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NEWSLETTER

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2026 CHAPTER MOTTO

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MESSAGE FROM CHAPTER PRESIDENT KYLE BAXTER, CCM

Dear Georgia Chapter Members,

As my term as President ends, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredibly rewarding and memorable year. Serving this Chapter and representing such an exceptional group of club management professionals has truly been one of the greatest honors of my professional career. I am humbled by the opportunity to have served as your President and deeply grateful for the friendships, collaboration, and support that have made this experience so meaningful.

Among the many highlights of this past year, several accomplishments stand out. We experienced outstanding participation in our educational programming, we hosted the largest Peach Classic in Chapter history, we collaborated with the Volunteer and Alabama Chapters to bring back the SEC Conference for the first time in five years, and we are about to welcome the National Student Chapter this week!

I am particularly proud that our Chapter has become an exceptionally strong financially, a testament to thoughtful leadership, responsible stewardship, and the collective commitment of those who have dedicated their time and talents to our success.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the dedication and leadership of our Board of Directors. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to every Board member who has served alongside me through the years. Your commitment, thoughtful perspectives, and willingness to volunteer your time have been instrumental in moving our Chapter forward.

I would like to recognize Board Members whose terms have ended. Thank you to Brent D'Amelio and Samantha Zabel for your contributions over the past year. I would also like to recognize Andrew Orbison, Susan Schenkel, and Calvin Bolling for their years of Board service and dedication. Each has made a lasting impact that has helped shape our future.Our goals of course could not be accomplished without the leadership of Managing Director Allegra Johnson, who does a phenomenal job keeping the chapter operating at the highest level.

As we are preparing to welcome and install our new Board of Directors at this year's Installation Dinner, I am especially excited to pass the torch to Amber Read. Amber along with officers Jeff Campione and John Ofecio bring tremendous vision, creativity, and a genuine passion for our profession. I am confident that their leadership will continue to elevate the Georgia Chapter, introduce new opportunities for engagement, and build upon the momentum we have established. I look forward to supporting Amber and the incoming Officers and Directors as they guide our Chapter into its next chapter of success.

As I conclude my presidency, I would also like to encourage each of you to consider becoming more involved through service on one of our Chapter committees. Our committees are truly the foundation of this organization. They are where ideas are developed, relationships are strengthened, and the future of our Chapter takes shape. Whether you are a seasoned club executive or just beginning your career, your involvement matters, and I can assure you that the relationships and experiences gained through service are invaluable.

It has been an honor to serve as your President, and I look forward to remaining actively involved in the Chapter that has given so much to me, both personally and professionally.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Kyle Baxter, CCM
President, Georgia Chapter of CMAA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: NOVEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS
REGISTER HERE

NOVEMBER

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INSTALLATION DINNER
PIEDMONT DRIVING CLUB



THE EPICUREAN, 1117 W PEACHTREE ST NW, ATLANTA, GA 30309 , HAS PROVIDED A RESERVATION LINK BELOW FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO STAY

RESERVE A ROOM AT THE EPICUREAN

WELCOME TO THE CHAPTER!



Pantelis Korovilas
General Manager
Champions Retreat

1. **Where were you born?**
   a. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
2. **What is your favorite season and why?**
   a. Fall - after a nice warm weather, I enjoy wearing warmer clothes, the changing of tree colors and getting for the Christmas holiday season shortly after.
3. **Name your favorite TV show when you were a child and why?**
   a. MacGyver - He could always find an answer to a problem and could handle any kind of stress.

