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IGEL CLASS 2012 APPLICATION

The application for IGEL's Class 2012 will be active on the IGEL web site beginning September 12th. (www.igeleaders.org) If you have anyone who is interested in the IGEL program, please ask them to complete the application. In addition, please send their contact information to Sue (sue_igel@bellsouth.net).

IGELIANS REMEMBER RAY ANDERSON

Ray Anderson, who passed away at the age of 77 on August 8, has already been the subject of so much eulogizing, that it seems a bit like greening a shamrock to add to the cascade of words.

Nevertheless . . . Ray never attended IGEL. He never, oddly enough, addressed the group. And yet Ray epitomized the very best of what IGEL aspires to.



Ray Anderson (1934 – 2011)

Ray used to say, quite frequently, that the role of leaders in the sustainability movement or in environmental advocacy (he did

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not make a distinction between these two) was to “connect the dots.” That was Ray’s shorthand: for connecting people across multiple disciplines, connecting disciplines across a community or business venture, connecting communities and businesses across a country, connecting countries across planetary stewardship. Connect the dots. One of Ray’s many legacies. One IGEL is certainly well poised to carry forward. - **Martin Melaver** (Class 4)

Ray was always centered on the Earth’s future, which is not easy in any field of endeavor these days. I can honestly say that not a week goes by that I don’t think of something he said or wrote or some action he took that offers hope and direction. Even with his long list of tangible successes, perhaps this influence on so many of us is his greatest legacy. - **Susan Kidd** (Class 1)

ALUMNI FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN 2011

The IGEL Board has a Resource Development Committee in place which is leading the effort for increased IGEL alumni participation in our annual fundraising efforts. The committee, chaired by **Marci Reed** (Class 4) with fellow members: **Colin Coyne** (Class 5); **Dan Davis** (Class 6); **Barbara Gallo** (Class 6); **Dionne Hoskins** (Class 5); **Ronny Just**, (Class 4); **Katie Kirkpatrick** (Class 6) and

Bob Rolader, Class 2010, has organized a class-by-class alumni campaign in an effort to achieve 100% giving by IGEL alumni.

Volunteer class “Champions” are in the process of contacting alumni through individual letters asking for support of IGEL. Class Champions are: **Lindsay Thomas** (Class 1), **Kevin Green** (Class 2), **Stacia Hendricks** (Class 3), **Jamie Henderson** (Class 4), **Gordon Rogers** (Class 5), **Todd Edwards** (Class 6), **Harold Reheis** (Class 7), **Ira Pearl** and **Rick Gardner** (Class 2009) and **Greg Jones** (Class 2010).

When your class champion contacts you, please consider a generous financial gift to IGEL for our ongoing, outstanding program as we are about to enter our second decade of IGEL classes.

6th ANNUAL GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

In late August, Savannah played host to the 6th Annual Georgia Environmental Conference with a strong showing by IGELians. The conference attracts over 500 environmental professionals seeking to exchange knowledge and share ideas around environmental concerns in Georgia. Many IGEL alumni and current class members were featured as experts during the educational courses attended by the conference participants. The IGEL

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program received public recognition from the keynote panel, which included IGEL alums **Katie Kirkpatrick** (Class 6), **Todd Edwards** (Class 6), and 2011 class member, **Will Wingate**. The panel was moderated by **Jim Stokes** (Class 2) who was also instrumental in founding the IGEL program. IGEL was credited with developing environmental leaders through education and personal relationships which has allowed for dialogue and consensus on notable issues such as the Water Stewardship Act of 2010. IGELians were asked to stand and be recognized, and attendees were encouraged to learn more about the program ([click here for IGEL Pamphlet](#)).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Barbara Gallo (Class 6) has been elected as Vice Chair of the IGEL Board. **Charles Stripling** (Class 6) remains on the IGEL Board, but had to relinquish the Vice Chair duties because of competing obligations. Barbara is a partner in the law firm of Krevolin & Horst, LLC, in Atlanta.

The IGEL Board's summer meeting was held July 27 in the offices of Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton, LLP, Atlanta. **Susan Richardson** hosted the meeting.

The Board is currently planning for the selection of Class 2012 participants, the IGEL Summit scheduled for January 19, 2012 in Atlanta, and the launch of new corporate and alumni fundraising campaigns.

Dennis Creech (Class 2) and **Dorothy McDaniel** (Class 2009) have been elected to the Board. Dennis is a co-founder and executive director of Southface, a non-profit organization that addresses the need in Georgia, the Southeast and beyond for research and education in energy policy, sustainable technologies and applied building science.

Dorothy is the executive director of Trees Columbus, Inc. which not only plants, preserves and protects Columbus' tree canopy, but also advocates for the city's environment, working with local government, businesses and citizens to create and maintain a lively and livable community.

The Board has accepted the resignations of **Mike Berg** (Class 6) and **LuAnn Craighton** (Class 5).

IGEL Board meetings are scheduled as follows through next April:
Thursday, October 20, 2011 - Macon
Thursday, January 19, 2012 - Atlanta
Thursday, April 19, 2012 - Location TBD

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IGEL CLASS 2011

The thirty participants of Class 2011 met for their second session July 13-15 in Albany. A number of class members experienced a pre-session canoe trip down the Flint River with **Gordon Rogers** (Class 5) leading the group.



Class 2011 floating the Flint River during a pre-session outing

The Albany session focused on South Georgia's natural resource-based economy, with an emphasis on the relationship to metro-Atlanta. Elements of the session included agriculture, land use, forestry, water, and energy and biofuel technology.



