



Tami Barron

Tami Barron joined the Southern Company in 1984, serving 17 years with Georgia Power and 3 years with Mississippi Power. She has served in various positions including Marketing, Area Management, Distribution Operations Manager, Assistant to Vice President, and in her current role as General Manager of Georgia Power's Distribution Operations and Services Organization - responsible for Distribution Management Systems, Distribution Design & Performance, Metering Services, Distribution Control Centers, and DOT/JointUse/Franchises.

Tami is a 1984 graduate of the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Agricultural Engineering. In 1991 she obtained her MBA from Columbus State, Tami is also a 2002 graduate of Emory's Goizueta Business School's Executive Program.

Doug Baughman



Doug Baughman is senior scientist with CH2M HILL in Atlanta specializing in water resource management and planning. He has worked with CH2M HILL for more than 18 years with over 15 years of experience addressing water resource issues for a variety of municipal clients in the metropolitan area. Most recently, he has conducted watershed assessment and management studies for multiple counties and cities in north Georgia including the watershed management plan for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. He is currently leading the implementation of the stormwater utility for Clayton County.

Doug has a B.S. degree in Marine Science and an MSPH degree in environmental health sciences from the University of South Carolina. He has been a Cobb County resident for 16 years.

Mike Berg



Mike Berg is the Chief Executive Officer for Marketing Incentives. Mr. Berg is also Chairman of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners and Chairman of the First Citizens Financial Corporation. He actively works in his community and is affiliated with several organizations including: The United Way, Family Connection, Dawson County Board of Health, Dawson Chamber of Commerce, The Rotary Club of Dawson County, Council of Governments and the Dawson County and Georgia Republican Party.

Mr. Berg received his Bachelor of Business Administration from Georgia State University.

Cathie Berger



Cathie Berger is the Director of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) at the Atlanta Regional Commission. She is responsible for the planning, administration and coordination of aging services funded through multiple federals, state, local and private funding source. Ms. Berger oversees a network of 23 contract agencies that provide an extensive range of services to support older adults and their caregivers in the ten-county Atlanta Region. Cathie was President of the Georgia Gerontology Society, has served on the Department of Community Health's Long Term Care Advisory Board, the Georgia University School of Social Work Advisory Council and numerous other advisory boards and working committees.

Ms. Berger is a licensed MSW. She completed her BSW in South Africa and obtained her MSW from the University of Georgia.



Deane Thompson Bonner

Deane T. Bonner serves as President of the Cobb branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a position she has held for the past eight years. Ms. Bonner has been a contributing member to the NAACP for over 45 years, and a Life Member of the organization since 1980. She was recently elected to serve as one of three vice presidents of the NAACP's Georgia State Conference. As the 2nd Vice President, she is responsible for statewide membership, financials, and serves as the major fund-raising arm of the state through Freedom Fund Galas annually. She also serves as mediator between State NAACP leadership and area NAACP branches, serving eight counties.

She is a member of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, National Council of Negro Women, 100 Black Women, National Women's Political Caucus, and the ELITE Social Club.

Luz Borrero



Luz Borrero is the Deputy Chief Operating Officer for the City of Atlanta, a position she has held since January 2004. In this capacity she is responsible for the management and oversight of city-wide operational projects in the areas of transportation, permitting, outcomes measurement and homeland security among others.

Luz has demonstrated commitment to the Atlanta community through volunteer activities with many non-profit organizations, as well as her participation on numerous non-profit boards including the Georgia Conservancy, and the Falcons Youth, among others. Luz was the VP of Finance and Administration for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta for nearly nine years. Her educational experience includes studies in Cali Colombia, where she obtained her undergraduate degree in Law and Political Science. While studying in France she obtained a postgraduate degree in Agricultural and International Economics. She is fluent in English, French and Spanish.

Mendal Bouknight



Mendal Bouknight is the Vice President for Development at Piedmont Healthcare and the Executive Director of Piedmont Hospital Foundation. The office is responsible for the management and development of relationships that identify, cultivate, solicit and steward private support for Piedmont Medical Center and its affiliates.

He also served 17 years with Emory University; his appointments included Associate Vice President for Development, the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center; Director of Institutional Advancement, Crawford Long Hospital of Emory University; Alumni Program Director for Emory University.

He has a Master of Arts Degree from the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism, The University of Georgia, and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Clemson University. Bouknight is a native of Irmo, S.C. He and his wife Debbie live in Buckhead.

Claire Cline



Claire Cline has been a member of the Rockdale County community since 1994 and served 28 years as the Executive Director of Georgia Perimeter College-Rockdale Center for Higher Education. She is currently the Area Director of United Way in Rockdale County. For 10 years she has managed a program that she created for elementary school students that are not on grade level called Kids' College.

Claire has worked 25 years with the State of Georgia education system teaching, administering, and facilitating in high schools and colleges. Prior to her work with the state, she worked with the U.S. Army coordinating educational programs at Fort McClellan in Alabama.

