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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM GSFSA



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Mission: The mission of GSFSA is to advance the availability, quality and acceptance of school nutrition programs as an integral part of education.

....From the President

Happy Holidays!!

Dear GSFSA Friends:

What a special month December has been for GSFSA! We held our annual Industry Seminar at Callaway Gardens December 3-5 and with Don Williams as our Industry Seminar Chair, the event offered some terrific learning opportunities as well as great fun. We had sessions to review and add to our knowledge of the federal and state regulations that guide our purchasing decisions. We had breakout sessions to help us learn more about ensuring we obtain the products and services we want for our school nutrition programs when we use the bid process for food, equipment and supplies. And our closing session speaker was Dr. Brooks Coleman, a retired Gwinnett County school administrator who now serves in the Georgia General Assembly where he has worked closely with GSFSA on our legislative issues. Brooks never fails to get rave reviews from our members whenever he speaks to us.

Now let me tell you about the fun. We enjoyed the Callaway Gardens Tour of Lights, which put us all in the holiday spirit. And on the second night of the Industry Seminar we held a live auction to benefit the GSFS Foundation, with Brooks as the auctioneer. The auction, which was organized by Karen Green, our GSFS Foundation Chair, and Marilyn Hunter of Meridian Beverage Co., was a huge success. Karen's goal was to raise \$5,000 for the Foundation and we exceeded that goal by approximately \$400. I want to express thanks on behalf of GSFSA to all our industry partners who donated some wonderful items for the auction. This was such a fun way to raise funds for our Foundation to fund our scholarships and annual Managers' Retreat. I can assure you that as next year's GSFS Foundation Chair I'll plan to do it again...but we'll have to raise our goal even higher!

As we celebrate the holiday season and count our many blessings, I want you to know how much I respect you for the work you do. Day after day you ensure that the students in your schools are well nourished and prepared to learn and succeed. And you do your jobs with obvious care and enthusiasm. I'm so very proud to be a part of the school nutrition team in Georgia.

Best wishes for a holiday season filled with joy and love.

Gretchen Schulz, President



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GSFSA Office Closing Schedule

**December 24-31, 2002
Christmas/Winter Break**

**January 1, 2003
New Years Day**

**(The office will open on
Thursday, January 2, 2003)**

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello from Tucker,

Patrice and I have just returned from several days in Washington, DC (where there is already snow on the ground), attending a day of training at ASFSA Headquarters and three days at the American Society of Association Executives "Meetings and Technology" seminar. We brought back a number of fresh ideas for GSFSA, ranging from improvements to our web site to ways of strengthening our membership base.

We also just finished a very successful Industry Seminar, with many thanks to Chairman Don Williams, and all of the program presenters. We have an excellent relationship with our Industry partners, and this enables GSFSA to continue to offer improved services and products to members. Please remember to thank our Industry members for their continued support.

I wish I could report that my outdoor holiday lights were up, but I cannot tell a lie! I am planning on having my three grandchildren spend the night with me this weekend, and lots of decorating will get done (I hope!).

Congratulations to all of you, and especially Membership Chairman JoAnn Kilby, on our extremely successful "One Day Membership Drive." Once again, Georgia was the top recruiter in the nation!

I hope many of you are planning to attend the ASFSA Industry Seminar in Savannah in January. GSFSA will be making up "Welcome to Georgia" gifts bags for each attendee and we could use all of the Georgia/ Southern Hospitality you can bring with you to greet our visitors from around the country.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones.

Susan S. Cheshire

2003 Conference

Registration for the 2003 Conference in Savannah will be published in the Winter issue of Georgia Gems. You should be receiving your copy of Georgia Gems in the coming weeks.

We have attached the hotel information for Savannah to this newsletter. Please read all of the information about making your hotel reservations in Savannah.

DATES & DEADLINES

JANUARY

- 2 Submit recommendations for Honorary Memberships
- 10 ASFSA Art Contest District winners in each division due to GSFSA office
- 19-21 ASFSA Industry & Technology Conference, Savannah
- 24 Executive Committee/Foundation meeting, Macon
- 25 Executive Board meeting, Macon
- 31 Cutoff postmark date for all membership and certifications to qualify for awards.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Deadline for GSFSA election ballots to be sent to Putnam & Associates
- 1 Form listing names and contact information for presidors/hostesses for GSFSA conference must be postmarked to GSFSA headquarters.
- 1 Locals must submit winning Culinary Arts competition recipes to District Culinary Arts chair
- 10-14 School Nutrition Heart Week
- 15 GSFSA officer candidates notified of election results by State Secretary

2003 Culinary Certificates

District Presidents should contact the GSFSA office for District Culinary certificates. Please call the office at 770-934-8890 or e-mail patrice@gsfsa.com to request your certificates.

Membership Totals as of 11/30/02

District 1	641
District 2	606
District 3	663
District 4	1144
District 5	52
District 6	680
District 7	1008
District 8	853
District 9	623
District 10	294

Total - 6,564

NAC Grants 2003

GSFSA has nine NAC Grants left to award to NAC groups. The 50 dollar grant will be awarded to help fund local NAC projects. The NAC group must be chartered with ASFSA and provide a detailed description of what the project will entail. The grant application will be evaluated by the President and NAC chair.

Please return your grant application to the GSFSA office no later than April 4, 2003. Please look for the application with this newsletter.

Congratulations to the Teasley Elementary (Cobb County) NAC group for becoming the first recipient of a GSFSA NAC Grant.