Tour of Stripling Irrigation Research Park

The Albany session was designed to enhance participants' understanding of the role of local, state and federal government

sectors in environmental problem solving. *Photos courtesy of Molly Nuttall, GSU*

ALUMNI NOTES

Bret Danilowicz (Class 2010), Dean of Paulson College of Science and Technology at Georgia Southern University, would like fellow IGEL alums to be aware of a new Sustainability Adviser Certificate program being offered. It is an 8-week (online) interactive course to assist individuals or companies in making their businesses more environmentally sustainable.

You can register online:

<http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/sustainabilityprogram.html> or by

phone: 912.478.5551 or toll free 1.855.478.5551.

For additional information call or email Judy Hendrix-Poole, Georgia Southern University, phone: 912.478.5993 or email: jhendrix@georgiasouthern.edu

Georgia and IGEL lost a treasured environmental leader in the passing of **Dr. Marlin Gottschalk**. A member of IGEL Class 3, Marlin was an ecologist who spent much of his career at Georgia EPD, leading programs that involved land use, energy use, environmental policy and transportation planning. Most recently, he led DNR's Sustainability Division, which focuses on

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resource conservation and waste-reduction. He was a friend and mentor to many who worked to improve Georgia's environment, and his absence will be felt profoundly.

A number of IGEL alumni and friends commented:

"I am deeply saddened by the loss of Marlin -- he was a great mentor and friend with a robust laugh! I believe he touched so many in a quiet trustful manner and firmly believed in IGEL's mission." - **Katie Kirkpatrick** (Class 6)

"He was always looking to spark creativity and innovation with those he came in contact with and was a foremost expert on air quality in the state of Georgia." - **Kevin Green** (Class 2)

"Marlin Gottschalk's professional accomplishments are well-chronicled. Yet beyond a professional, Marlin was also a Good Man. Actually, Marlin was a GREAT Man. During the last dozen or so years, I found the richness in him to emanate from his core values. The life-lessons he shared will stay with me for all of my days... and be passed down through the generations in my family. Most notable was the importance of "ritual." For example, he regularly spoke of his annual visits to Edisto. These vacations were part of the family fabric in his life – and became

experiences that brought those he loved together year after year in ALL stages of their lives – good times and bad.

Today... I hear his words and feel his laughter in my heart. As I cross the bridge over to Hilton Head Island for the sixteenth annual vacation later this summer... Marlin Gottschalk will be with me." – **Adam Saslow** (Class 4)

Atlanta's Tree Lady, **Marcia Bansley**, (IGEL Class 6) recently retired as Executive Director of Trees Atlanta. Marcia was especially recognized for her position of the past 26 years as Atlanta's "Tree Lady", an unlikely urban forester with world credentials. Planning ahead in her career, she plans to undertake the formal study of architecture and the development of her growing, but largely invisible, practice as an international non-profit consultant and "Appleseed" advocate to the world. She will also continue to be involved with Trees Atlanta as an advocate and fundraiser. During her tenure with Trees Atlanta, they built a LEED Platinum headquarters building, planted and cared for over 81,000 trees and the organization raised over \$9 million for planting trees in the urban core of Atlanta.

Denise Grabowski, AICP, LEED AP (Class 3) has established a new company, Symbioscity, offering services in urban planning and design,

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community involvement, and consensus building. With over 15 years of experience, Denise launched Symbioscity as a reflection of her own personal and professional interests in the relationships between the built and natural environments.

www.symbioscity.com

The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's governing board recently elected Mayor Boyd Austin of Dallas as its new chairman. Citizen member **Katie Kirkpatrick** (Class 6 and Past Chair of IGEL, Inc.) was elected vice chair. Both will serve three-year terms.

Katie has served as vice president of environmental policy for the Metro Atlanta Chamber since 2007. In that capacity she oversees the chamber's work on water, air and quality growth issues, playing a key role in bringing the region's environmental stakeholders together to find long-term solutions to pressing sustainability issues.

Prior to joining the Chamber, she served in various positions at GoldKist Inc., where she designed wastewater treatment and air quality control systems, oversaw environmental compliance and site remediation, worked with regulators and media and advised the company's board and chief executives. A 2008 graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute, she is a

former chairman of the Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition and the National Chicken Council's environmental committee.

Helen Tapp (Class 2) has retired from her position with the Trust for Public Land, effective August 3rd. Helen can be reached at: hptapp@gmail.com or 404-909-1089.

Kevin Green (Class 2 and former IGEL, Inc. Board Chair) has recently accepted the position of President and CEO of the Midtown Alliance, Atlanta.

Kevin graduated from Emory University with a law degree and practiced law for 11 years. He then became vice president of environmental Affairs for the Metro Atlanta Chamber, where he advanced regional policy initiatives for water resources, air quality and sustainable development, and had recently been executive director of the Clean Air Campaign.

The Midtown Alliance has been credited with revitalizing the corridor along the Peachtree spine into an area that's become a major office market, the city's leading arts and cultural district, a new campus for Georgia Tech, an upscale retail corridor and a revived residential neighborhood with hundreds of new high-rise condominiums and apartments.

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Phil Foil (Class 2009) is now the Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Atlanta. Prior to assuming his position with the GA DCA, he led the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority as Executive Director.

Adam Saslow, IGEL board and Class 4 member is now an “Affiliate” of RESOLVE. He will be a Senior Mediator in the nationally renowned, dispute resolution not-for profit organization. Adam can now be reached at asaslow@resolv.org.

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