Claire is single and has a 27-year-old son. Her free time is consumed with community involvement and managing a family farm in South Georgia.

Tracy Clymer



Tracy Clymer is a Senior Principal Planner with the Atlanta Regional Commission where she serves as Program Manager for Model Applications and Analysis within the Transportation Planning Division. She is responsible for managing data analysis for a variety of applications in support of transportation and air quality planning in the Atlanta region, which includes long-range transportation planning support and regional emissions inventory development for air quality planning purposes. Tracy has more than seven years of experience in air quality planning and modeling, and national policy development as it relates to transportation and air quality issues. Tracy is a member of the Transportation Research Board Transportation and Air Quality Committee, current Chair of the AMPO Air Quality Subcommittee and serves on the AMPO Technical Committee. Tracy holds a BS in Atmospheric Chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology and an MS from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering with a focus on Transportation Engineering, also from Georgia Tech.

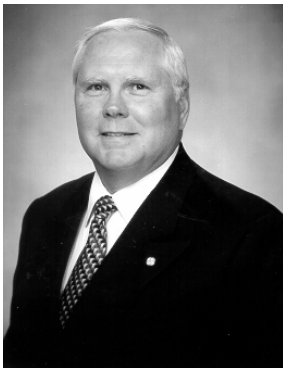
Danah Craft



Danah Craft is a First Vice President in Community and Governmental Affairs for SunTrust Bank in Atlanta. She works with the SunTrust Bank Foundation's educational initiatives, SunTrust's Youth Bank program and SunTrust's One Pledge Campaign supporting United Way in metro Atlanta. Danah is SunTrust's lobbyist at the Georgia and Tennessee legislatures. Before joining the Community Affairs group in 2004, Danah provided technical assistance, governance training and administrative support for the Trustees of private and corporate foundations as a Relationship Manager in SunTrust's Endowment and Foundation Services group.

Danah has a BS in Education from the University of Alabama and an MBA from Georgia State University. She is active in the Southeastern Council of Foundations and serves on the Advisory Board of the Foundation Center Library-Atlanta and the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is a member of the Legislative Committees for SECF, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Bankers Association.

Jim Crissey



Jim Crissey is the Vice President of Facilities and Support Services for Southern Regional Medical Center in Riverdale, Ga. After graduating from North Georgia College, he served in the U.S. Army for more than 26 years and retired as a full Colonel. Jim has more than 36 years of health care leadership and management experience. This experience includes positions as CEO, Chief Operating Officer, Executive Director and several key command, planning and operational level positions and assignments in the U.S. Army Medical Department.

In addition to his BS Degree, Jim holds a Masters in Health Services Management and is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University in Washington, D.C.

Jim is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is certified in Homeland Security, Level-V, by the American College of Forensic Examiners International. Additionally, Jim serves on the Board of Directors of the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and as President of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville.

Shonda Cuberson



Shonda Cuberson is the Manager of Internal Communications at Manheim. She is responsible for planning and executing communication campaigns regarding company initiatives, developments and goals for Manheim's 32,000 global employees. Prior to joining Manheim, Shonda honed her communication skills as a member of the communications team at Cox Enterprises, Manheim's parent company.

Shonda has served as a volunteer for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign, Hands on Atlanta, the Kaiser Permanente Corporate Challenge benefiting the Atlanta Braves Foundation and the Boys and Girl Clubs of Metro Atlanta.

Shonda is a member of the Public Relations Society of America (Georgia) and the International Association Business Communicators. She graduated from Georgia State University in 1998 with a BA in Communications.

Yulonda Darden-Beauford



Yulonda Darden-Beauford is Vice President of Member Services and Programs for the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, a position she has held since October 2005. Prior to that, Yulonda was Director of Membership with the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce in Norfolk, Va., for two years. She was also executive director of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce for more than five years. Her areas of responsibility included membership recruitment and retention, governmental affairs, regional initiatives, and ethics in business and government to name a few.

Yulonda is a member of the Georgia Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives and the American Football Coaches Wives Association. She serves as staff coordinator for the Leadership Clayton program. She is a graduate of both the Leadership Hampton Roads and Miami programs. Yulonda received her BS in Journalism at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla. She is married to Terry Beauford.

Carolyn Delamont

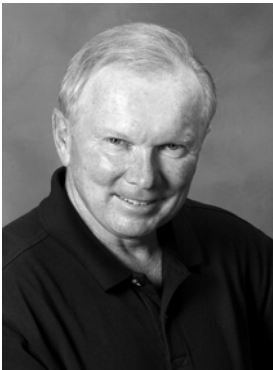


Carolyn Delamont is President of the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce. Prior to accepting the Barrow Chamber's presidency, Carolyn spent 14 years as President and CEO of two fast growing chambers in the Houston area and one year developing economic development capital campaigns for various Chambers of Commerce.

