.

They invite you to a public hearing Thursday, March 26, 2009. The event will be held from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in Room 158 at University Hall, on the campus of Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Teachers, parents/guardians, students and concerned citizens are all encouraged to take part in the event. Your feedback is critical as the State Board of

Education and the State Superintendent of Schools work together to insure that all students receive an excellent education.

Those wishing to speak at the meeting are asked to sign in when they arrive. For more information, contact Ms. Lynn Roberts at (404) 657-7410 or you can e-mail her at: lroberts@doe.k12.ga.us.

The Georgia Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities.

Individuals who need assistance or auxiliary aids for participation in this public forum are invited to make their needs known to Ms. Roberts, Georgia Department of Education at (404) 657-7410.

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