

**Tourism Leadership Council** 

# Annual Report 2011

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the TLC is to provide a unified group with committed leadership pledged to promote, protect and serve the interests of the tourism and hospitality industries of the greater Savannah area.

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### **TOURISM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

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# **History of the Organization**

In 1997, seven tourism and hospitality professionals had a vision to establish an organization that would support the local tourism industry with programs, scholarships and other projects. Thirty–seven businesses contributed \$1000 each to provide seed money for the organization, and the first TLC meeting was held in July 1998.

### **Membership**

In 2011, the TLC maintained its membership base and also grew almost 10% over 2010 brining our membership to more than 240 businesses (see below). The TLC enjoys a diverse membership, including lodging properties, restaurants, food and beverage distributors, caterers, tour companies, museums, retail shops, printers, banks, non-profit associations, law offices, and many other companies who are touched by the tourism industry.

With a staff of three, the non-profit professional association continually strives to provide members with resources to strengthen their businesses. These resources include networking opportunities for industry professionals, advocacy efforts on behalf of the industry, educational seminars and training for industry employees, workforce development initiatives, monthly luncheons with informative topics, job fairs and a job-listing website, and an emergency fund available for members in times of crisis. The TLC is dedicated to leading the way for greater tourism in Savannah and strives to ensure that the needs of the local tourism industry are being addressed.

#### **2011 TOURISM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- 1. \*1790 Inn & Restaurant
- 2. 24e
- 3. 45 Bistro
- 4. AAA Parking
- 5. \*Abigail Carter Gravino
- 6. Adventure Radio Group
- 7. Advertising Specialty Services
- 7. Advertising Sp
  8. Alligator Soul
- 9. AlphaGraphics
- 10. American Diabetes Association
- 11. American Red Cross
- 12. America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia
- 13. \*Ameris Bank
- 14. Andrew Low House
- 15. \*Antiques Collectibles & Vintage
- 16. \*Arc Media Group
- 17. \*Ashley's Business Solutions
- Asiney's Business Solution
  Avia Savannah
- 19. Azalea Inn
- 19. Azalea Inn
- 20. Azelle Photography
- 21. B. Matthews Eatery
- 22. Baymont Inn
- 23. \*Belfor Property Restoration
- 24. Belford's Savannah Seafood & Steaks
- 25. Best Western Plus Savannah Historic District
- 26. Blowin Smoke BBQ
- 27. Blue Focus Media
- 28. Boar's Head Grill & Tavern
- 29. \*BowStern Marketing & Communications
- \*Bradbury Suites
- 31. \*Chart House Restaurant
- 32. \*Churchill's Pub
- 33. City Market
- 34. City of Savannah
- 35. Classic Party Rentals

- 36. Club One Jefferson/The Bay Café
- Coastal Cleaning and Removal Services, LLC
- 38. Coastal Heritage Society
- 39. Coastal Insurance Partners
- 40. Cobblestone Connections
- Comfort Suites Historic District
- 42. Cosmos Mariner Productions
- 43. Country Inn & Suites Savannah Airport
- 44. \*Country Inn & Suites– Savannah Midtown
- 45. Courtyard By Marriott Savannah Historic District
- 46. \*Creative Approach
- 47. Creative Catering
- 48. \*Crystal Beer Parlor
- 49. Del Sol Savannah
- 50. Desoto Beach Bed & Breakfast
- 51. Desoto Beach Hotel
- 52. \*DeVivo Marketing, LLC
- 53. Doubletree Hotel Historic Savannah
- 54. Downtown Business Association
- 55. East Bay Inn
- 56. \*Eat It and Like It.com
- 57. Eliza Thompson House
- 58. \*Elizabeth on 37th
- 59. Embassy Suites Savannah Airport
- 60. Empire Distributors, Inc.
- 61. \*Fairfield Inn by Marriott
- 62. Fiddler's Crab House
- 63. Four Points by Sheraton Historic Savannah
- 64. \*Friends of Cockspur Island Lighthouse

