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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - 2010

After a very successful IGEL Capital Campaign-2009, in spite of an increasingly tough economy, your IGEL Board is working on another successful year in 2010.

We will need your help to continue raising funds to keep our IGEL program growing and having an impact in all areas of our state, as well as the southeast region.

We will soon be contacting each IGEL Class with information for this year's campaign in order to increase financial support from our alumni. As we approach other individuals and organizations for donations to our ongoing Capital Campaign 2010, we must show that we have core support from our alumni.

IGEL CLASS 2010

The Board and Alumni of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL) are pleased to welcome thirty-four leaders from agriculture, forestry, business, education, environmental organizations, government, and civic groups who have been selected to participate in IGEL Class 2010

The 2010 class will join the ranks of 244 environmental leaders from across the state who have previously completed the program.

Participants selected for the 2010 IGEL Class are:

Townsend Bailey, Vice President, Damespointe
/Sustainable Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

Johnny Bemby, Veterinarian/Tree Farmer, Bemby
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Beth Bradley, Land Initiative Director, Association
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Community Development, The Home Depot
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Southwire Company, Lithia Springs, GA

Tricia Reynolds, Director of Planning and Government
Services, Coastal Regional Commission,
Brunswick, GA

Bob Rolader, President, Brent Holdings, LLC, Fayetteville,
GA

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Ron Shipman, Region Manager, Metro South, Georgia
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Jay Sum, Environmental Manager, Weyerhaeuser NR
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Savannah, GA

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Foundation, Atlanta, GA

Brian Wellington, Project Engineer, NewFields, LLC,
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IGEL SUMMIT – JANUARY 20

On January 20, 2010, Katie Kirkpatrick, Chair of the IGEL, Inc. Board, welcomed over 75 IGEL alumni, recent graduates of Class 2009 and incoming members of Class 2010 to the Southface Energy Institute for an afternoon of workshops and an evening reception. The event kicked off a new emphasis on connecting our growing alumni group and providing additional opportunities to experience the IGEL program.

The workshop focused on leadership development with programs such as Adaptive Leadership and Resolving Leadership Dilemmas and expanding environmental knowledge through an interactive Carbon Footprint game and an Energy Efficiency tour of Southface. Many thanks to our workshop leaders including Rob Williams, Steve Olson, Dennis Creech, Judy Adler, Marilyn Brown, Jason Rooks, Todd Edwards and Jill Johnson. In addition, thanks to the Fanning Institute of Georgia, an instrumental partner in IGEL's success, who assisted in the planning and coordination of the event with other summit sponsors: Southface; Stripling, Inc.; and, Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility, Georgia State University. **Mark your calendars for the second Summit which is planned for Wednesday, January 19, 2011.**

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ALUMNI NOTES

Howard (Howie) Frumkin, Class 1 (2002), has assumed a new role as the Special Assistant to the CDC Director for Climate Change and Health. In this position, he will advance CDC's work in the public health dimensions of climate change, an increasingly vital area for the agency. He can be contacted at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Hwy, MS F-61, Atlanta GA 30341-717. Phone: 770-488-0604, Email: haf6@cdc.gov



(l-r) Robert Head, III, Board Chair, Lamar Paris, Callie Moore, Executive Director

Lamar Paris, Class 7 (2008), is the recipient of the second annual Holman Water Quality Stewardship Award of the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition. The award was presented at a banquet on March 12 at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris, GA.

Lamar is in his third four-year term as Sole Commissioner of Union County and is set to take over the helm as president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia in April. Union County has the only locally managed sediment and erosion control program that is currently operating in the upper Hiwassee River watershed.

The Holman Award is named for Bill Holman, an eminent figure in the North Carolina environmental field and the Director of State Policy at the Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University.

Callie Moore, Class 8 (2009) is the Executive Director of the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition.

Ross King, Class 1 (2003), Deputy Director with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia, **Ken Stewart**, Class 5 (2006), Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, **Tim Lowe**, Class 7 (2008), President of Lowe Engineering, and

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Robert Farris, Class 7 (2008), Director, Georgia Forestry Commission, were listed as "100 Most Influential Georgians" in the January issue of Georgia Trend magazine.

Dennis Creech, Class 2 (2003), Executive Director, Southface Energy Institute, was included in the list of "Georgia's Notables" in the same issue of Georgia Trend.

Faye DiMassimo, Class 3 (2004), has accepted the position as Director for the Cobb County Department of Transportation. Faye can be reached at 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, Georgia 30008-4014. Phone: 770-528-1645, Email: Faye.DiMassimo@cobbcounty.org

Randy Waskul, Class 7 (2008), has a new role with Global Environmental. He can be contacted at P O Box 1793, Dalton GA 30722. Phone: 706-270-0445, Email: rwaskul@globalindserv.com

Martin Melaver, Class 4 (2005), and **Patty McIntosh**, Class 2 (2003), are excited to announce a new business.

A number of years ago, Ray Anderson, who was on the board of Melaver, Inc., challenged the firm's leadership to envision a new type of real estate company: "Wouldn't it be transformative," he said, "if we earned our living based on what we did not build." Transformative indeed.

In January 2010, IGEL alums Martin Melaver and Patty McIntosh founded a sustainable development-consulting firm, Melaver McIntosh, in order to realize this radically simple principle. Martin has devoted most of his professional life to sustainable development. Patty has a long background working in the public and non-profit sectors on transportation, community planning, growth management and resource protection. This fusion of public and private sector skills and experience was borne out of a sense that this was precisely

what the sustainability movement needs at the present time.

"Our overall purpose," Martin says, "is to integrate the various pieces of sustainability activity out there into a coherent whole, bridging what we see as several challenging divides: between public policy and private-sector activities; between planning and doing; between cutting-edge green strategies and the widespread acceptance of sustainability."

Melaver McIntosh focuses on sustainability planning, design and green building to revitalize urban-core communities. The firm takes on projects, both public and private, that help accelerate the adoption of bold strategies aimed at reducing overall resource consumption, creating green-collar jobs, enhancing mobility and shaping vibrant communities.

You can visit www.melaver-mcintosh.com to learn more about Martin and Patty's new venture. Or contact them directly at mmelaver@melaver-mcintosh.com or pmc@melaver-mcintosh.com. They'd love to hear from you!

Gordon Rogers, Class 5 (2006), Riverkeeper and Executive Director of the Flint Riverkeeper organization has been recognized as River Conservationist of the Year by the Georgia River Network.

Steve Singletary, Class 1 (2002), Singletary Farms, Blakely, and vice-chair of the state Soil and Water Conservation Commission, participated with a group of experts from around Georgia in a panel discussion convened by Georgia Trend to discuss concerns and solutions to the state's long-term water problems. The panel's comments were featured in a two-part article in the publication.

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Photos from the IGEL Summit – Southface



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