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IGELIANS - SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 20th (5:30pm - 7:30pm) at Southface in Atlanta.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of IGEL, you are cordially invited to an IGEL alumni cocktail/networking mixer reception celebrating the Class of 2009 and introducing the Class of 2010.

In addition, for those interested, there will be three concurrent workshops beginning at 2:30pm on that date and in the same location on current topics of interest to environmental leaders, ending at 5:00pm.

We look forward to having you join us. Please look for additional event and registration information in early January.

IGEL CLASS 2009

The IGEL alumni network has grown by thirty with the graduation of Class 2009 ending their fourth class session in the Dahlonega/Dawsonville area.

Their session contained an overview of north Georgia's ecological environment, discussing impacts of development both from in-migration and metro Atlanta sprawl. They explored the Etowah River biodiversity, habitat conservation plan and green development alternatives in local communities.

Topics covered included: 1) the "business case for the environment"; including sustainability, innovation and minimizing environmental impact for both large and small businesses; 2) local and global challenges for energy, climate change and carbon mitigation; and 3) leadership and the "competing values" framework for managing change.

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In addition to facilitators **Rob Williams** and **Steve Olson**, other presenters were Marilyn Brown, **Randy Waskul**, Class 7 (2008), **Mike Berg**, Class 6 (2007), George David, Ron Baisden, David Johnston and Larry Long. Handling logistics facilitation for the class session was **Kate Smith**. *Class Photo – Page #*

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ALUMNI NOTES



Spud Woodward enjoying Georgia coastal fishing

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2009

IGEL's Capital Campaign continues with our Board members working diligently to raise funds and we hope to end 2009 on a strong note with gifts from our IGEL alumni and organizations. Each of you will soon receive an e-letter reflecting on IGEL progress in 2009 and inviting you to participate with an end-of-year gift for IGEL

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

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The Georgia Department of Natural Resources has appointed **A.G. "Spud" Woodward**, IGEL Class 5 (2007) director of the DNR Coastal Resources Division effective Dec. 1. The Coastal Resources Division of Georgia DNR manages Georgia's coastal marshes, beaches, waters and fisheries.

The DNR board adopted the recommendation of Commissioner Chris Clark in approving Woodward as the replacement for **Susan Shipman**, IGEL Class III (2004-2005), who served as director for seven years and will retire Nov. 30 after 31 years with the DNR. Clark praised Shipman for Coastal Resources's progress under her leadership and recommended Woodward to the board.

A 25-year veteran of the department, who lives in Brunswick with his wife, Chris, who is editor of Sport Fishing magazine, Woodward has served as assistant director for Marine Fisheries since 2002. In that position, he supervises the daily operations of a 35-person workforce and administers an annual \$3 million budget, the DNR said. He also serves as Georgia's Administrative Commissioner on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, chairs the

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Coordinating Council of the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership.

He also serves on the board of directors of the Golden Isles Kingfish Classic and coordinates the annual Golden Isles Family Fishing Festival. An avid outdoorsman, traveler and writer, Woodward has contributed more than 200 articles to both professional and popular publications.

Woodward received a bachelor's degree in aquatic biology from Augusta College and a master's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from the University of Tennessee. He is a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed vessel captain, a certified peace officer and certified fisheries professional. His daughter, Sally, is a freshman at Georgia Southern University.

Steve Gooch, IGEL Class 4 participant (2005-2006), and former county commission chairman from North Georgia has been elected to represent the 9th Congressional District on the State Transportation Board. Steve, of Dahlonega, GA, was chosen on the second ballot by state lawmakers from the 9th District, which runs from Hall and Forsyth counties north and west across northwestern Georgia.

Steve defeated two other candidates to succeed former board member Steve Farrow of Dalton, GA, who resigned in August.

He served two terms on the Lumpkin County Commission, as the sole commissioner from 2001-2004 and as chairman of an expanded five-member commission from 2005 until the end of last year. Before that, he served with the Lumpkin Chamber of Commerce and on the county's water and sewer authority.

Katie Kirkpatrick, Class 6 (2007) is a member of Gov. Sonny Perdue's water task force.

Tim Lowe, III, Class 7 (2008), and his business, Lowe Engineers, LLC, were featured in an article in Georgia Trend's November issue. He is currently co-chairing the water task force created by Gov. Sonny Perdue.

Marci Reed, Class 4 (2005-2006) has accepted the position as Executive Director for the American Institute of Architects, Georgia Association, based in Atlanta. Marci can be contacted by email at: mreed@aiaga.org

Jim Durrett, Class 1 (2002-2003), is now with the Buckhead Community Improvement District serving as the Executive Director. Jim is located at 3340 Peachtree Road, NE, 100 Tower Place, Suite 1640, Atlanta, GA 30326. Email for Jim is: jdurrett@buckheadcid.com

Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful (KADB) with Executive Director, **Judy Bowles**, Class 1 (2002-2003), has been recognized as the third best association of its kind in the entire nation for 2009. Judy accepted the award on behalf of KADB at the annual meeting of the associations in Washington, DC. KADB had 79,435 people throughout the Albany-Dougherty area participating in some type of program in 2009.

Barbara Gallo, Class 6 (2007), has accepted the position of Partner with Krevolin and Horst, LLC. Barbara specializes in environmental law with the firm based in Atlanta. She can be contacted by email: gallo@khlawfirm.com

Shana Udvardy, Class 7 (2008) has accepted a position as the Director of Floodplain Management Policy under the River Restoration Program with American Rivers in Washington, DC. She will begin her position with American Rivers on January 25.

She can be contacted as follows: cell phone (404) 275-9818 or email at sudvardy@americanrivers.org (after January 25) or sudvardy@gmail.com.

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Denise Grabowski, Class 3 (2004-2005) with Lott & Barber, Savannah, is one of Georgia's "Best and Brightest" being included in the October issue of Georgia Trend magazine's list of Forty under Forty.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The National Wildlife Federation is recruiting for a Regional Executive Director for the Southeast Regional Center in Atlanta. If interested, please contact Helena Santillan at santillanh@nwf.org.

The position can also be found on NWF's Career Gateway at:
<https://secure.nwf.org/careergateway/index.cfm?fuseAction=view&positionID=10>

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