- 65. \*Friesens America
- 66. Garden City Convention & Visitors Bureau
- 67. Garibaldi's Café
- 68. Georgia Department of Economic Development & Tourism
- 69. Georgia Power
- 70. \*Georgia Restaurant Association
- 71. \*Global Events Partners
- 72. Go Mini's Savannah Mobile Storage
- 73. \*GoWaiter Of Savannah
- 74. Greater Savannah Travel
- 75. Green Palm Inn
- 76. Hampton Inn & Suites Midtown Savannah
- 77. Hampton Inn Historic District
- 78. Hancock Askew & Co., LLP
- 79. \*Hard Hearted Hannah's Playhouse
- 80. Hilton Garden Inn–Midtown81. Hilton Garden Inn–Savannah
- Historic District
- 82. Hilton Savannah DeSoto
- 83. Historic Savannah Carriage Tours
- 84. Historic Savannah Foundation
- 85. \*HMSHost
- Holiday Inn & Suites–Pooler
  Holiday Inn–Express Historic District
- 88. Hostess City Celebrations
- 89. HostSouth
- 90. Houben, Marie
- 91. \*HT Creative, LLC
- 92. \*Huey's
- 92. \*Huey's 93. HunterMaclean
- 94. Hyatt Regency Savannah

- 95. Inn at Ellis Square
- 96. \*Island Networking
- 97. Jazz'd Tapas Bar
- 98. \*Jeffery A. Felser, PC Attorney at Law
- Juliette Gordon Low 99. Birthplace
- 100. K Shuttle/Kelly Tours Inc.
- 101. Kehoe House
- 102. KeytoSavannah.com
- 103. Landmark Inn
- 104. Leopold's Ice Cream
- 105. Levy Jewelers
- 106. Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf
- 107. \*Local 11ten Food & Wine
- 108. Louis C. Mathews Seafood
- 109. Lovin' Spoons, LLC
- 110. Mansion on Forsyth Park
- 111. Marshall House
- 112. Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum
- 113. Monroe Marketing
- 114. Moon River Brewing Company
- 115. NeSmith Gift Advertising
- 116. \*nourish
- 117. Ocean Plaza Beach Resort
- 118. Oceanfront Cottage Rentals, LLC
- 119. Official Guides of Savannah
- 120. Oglethorpe Inn & Suites
- 121. Oglethorpe Tours
- 122. Old Savannah Tours
- 123. Old Town Trolley Tours
- 124. Olde Harbour Inn
- 125. Omega Graphics Direct
- 126. \*One Stop I.T.
- 127. \*Patrick's Uniforms
- 128. Paul Kennedy Catering
- 129. Plantation Carriage Co.
- 130. Planter's Inn
- 131. \*Pocket Maps
- 132. \*Pooler Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau
- 133. Presidents' Quarters
- 134. ProActive Control Systems, Inc.
- 135. Randy Thompson Photography
- 136. \*Red Clover
- 137. Residence Inn by Marriott
- Savannah Downtown
- 138. Resort Maps
- 139. Resort Services, Inc.
- 140. \*Richmond Hill City Center
- 141. \*Richmond Hill CVB
- 142. River Street Inn
- 143. River Street Market Place 144. River Street Riverboat Company
- 145. River Street Sweets
- 146. Roussell's Garden B&B
- 147. Ruth's Chris Steak House
- 148. Sabre Technologies, Inc.

\*New businesses that joined the TLC for the first time in 2011.

149. \*Salt Table, LLC

150. Sapphire Grill Restaurant

194. Staybridge Suites Historic

196. Sticky Fingers Rib House

197. Sysco Jacksonville, Inc.

199. Telfair Museum of Art

201. The Bohemian Hotel Savannah

203. The Dresser Palmer House

204. The Fairways at Savannah

208. \*The Landings at Skidaway

212. The Pirates' House Restaurant

217. Title Max (TMX Finance, LLC)

219. Towneplace Suites Savannah

220. TRAVELHOST of Savannah &

Hilton Head/Beaufort

223. Tybee Island Marine Science

228. Uncle Bubba's Oyster House

231. United Way - Coastal Empire

229. United Community Bank 230. United Distributors, Inc.

232. \*Urgent Care of Historic

Management Program

237. \*Visitors Television Network

238. Westin Savannah Harbor Golf

241. William D. Cannady, CPA, PC

242. \*WJCL-TV;WTGS-TV 243. \*Wright Square Antique Mall

221. \*Trident Sustainability

224. Tybee Tourism Council 225. Tybee Vacation Rentals

226. Tybee Wedding Chapel

227. U.S. Food Service

Savannah

234. USCB – Hospitality

235. Vic's on the River

Resort & Spa

236. Visit Savannah

239. \*Wet Willie's

244. Yates-Astro

245. Zeigler House Inn

240. Wild Wing Café

233. USA Today

222. Tubby's Thunderbolt

200. \*The Blood Alliance

Quarters, LLC

206. \*The Kennickell Group

Savannah

195.

