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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR...



"Oh, the places you should go"-
Tifton - a destination you should go.

Often people ask: why come to Tifton? What is there to do in Tifton? Ask any of our many clients why they want to come to Tifton and they will tell you that the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center offers state of the art meeting facilities at an easy to reach location, and customer service with southern comfort.

Not only will visitors find hospitality at the Center, but the city of Tifton, known as the friendly city, opens its arms and its doors to make sure visitors have a good time. From private tours, charming lunches, to golf, or elegant dinners staged at one of the private grand estates of Tifton, visitors may find themselves breathless with extracurricular activities.

When the Council of State Court Judges recently booked our facility and had a brush with Tifton's hospitality, I was greeted early one fine morning by some

of the judges who said, "We are in love with Tifton and we will be back." The whole community was involved with making this destination an experience for them to remember. It takes a community like Tifton working together to market the quality of life and to provide memorable experiences with which few communities can compete in this friendly, charming southern setting.

Tifton - your next meeting destination - is the place to go.

YA YA SISTERHOOD CELEBRATION—JANUARY 22, 2010

Women of the World Theme

Celebrate Sisterhood Jan. 22

Wonderfully different women all over the world will be celebrated Jan. 22 when the seventh annual "Celebrate Sisterhood" event returns to the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center.

The Tiftarea Foundation for Women's Health pledged the proceeds from the evening to help local women access health care they need.

In the past six years, the organization has given more than \$50,000 to directly meet health needs of women in the community. Last month, the organization presented \$6,000 to the Tift Regional Medical Center Foundation to directly assist women's health needs.

Tables that seat eight can be reserved for \$300; single tickets are \$40. Call 229-326-1597 for reservations.

Participants are encouraged to decorate and dress as women of other cities, states or nations. Prizes will be awarded in six categories: Most Elegant, Most Unusual, Wackiest, Having the Best Time, Best Dressed and Best All Around.

Doors will open for a 6:00 p.m. silent auction and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The menu features chicken Marsala, meatless baked ziti, potato bar, fresh green beans, salad and assorted desserts.

Founded in the fall of 2003 by Dianne Harrell and the late Donna Miller, the Tiftarea Foundation for Women's Health

is a non-profit dedicated to the improvement of women's health through community awareness and education, assistance to the medical community in identifying and solving women's health issues and providing limited health-related assistance to women in need.

Tables seating eight and individual tickets may also be reserved through tiftareafoundation@yahoo.com or P. O. Box 2654, Tifton GA 31793.

Special to the newsletter by noted writer Christine Tibbets.



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2ND ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN WORKFORCE SUMMIT JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 2, 2010



In the words of Charles Dickens (*A Tale of Two Cities*), Georgia and the southeast have experienced “the best of times and the worst of times” – immense prosperity and severe poverty. Which of these two paths holds our destiny rests largely with how swiftly and effectively we meet urgent needs for a quality workforce, a crucial asset for success in the global economy.

To respond to this urgent need, we are holding a second workforce summit in Tifton. We invite you to join a cross-section of leadership from throughout Georgia and the Southeast at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center to discuss this issue at the 2nd Annual Southeastern Workforce Summit (January 31-February 2, 2010).

With the major economic downturn, many are jobless and seeking work. Unfortunately, the job seekers vastly lack skill sets required for high-growth career fields. This misalignment of workforce resources and workforce needs severely hinders economic recovery and sustained economic growth. The pipeline of emerging workforce must be greatly improved.

Despite significant progress, the high school dropout rate in Georgia is still over 20 percent, and many of those graduating lack adequate career preparation. For example, an alarmingly low percentage (25 – 33 %) of high school graduates are ready for college-level math and science courses required for certain high-growth career fields such as computer programming and teaching.

The Summit theme will be “Aligning Education to Community for a Sustained Economy,” thereby, focusing on the importance of comprehensive community, business, governmental and academic partnerships to deliver a quality workforce. Speakers and panels will discuss pioneering programs that

- expose students at early ages to a range of vocational contacts and experiences;
- provide guidance to students through channeling their aspirations and career choices;

- systematically link students to quality work-based training with inspiring mentors;
- integrate secondary, post-secondary and work components into a seamless career training leading to certification and transitional pathways.