Her experience in organizing and working with community boards and state and governmental officials is an asset that has provided Carolyn with the ability to build consensus in the business community. In addition, she has served in leadership positions with the YMCA, United Way, Leadership Houston and Leadership Texas. She directed three trade missions to China and also has a background in the hospitality industry. Carolyn is a member of Rotary International and serves on the GA Bioscience Joint Development Authority and the Highland House for Children.

Carolyn returned to her native state of Georgia after raising her family in Texas.

Lee Duncan



Lee Duncan is the President – Office South Associates for Brooks Land. In this role, he provides oversight responsibilities for development on two sites of office space in metro Atlanta with a stabilized value in excess of \$50 million. Prior to this position, he served as Director of Builder Services at Brooks Land where he supervised activities establishing and maintaining successful builder programs in five upscale communities. During this two year period, more than 500 lots with a value in excess of \$31 million were successfully moved.

Lee is a board member for the Council for Quality Growth, Chairman of the Fulton Education Foundation, and a member of the Sandy Springs Planning Commission, National Association of Industrial and Office Properties and the Atlanta Area Home Builders Association.

He holds a BA from North Georgia College and is completing a Master of Public Administration from Kennesaw State University.

Kevin Fletcher



As Vice President of Community and Economic Development for Georgia Power, Kevin Fletcher is responsible for recruiting new industry to Georgia and supporting local and statewide initiatives to improve the marketability of communities in the state.

Kevin serves on several boards, including the Georgia Cities Foundation, the Georgians for Better Transportation, the Atlanta Convention & Visitor's Bureau, the Georgia Department of Economic Development's Advisory Board, the Livable Communities Coalition, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, the Quality Growth Initiative Task Force and Junior Achievement of Georgia.

Kevin is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology where he received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He lives in Fayetteville with his wife and their three children. He is a deacon and teaches Sunday School at the First Baptist Church in Fayetteville.



Sandra Font

Sandra Font has been Vice President & COO of the Georgia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) since September 1997. The GHCC has grown tremendously in the nine years since her start. Sandra was one of the pioneers of “How to Open Your Own Business” seminar, which later resulted in the founding the Hispanic American Center of Economic Development, the first Hispanic business incubator in Georgia.

During her nine years at the GHCC, Sandra has learned the specific business needs of the Hispanic community both in Georgia and throughout the U.S. Her goal at the GHCC is to assist the Hispanic business community with developing a broader base of knowledge and understanding about Georgia, and the southeastern U.S. market. Sandra is Vice-Chair of DeKalb Technical College and is a member of the Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee, District 4, of the State Bar of Georgia. Sandra is also a board member of the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council, and recently joined the Resource Institute’s Advisory Board. Sandra was born and raised in Barcelona, Spain, where she obtained a degree in Business Administration.

Alicia Franck



Alicia Franck came to Atlanta in 1985 when she enrolled at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. After completing her degree, Alicia joined the Georgia Institute of Technology as Director of Development for Special Gifts before joining the Development and University Relations Office at Emory in 1991. She is currently the Senior Associate Vice President for the Office of Principal Gifts and works with Emory’s senior administration to coordinate strategies that seek investments of greater than \$5 million in programs and initiatives in support of the university’s strategic plan.

Alicia has served on a number of boards including Leadership DeKalb, where she has just completed her term as chair of the board, and the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education. She is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

A native of Jackson, Miss., Alicia attended Rhodes College receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science in 1983.

Kathie Gannon



Kathie Gannon joined the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners representing Super District 6 in January 2005. She is the Deputy Presiding Officer of the Board of Commissioners, Chair of the Board’s Transportation and Comprehensive Plan Committee and member of the Budget Committee and Executive Committee. She serves on the state ACCG Environment, Energy and Land Use committee.

She was the founding Executive Director of Georgia Court Appointed Special Advocates, a statewide non-profit that provides trained volunteers for abused and neglected children and she founded the statewide citizen-judicial foster care review program.

Married for 35 years, she and her husband have two sons and have lived in DeKalb County since 1974. Kathie earned a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from Marquette University, a Masters of Social Work from the University of Georgia and a Masters Certificate in Heritage Preservation, pending from Georgia State University.

Pat Gardner



State Rep. Pat Gardner represents the 57th District in Atlanta. In the General Assembly, she serves on the Natural Resources and Environment, Higher Education and Public Safety Committees. She has served as the Executive Director of the Georgia Psychological Association for more than 30 years. Pat has also served on the Boards of the Morningside/Lenox Park Association, the League of Women Voters, the Learning Disabilities Association, the Mental Health Services Coalition, Project Interconnections, the Besser Foundation and Georgians for Choice. She is a member of the Midtown Atlanta Rotary Club.

Pat graduated from the University of Michigan, lived in Spain and India and taught Spanish before moving to Atlanta with her husband Jerry Gardner. They have two children.