\*Sterne Agee

198. Tech Rentals, Inc.

Riverfront

202. The Crab Shack

205. The Gastonian

Island 209. \*The Melting Pot

207. The Lady & Sons

210. The Mulberry Inn

Restaurant

216. Thunderbird Inn

Airport

Center

218. Tour Services, LLC

211. The Olde Pink House

213. The Savannah Bank

214. The Savannah Walks Inc. 215. The Vacation Station

- 151. \*Savannah Antique Mall 152. Savannah Book Festival
- 153. Savannah Cams
- 154. Savannah Candy Kitchen
- 155. Savannah Coca Cola 156. Savannah Destination
- Management LLC
- Savannah Distributing 157. Company
- 158. Savannah Int'l Trade & Convention Ctr
- 159. Savannah Magazine
- 160. Savannah Marriott Riverfront
- 161. Savannah Morning News
- 162. Savannah Music Festival
- 163. \*Savannah Quarters Country Club
- 164. Savannah River House
- 165. Savannah Riverfront
- 166. Savannah SandGnats
- 167. Savannah
- Scene/Savannah.com
- Savannah Special Events by 168. Ranco
- 169. Savannah Technical College
- 170. Savannah Theatre
- 171. \*Savannah Yoga Center LLC
- 172. Savannah/Hilton Head
- International Airport
- \*SavannahBalloons.com 173.
- 174. Savannahjobs.com
- 175. Savor Savannah Catering by SMG
- 176. Sea and Breeze Hotel
- 177. Segway of Savannah
- 178. \*SHELTAIR Aviation
- 179. Sherrill & Company
- 180. \*Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum
- 181. Shrimp Factory
- 182. Siefker, Vicki
- 183. Signature Flight
- 184. \*Society for Human Resource Management
- 185. Southern Elegance Staffing, Inc.
- 186. \*Southern Enviro Solutions, LLC
- 187. \*Spanky's River Street
- 188. Spectrum Printing/Marketing Service
- 189. Spring Hill Suites Savannah Airport
- 190. Spring Hill Suites Savannah I-95 South
- 191. Springhill Suites Savannah Historic District 192. SpringHill Suites-Savannah

193. Stage Front Presentation

Midtown

Systems

### **Membership Luncheons and Socials**

Networking socials and membership luncheons are a top priority to many of our members as we all know we prefer to do business with those that we have relationships with. Each month, about 120 business professionals gather at membership luncheons to network and listen to speakers discuss a variety of issues related to the tourism and hospitality industry. Not only does this offer our members an opportunity to network, but it also allows them opportunities to distribute promotional and marketing materials. The TLC scholarship fund benefits from proceeds raised through raffle ticket sales at each membership luncheon. Our programs committee worked hard this year to provide relevant, quality programs for our membership. We give our members the opportunity to showcase their culinary talents throughout the year in hosting these events. We hosted 11 luncheons this year and experienced some of the highest attendance rates ever.

After hours socials are always widely received by the membership and offer an alternative to the monthly informational luncheons. Each social brought together about 50 professionals for networking and a good time. We hosted 6 membership socials this year.

# **Education & Workforce Development**

The TLC continued to build on educational opportunities internally and externally. For the first time ever, the TLC created an internship program. Throughout the year, three students, two from *Savannah Technical College* and one from the *University of South Carolina – Beaufort*, experienced the tourism and hospitality industry while assisting with TLC events and programs.

This year, the TLC revived its Workforce Development committee and the group began planning for additional events in 2012 to include a hospitality job fair and internship and mentoring opportunities for members.

Seminars and training opportunities that were presented to the membership this year included twitter 101, ServSafe food and beverage training, The Outlook for Savannah Hotels, a DNR sustainability workshop and the Mobility Front Line Training program. The TLC's FREE Mobility Front Line Training program, featuring *Savannah Technical College* instructors, was offered in order to educate industry employees on how to get around in Savannah, highlighting the **'dot'** system. To date, more than 250 people have gone through the program.

The Tourism Leadership Council continued to partner with *Savannah Technical College* and *Woodville Tompkins Technical & Career Institute*. Involvement on the advisory boards of each school's hospitality program and being a liaison between the educational institutions and the industry continued.