We must come together through this Summit and similar forums to deal with our critical economic issues thereby choosing the path of “the best of times” for ourselves and our posterity.

We invite business representatives, educators, policymakers, and all community stakeholders to review the excellent program lineup at www.ugatiftonconference.org under Events. While at the website, you may register online or mail the registration as instructed (cost \$225.00).

This article submitted by Dr. Joe Lewis, Vice-Mayor, Tifton and Harold Chambers, Director Coastal Plains Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA)

3rd Annual Cotton Conference



Sponsored by the Georgia Cotton Commission

**January 27, 2010
8 AM–5 PM**

At the UGA TCCC

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go to

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or by phone 229-386-3416

(Early registration helps to get a count for sponsored breakfast, breaks, and lunch)

For more information and updates check the Commission website at

www.georgiacottoncommission.org

Annual meeting questions may be directed to Richey Seaton (gactn@windstream.net) or Karen Nikitopoulos (cotton@windstream.net) at the Georgia Cotton Commission office

SAVE THE DATE—UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Turn Up The Heat 2010 Marriage Conference



South Georgia Marriage Ministries
present

Dr. Kevin Leman

Bestselling Author of *Sheet Music*

Saturday, February 20, 2010

**UGA TCCC
9 AM–3 PM**

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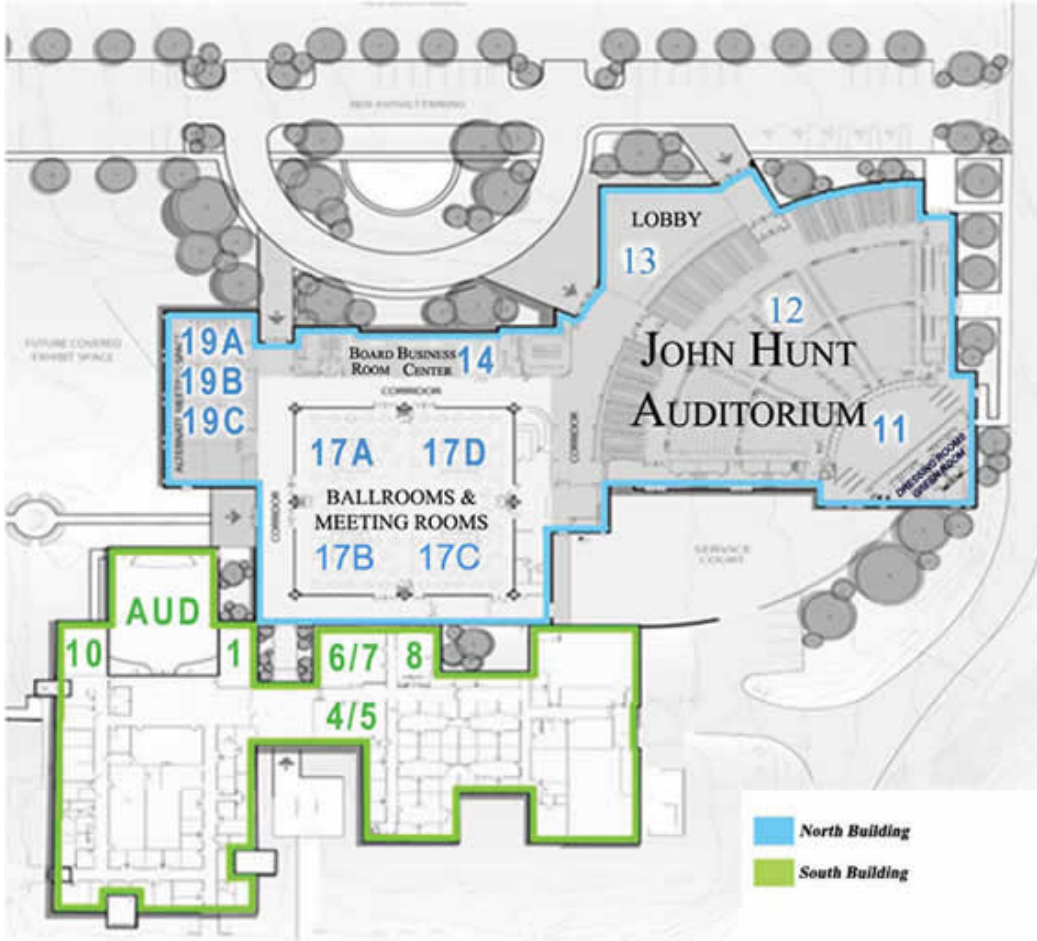
Hearts & Diamonds Gala