Howard Grant

Howard Grant is the Executive Director with the Atlanta Board of Education. He has more than 14 years of hands-on experience in governmental and non-profit management, project management and community and public affairs. Before working with the Atlanta Board of Education, Howard worked as a Community and Economic Development consultant with Jordan, Jones & Goulding, where he conducted economic analysis, policy research and analysis for multi-million dollar development projects. He also worked for the Atlanta Regional Commission as the Public Involvement and Environmental Justice Director from 1998-2001.

Howard's board affiliations include VSA Arts of Georgia, Atlanta Victims Witness Assistance Program, Fulton Atlanta Community Action Authority, Men in Action and the Environmental Justice Planning Team with the Atlanta Regional Commission.



Charles Green

Charles Green is President of Sunrise Bank of Atlanta. He earned a Finance degree from the University of Alabama, and has been involved with small business financing in banking, venture capital, and as principal of his own firm. He has authored two books on small business financing and in 2005 was named the "Financial Services Champion of the Year" by the Georgia District of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Charles also serves as Chairman of the Fulton County Arts Council and Georgia Resource Capital. Additionally, he is a director with the Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors, Hands-On Atlanta, Atlanta Dogwood Festival and recently completed Leadership Atlanta.

He resides in Midtown with his two children: Gordon, a junior at Johns Hopkins University, and Meredith, a sophomore at North Springs High School.



Lorraine Green

Lorraine Green was elected to the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in July 2004. Prior to that, she served on the Gwinnett County Planning Commission and the Water & Sewer Authority. She is also a director for the Peachtree Ridge Foundation and the Gwinnett Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Lorraine is an environmental engineer, acting as the President of her own engineering consulting firm. She is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, with a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering, and a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. She is a graduate of Leadership Gwinnett, class of 2003. She and her husband live in Lawrenceville with their two sons.



Matthew Grose

Matthew Grose is the Director of Real Estate for Brock Built where he handles acquisitions, entitlement, business development and public relations. He enjoys a 100 percent success rate for entitling eight projects over the last two years. Previously, Matthew worked for Executive Affiliates in Chicago, Ill., as a Program Manager for the development, construction and renovation of XSport Fitness health clubs in the Chicago area.

Matthew has a Bachelor of Science from the School of Architecture at Georgia Institute of Technology. He was raised in Marietta and lives there with his wife Erin and their two children. Grose is an active member of the Urban Land Institute, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church and the Georgia Tech Building Construction Alumni Board. He is the Chair of the Blandtown Neighborhood Association and is a member of the Executive Committee for NPU-D in the City of Atlanta.



Garry Guan

Garry Guan is President of A-A Languages, an Asian American Media Group. He acquired Asian American Publication in 1995, providing business directories and community resource guides for the burgeoning Asian-American population in Georgia. In the mean time, he embarked on a new career as freelance translator and interpreter. Later that same year, Garry founded AALS, now Asian American Media Group, offering a full range of multilingual and multimedia communication services in all languages to private businesses and government agencies around the world. AALS is now considered the premier single-source provider of culturally sensitive Asian-English translations and cross-cultural consulting.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in History and Archaeology from Beijing University, a Master's degree in Anthropology from Beijing's Central University of Nationalities, as well as Ph. D. work in Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. After completing the course work for a Ph.D. in Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh, Garry served as a Senior Archaeologist for numerous archaeological and environmental consulting firms prior to his founding of AALS.

Kwanza Hall

Kwanza Hall was elected to the Atlanta City Council in November 2005 from District 2, the city's most socio-economically and culturally-diverse district. Before his election to City Council, Kwanza served 3 years on the Atlanta Board of Education. An Atlanta native, he is an alumnus of Benjamin E. Mays High School and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Kwanza is currently the Director of Business Development for MACTEC Engineering and Consulting. Before joining MACTEC, he was Vice President of Technology for Ambassador Andrew Young's GoodWorks International. Among the boards on which he currently serves: Butler Street YMCA, Operation HOPE, the Historic District Development Corporation, the First Foundation for Childhood Literacy, AfterSchool All-Stars, Creating Pride, and Midtown Bank.

Kwanza lives in the Martin Luther King Jr. Historic District with his wife, Natalie, and two sons.

Mark Hancock

Mark Hancock is the Executive Vice President of Piedmont Bank of Georgia. Mr. Hancock has more than twenty years of experience in banking with an emphasis on construction lending. He joined Piedmont Bank in 2001. Early in his career, Mr. Hancock worked in loan servicing and construction lending for Home Banc, FSB. He later held positions in construction lending at Metro Bank and at BancMortgage Financial Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Habersham Bancorp, Inc. Most recently, Mr. Hancock was executive vice president of Century South Banks, Inc., where he founded and led the construction loan division



Joy Hawkins

Joy Hawkins is Vice President for Regional Education at the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Prior to this position, Hawkins served as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Policy Advisory for Gov. Sonny Perdue, Project Coordinator for Georgia Protective Order Registry Pilot Project, Senate Legislative Aide for several state senators and Director of the Senate Research Office at the Georgia General Assembly.

