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## IGEL CLASS 2010

All IGELians! It's time for applications for next year's IGEL class. If you have someone you wish to nominate for Class 2010, please send their contact information to Sue (sue\_igel@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible. The application is active on the IGEL website: [www.igeleaders.org](http://www.igeleaders.org)

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2009

IGEL's Capital Campaign continues with increasing interest in our program through grants and monetary gifts from supporters. Our IGEL Board is working diligently to secure funding in a difficult economic climate with strong and ongoing support from our alumni, government, corporations, foundations and friends.

Our thanks to the following for donations received through September 15, 2009:

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## IGEL CLASS 2009

This year's IGEL Class (VIII) met for their second three-day session in the Albany area, July 22-24. They focused on an overview of South Georgia's natural resource-based economy, including agriculture, land use, forestry, water, energy and biofuel technology.

The 2009 Class is meeting again in their third session September 16-18 at Sapelo Island in Coastal Georgia, and will complete their year November 4-6 in Dawsonville, North Georgia area.



*Mark Melvin, Conservation Educator, Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center, discusses the use and value of prescribed fire with IGEL Class VIII participants*

## ALUMNI NOTES

**Jim Stokes**, Class II, is President of Sustainable Solutions Georgia which engages in high impact projects in the areas of energy, water, land conservation and transportation. Their most important project to date is lobbying the US Congress to include virtually all of Georgia's forests as renewable sources of energy for purposes of the renewable fuel

standard (RFS) in the 2007 Energy Act and of the renewable electricity standard (RES) which will be in this year's energy and climate legislation. They have accomplished their goal in the House and now are working in the Senate. They will soon have a website: [sustainable-solutions-ga.com](http://sustainable-solutions-ga.com)

**Adam Saslow**, Class IV, is now at Plexus Logistics International as the Vice President – Sustainability Programs. Plexus Logistics International is a subsidiary of Plexus Scientific Corporation, <http://www.plexsci.com>. Adam is located at Two Midtown Plaza, 1349 West Peachtree Street, Suite 2000, Atlanta, GA 30309. His phone number is: 404-969-0747.

**Helen Tapp** (Class II) was one of a panel of six participating in *Georgia Trend's* first GreenRoom Summit which focused on solutions for issues in conservation, sustainability and environmental responsibility. The complete article can be found in the July issue or on the *Georgia Trend* website: [http://www.georgiatrend.com/features/environment/07\\_09\\_greenspace.shtml](http://www.georgiatrend.com/features/environment/07_09_greenspace.shtml)

**Marcia Bansley**, Class VI, who is Executive Director of Trees Atlanta, is pleased that Trees Atlanta's new headquarters received LEED Platinum recognition. The headquarters is home to all of tree planting and volunteering activities and was built to be a demonstration site for innovative ways to plant trees on an urban lot and also demonstrate sustainable building practices and serve as a gathering place for community groups. Marcia can be reached by phone at: 404-681-4905.

**Gordon Rogers**, (Class V), will become the Riverkeeper and Executive Director of Flint Riverkeeper effective November 1, 2009. The Flint Riverkeeper organization was begun in 2008. In 2009, *American Rivers* listed the Flint as the second most endangered river in the country. **Charles Stripling** (Class VI) is a member of the Flint Riverkeeper board of directors

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The Center for Ethics and Corporate Responsibility at Georgia State University held an Executive Breakfast Forum entitled "Big Sky, Small Place, Tiny Footprint: Constructing a Restorative Model for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". The Center's Executive Breakfast Forum series has leaders gather to discuss ethical issues in business and professional life. The meetings are attended by representatives of major corporations, professional firms, the judiciary, institutions of higher education and other fields.

The program on May 20 featured **Martin Melaver**, CEO of Melaver Inc., and a graduate of IGEL's Class IV. He is the author of the newly published book *Living Above the Store: Building a Business that Creates Value, Inspires Change, and Restores Land and Community*. Speaking at The Capital City Club in downtown Atlanta, he shared management principles and practices for running an environmentally sustainable business.

**Todd Holbrook**, Class VI, has recently been named Deputy Commissioner – Operations for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. He's located in the GA DNR's offices in Atlanta.

A number of IGELians, both alumni and current class participants, were part of the recent LINK trip, a program sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission. For the past 14 years, Atlanta region representatives have visited other major cities to meet with counterparts in those cities. This spring the group traveled to Minneapolis and St. Paul in Minnesota. IGELians in this year's group were: **Pat Corleto** (Class IV), **Dennis Creech** (Class II), **Gerri Dickerson** (Class V), **Faye DiMassimo** (Class III), **Ed Ellis** (Class I), **Kevin Green** (Class II), **David Hankerson** (Class II), **Jane Hayse** (Class 2009), **Doug Hooker** (Class II), **Tim Lowe** (Class VII), **Stacy Patton** (Class II), **Jim Stokes** (Class II) and **Helen Tapp** (Class II).

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*Pictured L-R: Rob Williams, IGEL Facilitator; Katie Kirkpatrick, IGEL Chair; Martin Melaver, IGEL Alumnus and Author; and Steve Olson, IGEL Facilitator*

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