An Evening In Tuscany

February 6, 2010

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Room 2/3	54
Room 3	27
Room 4	27
Room 4/5	54
Room 5	27
Room 6	28
Room 6/7	72
Room 7	28
Room 8	15
Room 10	60
North Building	Max. Capacity
Auditorium Area 12	2,000
Area 11	Stage, Dressing Rooms, Green Room
Area 13	200
Room 14	54
Business Center	--
Boardroom	15
Ballroom	1,000
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Room 17B	240
Room 17C	240
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TOP 10 REASONS TO MEET IN TIFTON



Recently Director of Tourism and Mr. Tifton himself, Tyron Spearman, gave his top ten reasons why folks should come to Tifton for a meeting. His list focuses on the agricultural advantages that no other town or region has.

And The Top Ten Reasons Are...

1. Tifton is home of the **University of Georgia College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences' Coastal Plain Experiment Station**. This research facility has Georgia's largest row crop research underway in cooperation with USDA plus research in almost every area of agriculture.
2. Tifton is home of the **Regional Cooperative Extension Service** supporting the Southern half of Georgia's County Agents providing them educational information.
3. Tifton is home of the **Governor's Center for Agricultural Innovation** helping an incubator system to take new technology and convert into Georgia jobs.
4. Tifton is home of the **Georgia's Museum of Agriculture** displaying educational programs and projects that tell the story of agriculture plus displays showing commodity and industry history.
5. Tifton is home of the **Agrirama**, a living history museum of life of the rural wiregrass region from 1890 to 1920. The farms and villages have interpreters that 'tell the story' about life in Georgia. The town has one of a few turpentine stills that is operational plus a train, a print shop, saw mill, grist mill and cotton gin. On the edge of the village is the restored home of Captain H.H. Tift, who settled in Tifton as a sawmill town. The entire town would come alive as your convention arrives.
6. Tifton is home of **Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College**, now a four-year college with programs in Rural Studies plus an Applied Sciences in Turfgrass and Golf Course Management. With over 3,300 students and 52 majors, the number one major is agriculture, followed by nursing.
7. Tifton is home of the **University of Georgia 4-year program** with programs in AgriScience & Environmental Systems, Ag Education and even a Master's program in Ag Leadership and Masters of Plant Protection and Pest Management.
8. Tifton is home of the **Georgia Young Farmer's Association**, the largest young farmer state membership organization in the nation.
9. Tifton is home of the **National Peanut Museum** housing the original rolling peanut combine invented by James L. Shepherd at the CPES that revolutionized the American peanut industry.
10. Tifton is **strategically located** in the middle of the southern half of the State of Georgia with easy access from I-75, US 319, US 82 and US 41.



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JANUARY 22, 2010
YA YA SISTERHOOD
More Info
229-382-1222

JANUARY 27, 2010
GEORGIA COTTON CONFERENCE
More Info
229-386-3416

JANUARY 31–FEBRUARY 2, 2010
2ND ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN
WORKFORCE SUMMIT
229-386-3416

FEBRUARY 6, 2010
HEARTS AND DIAMONDS
Sponsor: Tift Regional Medical Center
229-238-1596

FEBRUARY 20, 2010
MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
Sponsor: First Baptist Church Tifton
229-382-6063

APRIL 1, 2010
MAC FRAMPTON
Sponsor: Tifton-Tift County
Library Board Foundation
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APRIL 16 & 17, 2010
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