Joy is a member of the Georgia Child Support Commission and of the Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement's Coordinating Board. She is a recipient of the 2003 Outstanding Service Award from the Georgia Association of Tax Officials and the 2005 Gender Justice Award from the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

She received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Georgia State University and she is a graduate of Georgia State College of Law. Joy became a certified mediator during second year of law school and mediated primarily on a voluntary basis for Justice Center of Atlanta and Fulton County Superior Court.





Glenn Hicks

Glenn Hicks is the Vice President/CFO of The Columns Group, Inc. in Alpharetta.



Robert Horgan

Robert Horgan is the Post 1 Commissioner for Fayette County. He is a native of south Florida, but has resided in Fayette County since 1977 and attended Fayette County's public schools. Robert has worked for several first-class aviation companies, holding top-level positions within the departments he served and later put his business skills to use in opening "Mr. Transmission" franchises in Jonesboro and Fayetteville.

Robert and his wife, Sandi, live near Fayetteville with their two children. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Partners in Education and the Peachtree City Rotary Club.

Larry Johnson

Larry Johnson was first elected as the District 3 Commissioner on the DeKalb County Commission in November 2002. As a commissioner, Larry works diligently to perform the duties and responsibilities of the office as well as takes the opportunity to make a difference in the quality of life for the residents of DeKalb. Initiatives he's worked on include "Tree of Love," an annual event that provides Christmas gifts to children who may not have parents in a position to provide for them; "DeKalb Walks, Walk for the Health of It," which focuses residents on improving their health; and the Prescription Discount Drug Card program.



In 1998, Larry received an Outstanding Young Man of America award, an honor shared with President Bill Clinton, Al Gore, Christopher Reeves, Arthur Ashe and Edward Kennedy. In 2000, the DeKalb NAACP awarded him the Thurgood Marshall Social Justice Award. In 2001, the South DeKalb Mall Community Pride Day committee named him an "UnSung Hero."

Larry graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor's degree in Community Health and later earned a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Northern Colorado. He is a member of the Body of Christ Christian Church and is married with one daughter.

Mark Johnson

Mark Johnson is the Director of Advocacy at the Shepherd Center where he identifies and researches disability rights issues, educates the staff and community on these issues, organizes local self-help networks to work on these issues and acts as a local liaison and resource with national groups who are working on these and related issues. Prior this position, Mark was an Independent Living (IL) Specialist with the Colorado Division of Rehabilitation, where he planned, developed, budgeted, implemented, managed and evaluated a statewide IL program.



Mark is involved in the community, serving on the board of the Healthcare Georgia Foundation. He previously served on the boards of the Disability Law & Policy Center, the Easy Living Home Coalition, the Unlock the Waiting Lists, the Let's Get Together, and the Fund for Southern Communities. He is also a founder of the American Disabled for Accessible Public Transportation/American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today.

Mark earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Maggie Joslin



Maggie Joslin is a partner with McKenna Long & Aldridge, LLP in its Atlanta office. She has practiced primarily in the field of municipal finance since 1979 and has handled transactions involving nearly every publicly marketed tax-exempt structure utilized in the past two decades. She is a frequent presenter on municipal finance topics, including those dealing with tax allocation district financings, affordable housing financings and municipal derivative products, and has served on the Steering Committee for the National Association of Bond Lawyers.

Maggie is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Regional Atlanta Civic League, an organization established to engage citizens of metropolitan Atlanta in regional solutions to regional issues.

She graduated magna cum laude from Michigan State University and received her law degree with honors from Notre Dame University School of Law.

John Kelley



John Kelley is Manager of External Affairs for Georgia Power's Atlanta Region where he manages and develops external strategies. In addition, he manages and provides work direction to the regions external team. He has built and maintains strong professional and personal relationships with elected officials, statewide leaders, the Georgia Public Service Commission, and leaderships of both local and national organizations.

His positions held with Georgia Power include Manager of Skills Training, Region Comptroller, Senior Urban Advisor and Senior Regulatory Advisor. John is past chairman of the Committee for a Better Atlanta and recently served as chairman of the South DeKalb Business Incubator. He is also the current chair of the Atlanta Business League and an active Board Member of the Buckhead Business Association.

A native of Augusta, he earned his B.B.A. from Savannah State University and his M.P.A. from Georgia Southern University. John and his wife, Michelle, reside in Peachtree City.

Ross King



Ross King is the Deputy Director for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, where he plays a leadership role in creating and supporting the services available to the association's members. Through his fundraising and public speaking efforts, he is responsible for generating new program and project opportunities for the association. Prior to joining ACCG in 1987, Ross served for three years as the first state program coordinator for the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA).