Through the support of raffle monies raised at monthly luncheons and fundraisers throughout the year, the TLC was able to award scholarships to students pursuing higher education in culinary and hospitality careers. Two \$1,000 and three \$500 scholarships were awarded at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tourism and Awards & Scholarship Dinner in February to students enrolled in *University of South Carolina – Beaufort*, and *Savannah Technical College* bringing the grand total of scholarship money given by the organization to \$47,500.

The TLC's jobsinsavannah.com website enjoys a strong partnership with *Savannahjobs.com* for the management and promotion of the site. A great benefit to membership is the free job posting each month to assist in staff recruitment efforts. Also, TLC members have the option to post additional jobs at a significant discount through this website.

# **Fundraisers**

### **Fundraising Events**

The TLC's three fundraising events provide financial support for the programs and activities of the organization each year. They also provide exposure opportunities for businesses and a fun time for everyone involved! Not only did each fundraiser experience financial growth over last year, but we also focused heavily on improving the flow of the events and streamlining the volunteer process for our many volunteers.

On Thursday, February 3, 2011, the TLC hosted its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tourism Awards & Scholarship Dinner at the *Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa*. Several awards were presented and scholarships were administered to five students pursuing careers in the hospitality industry at local area schools. The John P. Rousakis Community Champion Award went to Rob Gibson of the *Savannah Music Festival*. The Herb & Franklin Traub Visionary Award was presented to Mark V. Smith of *Prince–Bush–Smith Hotels*. Mark Dana of *Prince–Bush–Smith Hotels* took home the TLC Member of the Year Award. Service Star and Leader Awards went to William Bryan of the *Hilton Savannah DeSoto* and Joyce Ellis of *Old Town Trolley Tours of Savannah*. The event net more than \$15,000.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual TLC Golf Tournament, presented by *Comcast*, took place on Monday, May 9, 2011 at *The Club at Savannah Harbor*. Lunch was provided by *Wild Wing Café, Belford's Savannah Seafood & Steaks*, and *Spanky's*. Players and volunteers enjoyed refreshing beverages and snacks throughout play. Our post-tournament reception was catered by *The Olde Pink House, Paul Kennedy Catering*, and *Savor Savannah Catering by SMG*, and golfers were awarded great prizes after a fun day on the course. Through the support of team entries and sponsorships, the tournament was able to net more than \$20,000.

The TLC's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Savannah<sup>®</sup> – Connecting through Coastal Cuisine, presented by *U.S. Foods,* took place on Friday, September 9, 2011 in the *Savannah International Trade & Convention Center's* Exhibit Hall. Twenty–two restaurants and caterers served samples of their favorite menu items to more than 800 guests and competed for awards presented by *SYSCO*. Guests were able to enjoy live entertainment performed by Savannah's Southern Songstress Kim Michael Polote and the Hear and Now Band! The event net nearly \$28,000.

### <u> Savannah – A Southern Journey</u>

The Tourism Leadership Council produced the third edition of the *Savannah – A Southern Journey* coffee table book in 2011. The book is intended to serve as a guide to visitors and is placed in more than 5,500 guest rooms in the Savannah area. This year, the book became available for retail purchase at four local retail shops. The 2012 *Savannah – A Southern Journey* book was designed and developed throughout 2011 and was completed in November. The book is hard cover with 96 pages including advertisements, editorial and photography!

As an addition to the *Savannah – A Southern Journey* project we created and implemented the 2011–2012 *Savannah – A Southern Journey* Concierge Dining Directory. This book is placed in the lobbies of more than 50 participating hotels and B&B's in the Savannah area and includes menus and photography from Savannah restaurants.

The net income for the organization through these projects is more than \$66,000.

# **Advocacy & Community Involvement**

Legislative and governmental affairs continued to be a focus and high priority this year. The TLC worked hard to create a greater awareness both to and for the industry in the legislative arena. The Executive Director of the TLC, Marti Barrow, officially became a registered lobbyist this year in order to further our advocacy efforts and has been continually working with our elected leaders for projects that benefit our industry. During National Travel & Tourism Week, we received a proclamation from the Mayor dedicating that same week in May as Travel & Tourism Week in Savannah.

The TLC hosted a "Welcome Home" thank you reception for our Chatham County state legislators in April. In addition, we educated our industry on the importance of voting through another voter registration push prior to the November 8 election and we also provided forums where Savannah's Mayoral and Aldermanic candidates spoke about their views regarding issues specifically affecting Savannah's tourism industry.