Malissa Staten
Valdosta Country Club



1. **Where were you born?**
   a. I was born in Hahira, GA. I spent years of my childhood in Tampa, FL which I consider my second home.
2. **What is your favorite comfort food and why?**
   a. My comfort food is macaroni & cheese, but not the older Southern style; I prefer the cheesy out-of-the-box or slow cooker style. For me, this is one of the first things I learned how to cook on my own, making it personal with how I liked it.
3. **Who is your mentor and why?**
   a. Mrs. Ann Croft, the Controller for Valdosta Country Club, hired me to work alongside her and Mrs. Beth Moore in November 2006. Mrs. Ann was intelligent, funny, shared personal experiences about her life, and was always encouraging. When she decided to retire after 25 years at VCC, she trained me to take over her position. She allowed me to integrate her techniques and skills, which were mostly on paper, into computer software. She valued my ideas and made me feel confident in my work and in myself. She passed away in 2024 and I am grateful to have had her as my friend and mentor.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING... THE SEASON OF GIVING!

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Dear Members,

We are reaching out early this year to begin collecting pledges for the Club Foundation Giving Day on December 1. We are asking each of you to consider pledging $25 to help support this fundraising effort. All funds raised will go toward scholarships for CMAA members.

If you would email me directly and give pledge amount, I will keep up with who will donate and the amount.
jeffcampione@sunsethillscc.com

I will send an email the week before to remind you. I will also send an email that morning with the link to donate. All donations for us to win as a chapter have to happen that day, Dec. 1.

We would really appreciate you all helping with this effort.

Thank you in advance.
Jeff Campione CCM CCE
General Manager/COO
Sunset Hills Country Club
Director, Ga Chapter Board

CMAA DUES ARE DUE!

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Have your chapter dues been paid?

Check with your club!

GEORIGA CRU
WINE DINNER RECAP

A wonderful evening of connection, education, and camaraderie at GaCru! A sincere thank you to **Chris Fleury** and the team at **Indian Hills Country Club** for graciously hosting and creating such a memorable experience. We also extend our appreciation to **Rive Gauche Wine Co**. for sharing their expertise through thoughtfully selected wine pairings that complemented the evening's menu. Opportunities like these are what make the CMAA community so special, bringing hospitality professionals together to learn, connect, and celebrate our industry.

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2026
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING





The Georgia Chapter closed out the year with its Annual Membership Meeting, bringing members together for an afternoon of education and connection. Thank you to **Rider Harris** for an engaging presentation on artificial intelligence and to **Matt O'Dell** and his team at **Condon O'Meara McGinty & Donnelly LLP** for sharing valuable insights on financial planning, charitable initiatives, and emerging industry challenges.

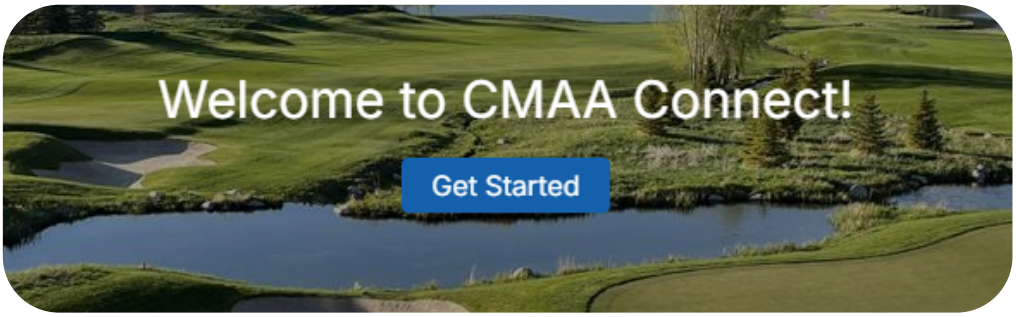
A special thank you to **Patrick Joyce, CCM, CCE,** and the team at **Idle Hour Club** for graciously hosting the meeting and providing a wonderful day of networking, education, and golf. Another great opportunity for the Georgia Chapter to connect and grow together!



GET CONNECTED TO YOUR CMAA NETWORK!

Endless possibilities are within reach! Explore the many tools available to spark innovation and solve challenges at your club. By engaging at the State and National levels, you'll gain access to a network of support and limitless resources!

Visit the CMAA Connect Page to connect with other Club professionals!



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