He currently serves as Chairman of the Chattahoochee Hills Country Conservancy Board of Directors, a four-county land use initiative located in the south metro Atlanta. He also serves as Vice-Chair for the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL) and board member for the Southeast Watershed Roundtable. He is also Vice-Chair for the Horsemen's Run Homeowners Association located in Fayette County, Georgia. Ross earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from High Point University in North Carolina and earned a Master of Public Administration degree at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Susan Lee



Susan Lee was appointed Director of Human Resources for Gwinnett County in January 2005. After graduating from Parkview High School and receiving a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Georgia State University, Susan began working in the Compensation Section of Personnel (now Human Resources) and was promoted to Senior Human Resources Generalist and then to Human Resources Manager of HR Information Systems and Compensation in the mid-1990s.

During this time, Susan was an active member of the Georgia Local Government Personnel Association and the American Compensation Association and began graduate classes toward a Master's degree in Public Administration. Susan left county employment in 1998 to be a full-time mom and part-time human resources consultant, responsible for developing compensation and classification systems for local governments. In June 2004, Susan obtained certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources through the Society for Human Resources Management. She resides in Gwinnett County with her husband and two daughters.



Debbie Levine

Deborah Levine serves as Managing Director for Talent Development for AGL Resources. Her responsibilities include staffing, performance management, succession planning, and training and development. Prior to joining AGL Resources, she was with Cingular Wireless for 11 years where she focused on leadership development. Debbie has more than 20 years experience in the human resources field in industries ranging from insurance to consumer products to manufacturing. She holds a bachelor's degree in business from Cleveland State and has begun working on her Master's in Organizational Management.



Camille Russell Love

Camille Russell Love is the director of the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs where she directs the arts and culture programs for the city, manages the Atlanta Cyclorama, Gilbert House and Chastain Art Center facilities, oversees the facility contracts for Chastain Park Amphitheatre, Hi-Fi Buys Amphitheater and the Trolley Barn, and produces the annual Atlanta Jazz Festival. In 1992, she became founder and president of For the Love of Art, a consultant practice that provided educational, fundraising, and public relations services for the visual and performing arts. In 1993, while presiding over For the Love of Art, she founded and became director of the Camille Love Gallery. The Gallery represented primarily African American artists to commercial and residential clients. During the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, she served on the advisory committee for the Cultural Olympiad.

Camille is a board member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund, National Black Arts Festival, United States Urban Arts Federation and APEX Museum. In 2006, she was honored during the Women in Atlanta City Government celebration as Woman of the Year in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Camille earned a BA in psychology from Wake Forest University and attended Duke University Law School. She is a mother of three and a grandmother of two.



Mark Mathews

Mark Mathews is Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Kennesaw. Mark got involved in Kennesaw in 1987 when he became president of the Kennesaw Springs HOA. He served as president until elected to the City Council in 1996. He served on the initial board of the Kennesaw Downtown Development Authority as well as the Kennesaw Development Authority, both established in 1993. Mark serves as the liaison on the Kennesaw Development Authority Council, the Information Technology Department Council and the Alternate Council to Finance & Administration Department.

Mathews grew up in Kennesaw and attended Due West Elementary, Awtrey Middle and North Cobb High schools. Mark is an active member of Kennesaw United Methodist Church where he married his wife, Betsy, 20 years ago. They reside in Legacy Park with their two children. Mark and his wife are the owners of Mathews Carpet Company located in Marietta. Mark is a member of Pinetree Country Club where he enjoys socializing and the occasional round of golf.



Jackie McMorris

In May 2002, Jackie and her family relocated to Cherokee County. In 2003, she was hired by the County Manager as the Community Relations Coordinator. Within six months, Jackie was promoted to Agency Director for Community Services and assumed additional responsibilities, including managing the county's rural transportation and van pool programs, the HOME Rehabilitation program for seniors, serving as the liaison for senior services, recycling, parks and recreation, voter registration, extension service and the tax assessor's office.

Jackie serves on numerous boards and community organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce. A 2004 Leadership Cherokee graduate, she has participated in the Atlanta Regional Commission's Economic Development course, currently participates in the Carl Vinson Institute's Management Development Program and serves on the technical committee of the Transportation Planning Board. She attends First Baptist Church of Woodstock and enjoys traveling, reading and considers herself a life-long learner. Her son, Cody, is a sophomore attending college on baseball scholarship.



Georgina Melton

Georgina Melton is the Service Transaction Specialist with Wachovia Bank. With more than 10 years of banking experience, she started working for Banco del Atlantico in Mexico City, where she was born, as an Assistant Manager and was later the Regional Vice-President Assistant. Prior to joining Wachovia's Doraville Financial Center, she worked with SunTrust Bank and Washington Mutual Bank as an Assistant Manager.