**Happy Holidays from the GSFSA
Headquarters Staff!**

DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF VISITS FOR THE 2003 LEGISLATURE

“Day At the Capitol” – Atlanta, Georgia

District #1 January 13-17, 2003

District #2 January 20-24, 2003 (MLK Holiday=Jan. 20th)

District #3 January 27-31, 2003

District #4 & #5 February 3-7, 2003

District #6 February 10-14, 2003

District #7 February 17-21, 2003

District #8 February 24-28, 2003

District #9 March 10-14, 2003

District #10 March 17-21, 2003

Please Note: Tuesday or Wednesday is usually the best to visit legislators. Call ahead to determine the best day and time for those you plan to visit. Districts may contact Joyce Akins, Public Policy and Legislation Chairperson at 229-245-2250 ext.102 or e-mail jakins@lowndes.k12.ga.us, to reschedule their week if conflicts arise.

GSFSA Thanks The Following Companies For Their Sponsorships and Donations:

Annual Conference Sponsorships

General Session Speaker - Gilardi Foods

Silver - Meridian Beverage

Bronze - True Foodservice

Nutrition Advisory Council Focus Award

Innovative Concept Group, Inc.

Industry Seminar Luncheon

Mayfield Dairy Farms, Inc.

Industry Seminar Continental Breakfast

Gilardi Foods

Sara Lee

Industry Seminar Welcome Reception

Colorpoint Division of Low Temp Industries

Portion Pac Chemical Corporation

Schwan's Food Service

Industry Seminar Break

Gilardi Foods

Meridian Beverage, Inc.

Industry Seminar Dinner Entertainment

Norvell Fixtures

Industry Seminar Auction Donations

Admiral Craft Equipment, Atlanta Fixture, Cal-Tex Citrus Juice, Carman-Girard, Charles Pace & Associates, Chef America, Clorox Company, Cohen Food Brokerage, Dannon Company, East Side Entrees, Food Service Action, Foster Farms, Georgia Egg Commission, Gilaridi Pizza, Glover Foods, Good Harbor Fillet, The Hansen Group, Highliner, Horace Maddox Textiles, Innovative Concepts, King's Delight, Lance Inc., Meridian Beverage, Michael Foods, Milliken Packaging, Milton Foods, Naturally Fresh Products, PFG Milton's Foodservice, Pierre', Pilgrims Pride, Purdue Chicken, Quick to Fix Foods, Read Bake, Rich SeaPak, SFS Pac, Sara Lee, Schwan's Foodservice, SeaPak, Tabatchnick, Williams Institutional Foods

National School Lunch Week Kickoff Luncheon

Georgia Beef Board

Mayfield Dairy Farms, Inc.

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ProLunch A.T.I.

2003 CONFERENCE HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

The Conference Steering Committee has carefully selected the following properties to host our Conference. Only those hotels listed below have reserved a block of rooms at these special rates.

Please make your own room reservations by March 23, 2003. All facilities require a deposit of one night's lodging at the time you make your reservations. **BE SURE TO NOTE WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS BY PHONE THAT YOU ARE WITH THE GSFSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

If you are reserving more than one room in your name the hotel will request a detailed rooming list at least two weeks before arrival. If you do not provide a rooming list, your rooms will be released for sale by the hotel. Georgia Sales Tax Exemption form must be furnished on check-in.

All properties have parking fees.

Facility	Room Size	Rates (Plus Tax)
Hyatt Regency (Headquarters) Two West Bay St. Savannah, GA 31401-1189 912-238-1234 FAX: 912-944-3673	Single/Double	\$166/191 \$25 per extra person
Hampton Inn Historic District 201 E. Bay St. Savannah, GA 31401 912-231-9700 1-800-426-7866 FAX: 912-231-0440 www.hotelsavannah.com	Single/Double	\$149 Continental breakfast included
Hilton (Desoto Hilton) 15 E. Liberty St. PO Box 8207 Savannah, GA 31412-8207 912- 232-9000 FAX: 912-232-6018 www.hilton.com	Single/Double	\$189
Days Inn Historic District (across from the Hyatt) 201 W. Bay St Savannah, GA 31401 912-234-0841 FAX: 912-232-2725 www.daysinn.com	Single/Double	\$133 \$153 one bedroom suite
Marriott Savannah Riverfront 100 General McIntosh Blvd. Savannah, GA 31401 912-233-7722 FAX: 912-233-8897 www.marriott.com	Single/Double	\$199
The Westin Savannah Harbor Resort One Resort Drive Savannah, GA 31421 912-201-2000 FAX: 912-201-2077 www.westin.com	Single/Double	\$196 \$25 per extra person
Homewood Suites 5820 White Bluff Road Savannah, GA 31405 912-353-8500 1-800-CALL HOME FAX: 912-354-3821 www.Homewood-Suites.com	Single/Double	\$153

All hotels charge an additional parking fee. Note: In Savannah all buses need a special permit to drive in the Historic District. To obtain a bus permit, call 912-651-4235.

2003 SILENT AUCTION

It's time for the annual SILENT AUCTION at our Conference in Savannah!

Have you ever been to one or been involved with a Silent Auction? It's lots of fun, but FIRST we have to have some items to sell. That's where YOU fit in. We need each and everyone to participate in the auction.

Use your imagination for something to contribute to the Auction. Cookbooks, gift baskets, seasonal decorations and baby items are just few ideas of what you can donate. The dates for the auction are April 24-26, 2003.

So now is the time to get started on your projects. The more we have the more money we will make. We would like for each District to have at least one item (they don't have to stop at one) and then as many local chapters in each District to have several items also.

Get to work! It'll be here before you know it!!

Please send a copy of this form to Susan Johnson, Nancy Bourke or the GSFSA Office.

County / District Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone:** _____

Item(s):

Item (s) Value:

Please send a copy of your form to:

Susan Johnson, Manager - Gwinnett Co. SNP

Fax: 770-985-9031 Phone: 770-7362057 E-mail: Susan_Johnson@gwinnett.k12.ga.us

or

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