Addison Meriwether

Addison Meriwether is an associate in the Atlanta office of Cushman & Wakefield (C&W), specializing in Tenant Representation. Addison's expertise includes assignments working with relocations, expansions, consolidations, dispositions and acquisitions. His knowledge of the real estate market has led to his participation in panel discussions and speaking engagements for business organizations including Central Atlanta Progress and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Prior to joining C&W, he spent three years with Insignia/ESG. Addison has also been a member of Atlanta Commercial Board of Realtors' Million Dollar Club since 2002.

He is a native of Atlanta and earned his BS degree in Business Management from Presbyterian College and is in the process of attaining his CCIM designation. Addison is a volunteer for Junior Achievement, teaching economics to middle school students. In addition, he has dedicated his time to both the Shepherd Center and the Woodruff Arts Center.



Roy Middlebrooks

Roy Middlebrooks was elected Chairman of the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners in November 2004 where he presides over commission meetings and serves as Chief Executive Officer of county government. He is a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission, serving on its Executive Committee, the Aging Services Committee and the Transportation & Air Quality Committee. He also serves on the Governor's 911 Advisory Committee, the region's Transit Planning Board and the Association County Commissioners of Georgia's Public Safety & Courts Policy Committee.

Roy is a lifelong resident of Rockdale County and is a 1965 graduate of Rockdale County High School. He served with the U.S. Army Military Police from 1966 to 1968. Following an Honorable discharge from the Army, he worked in residential construction. He joined the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office in 1974 and retired in 2004 as a captain.. He is also a charter member of the Georgia Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors and a member of the Georgia Peace Officers Association.

Roy and his wife, Vivian, have been married for more than 36 years and have one son and one granddaughter. They are members of the Philadelphia United Methodist Church in Conyers.



Jesse Patton

Jesse W. Patton is the Chief of Police for the Locust Grove Police Department, where he has worked for 18 years. Jesse started in law enforcement as a deputy sheriff in Tennessee in 1985. He has more than 500 hours of law enforcement training in Tennessee and more than 800 hours of training in Georgia. He holds a certificate of Management Development from the University of Georgia (Carl Vinson Institute of Government), an instructor's certification for Law Enforcement and teaches at local police academies and departments. He also serves as a director for the Flint Circuit Council on Family Violence, the Henry County Transportation Committee, Flint Circuit Drug Task Force, Georgia Internal Affairs Association and the Georgia Chief's of Police Association. He is president of the Locust Grove Recreation Association and is a member of Masonic Lodge #37 and Bethany Baptist Church, both in McDonough.



Robert Quigley

Robert Quigley was appointed Director of Communications for Cobb County in April 1999. He is responsible for overseeing the county's public relations efforts, the production of county publications, operations of Cobb County's television station, web sites and media relations. Robert assumed his position after serving as the first public information officer for the Cobb County Police Department. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of Georgia's Journalism School.

He is a member of the National Information Officer Association, Executive Committee of Atlanta Regional Military Affairs Council, member of the Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Cobb Honorary Commanders and Leadership Cobb.

Robert is a resident of Kennesaw, is married and has two children.



Sally Riker

Sally Riker directs Lowe Engineers' Marketing Department and oversees all aspects of Sales, Strategic Marketing & Business Development for the firm. Her background includes more than 10 years of experience in marketing for A/E firms. Sally sits on the board of Georgians for Better Transportation and is active in several other organizations. She also volunteers to help many of her clients and organizations, such as GDOT and Corps of Engineers, by participating on different committees, coordinating fundraising, as well as organizing conferences and events. Sally is a graduate of the University of Georgia and a native Californian. She resides in Atlanta with her husband Travis and golden-doodle puppy, Bella.



Steve Rolader

Steve Rolader began his career as an entry-level firefighter with Gwinnett County in 1976 and now serves as Chief. In addition to his firefighting credentials, he is a paramedic and graduate of Leadership Gwinnett. Steve has successfully completed The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Certified Emergency Manager Program. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Leadership and Business. Steve and his wife Valorie reside in Lilburn with their two sons.

Lisa Rossbacher

Lisa A. Rossbacher was named President of Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta in 1998. She earned her Ph.D. (Geological and Geophysical Sciences) at Princeton University, and has worked for the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, a geothermal exploration company and National Public Radio. She is the only woman geologist on record as becoming a university president in North America. Her bimonthly column has appeared in Geotimes magazine since 1988, and she has authored books on geology, science and the media.

Lisa's research focuses on the role of water and water ice on the planet Mars. In 1984, she was a finalist in NASA's astronaut selection process. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate and to the status of Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2001.



Lisa is active in the United Way and Marietta Kiwanis, and she is a board member of the Cobb and Georgia Chambers of Commerce. She was a member of the 2001 class of Leadership Atlanta and the 2001 inaugural class of the Diversity Leadership Academy of Atlanta. She received the 2006 "Glass Ceiling Award" from Cobb Executive Women, and she currently chairs the Cobb YMNCA Board of Directors and the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education.



Grady Smith

Grady Smith is Director of Transportation Planning for Jordan, Jones & Goulding and has more than 12 years of experience in transportation planning. He has an extensive public and private sector background, serving as project manager on numerous transportation planning studies. These efforts include a major capital investment study, transportation corridor studies, congestion management system planning, transit route developments studies, transit-friendly design standards manual, freight and goods movement studies and regional long-range transportation plans.

Grady's professional affiliations include the American Planning Association and the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials. He received a BA in Urban Studies from the University of South Florida in 1994.



Paula Sparks

Graduating from the University of South Carolina with a Criminal Justice Degree, Paula Sparks began work with the state of Georgia as a Child Protection Service Worker in Cherokee County. In 1984, she joined the Cobb County Police Department as a uniform officer. Throughout her 22 years with the department, Paula has served in uniform patrol, investigations, undercover and police administration. Rising through the ranks of supervision, to the current rank of Major, she commands the Crimes Against Persons Unit.

Paula has attended the FBI National Academy, EXCEL Executive Management Development program and a three-week course in Great Britain for International Crisis Negotiation Command. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Public Administration to be completed in 2007.



George Thompson

George E. Thompson, Vice President of Marketing, has been associated with Futren Corporation since December of 1993 and has held positions including Director of Marketing, Membership Director and club consultant. George is responsible for all sales and marketing related activities and programs for each club owned and/or managed by Futren Corporation, which includes the Georgian Club, the Ashford Club, Indian Hills Country Club and the Georgia Alliance of Private Clubs.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Commercial Recreation from the University of Colorado. He has continuously served the private club industry since 1977, holding positions as General Manager, Sales Manager, Marketing Director and Vice President for clubs in Colorado, Texas, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Active in the community, George currently is a director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cobb County and serves on the Advisory Board of Devereaux Georgia and the Membership Committee for the Regional Atlanta Civic League. In 2005, he graduated from Leadership Cobb and is now a member of the Leadership Cobb Alumni Association. Past affiliations include the Epilepsy Foundation, the Leukemia Society, Scottish Rite Childrens' Medical Center and the Friends of East Cobb Park.

Bill Villari

Bill Villari is President of US Premium Finance and has been in the banking and premium finance industry for 16 years. Prior to USPF, he was President of Florida Bank Insurance Funding in Jacksonville, Fla.

Prior to Florida Bank, he was the managing principal of Alliant Premium Finance Corporation, headquartered in West Palm Beach, Fla., and it was there that the model for a better premium finance delivery system for the retail agents was formed. Even then his focus was on superior customer service and enhanced industry-specific software. These tenets remain the foundation of US Premium Finance today.

Bill began his banking career in 1990 as a Corporate Associate with First Union National Bank in Charlotte, after competing on the World Professional Squash Association circuit for several years. His Corporate Associate position led to a Financial Analyst position at First Union Investment Banking. He later moved to New York City as a Financial Analyst for Stern Stewart and Co. Bill is a graduate of Trinity College in Connecticut with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.



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Bob Weatherford

Bob Weatherford is Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Acworth and is the Chair of the city's Public Safety Chair. He is active in local charities as co-founder of "Shop with a Hero," now in its 9th year. Bob was named "2004 Acworth Citizens of the Year" and is currently Vice President of the Cobb Municipal Association as well as Second Vice President of the Georgia Municipal Association. He is also a graduate of Leadership Cobb and Honorary Commanders program. Bob has a BA Degree in Math from Huntingdon College in Montgomery and spent most of his career in the high tech field with more than 20 years at Amdahl and STK Corporations in consulting and professional services sales. He now works for Professional Group Associates as project manager for an Architectural Design Build company specializing in high security commercial construction.

James Wilson



James Wilson became Superintendent of the Fulton County School System in February 2005 where he is responsible for the leadership, administration and management of more than 80,000 students, 88 schools, 10,000 employees and a \$790 million dollar budget. Prior to coming to Fulton County Schools, he served as Senior Vice President of the Facility Group, a management group for construction projects.

His professional organizations and memberships include the North and South Fulton Chambers of Commerce, Sen. Johnny Isakson's Education Committee, the American Association of School Administrators and the Georgia School Superintendents Association. He has previously participated in the Harvard Institute for Educational Leaders, the Harvard University Institute for New Superintendents and the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Training. Prior to his tenure in Fulton, James successfully coordinated SPLOST campaigns, organized a Leadership Academy and established system-wide budgets for several years. Notable speaking engagements include a National K-12 Summit Panel, an Economic Development presentation and panel, and a college commencement address.

Prior to coming to Fulton, James served in many leadership capacities with the Cobb County School System over a 30 year period. He and his wife, Libby, have two daughters and one son.

Marvin Woodward



Marvin Woodward was hired by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) as Director of Engineering and Projects in July 2002. Prior to that, he was employed by the Federal Highway Administration for 11 years, serving in the Georgia and New Jersey Division offices. He has more than 20 years experience in highway construction, project development and planning. He also worked for highway construction contractors and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Marvin is a graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.