The momentum of the TLC continues to grow strong by working together on projects with other community organizations. The TLC represented the tourism industry through involvement with the following organizations, committees and task forces including:

- City of Savannah Arena Advisory Committee
- Coastal Workforce Investment Board
- Cruise Ship Exploratory Committee
- Dress for Success
- Georgia Southern University Eagle Fund Delegate Committee
- Hospitality Advisory Committee at Savannah Tech & Woodville Tompkins
- Junior League of Savannah
- Paint the Town Red Committee Savannah Red Cross
- Pooler Chamber of Commerce
- Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
- Savannah Development & Renewal Authority (SDRA)
- Savannah Downtown Business Association
- Savannah Riverfront
- South of DeRenne Association (SODA)
- Visit Savannah
- Westside Business Network

The TLC supported the community with various charitable donations and events throughout the year. The TLC hosted a blood drive for the *American Red Cross* and assisted *America's Second Harvest* by packing more than 200 food boxes that would be delivered to families in need. The TLC Community Happenings email blast continued to promote charity events taking place in Savannah. The TLC Good Samaritan Fund paid out \$500 to assist individual TLC members in need this year.

## **2011 TLC HIGHLIGHTS – MONTH BY MONTH**

#### January

- Participated in Savannah Chatham Day in Atlanta bronze sponsorship
- Participated in Tourism Day in Atlanta
- Membership Luncheon Hilton Savannah DeSoto "New Development on Hutchinson Island" presented by a panel of industry experts: Bob Coffey, General Manager, Savannah Int'l Trade & Convention Center; Patrick Graham, Executive Director, Savannah/Hilton Head Int'l Airport; Joe Marinelli, President, Visit Savannah; Pat Monahan, Assistant County Manager, Chatham County

### <u>February</u>

- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tourism Awards & Scholarship Dinner Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa – The event net more than \$15,000
- Membership Luncheon Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah Midtown "Nicheology: Niche Marketing for Us Dummies" presented by Melissa Yao, VP of Communications for Visit Savannah
- Membership Social/SASJ Book Launch Party Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa
- Membership Training *Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Midtown* "The Outlook for Savannah Hotels" presented by Mark Skinner, *The Highland Group*

### <u>March</u>

 Membership Luncheon – Garibaldi's – "Join us as we discuss upcoming spring festivities in Savannah" presented by: Kimberly Phillips, Assistant Director, City Market; Erin Jenkins, Events Coordinator/Office Administrator, Savannah Riverfront; Ryan McMaken, Communications & Operations Director, Savannah Music Festival; Maria Lancaster, Development & Patron Services Director, Savannah Music Festival; Joe Rotellini, Executive Director, Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf

#### <u>April</u>

- Hosted a welcome home/thank you reception for the Chatham County state legislators *Ruth's Chris Steak House*
- Membership Luncheon Savannah Marriott Riverfront "Federal Bureau of Investigation Savannah, Community Outreach and Liaison Initiatives" presented by William R. Klarer, Special Agent – Savannah RA Community Outreach/Liaison
- Membership Training TLC Office "DNR Sustainability Workshop" Roy Edwards, Sustainable Systems Engineer, *GA Department of Natural Resources Sustainability Division*

#### <u>May</u>

- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual TLC Golf Tournament *The Club at Savannah Harbor* The event net more than \$20,000
- Membership Luncheon Savannah Technical College "Workforce Development: What It Is, Why It Is Important To You And Your Business And How The TLC Can Help" presented by Brendan Ferrara, Savannah Technical College and Rob Jones, Savannahjobs.com
- o Membership Social Savannah Sand Gnats game at Grayson Stadium
- Membership Training TLC Office "twitter 101" presented by Allison Mol, Social Media Consultant, *Island Networking*

#### June

- American Red Cross Blood Drive DoubleTree Hotel Historic Savannah
- Membership Luncheon Embassy Suites Savannah Airport "Mission updates for the Combat Readiness Training Center and projections of units coming to the Savannah area" presented by Major Christopher Rachael, Operations Group Commander, Combat Readiness Training Center
   Membership Social – Tubbu's Tankhouse Thunderbolt
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- Membership Training Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah Midtown "Mobility Frontline Training" presented by Howard Helmken, Administrator, Savannah Mobility Management, Inc. and Brendan Ferrara, Department Head/Instructor Marketing Program & Department Head Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Program, Savannah Technical College
- Membership Training TLC Office "ServSafe Food Training Manager's Certification Course" Jim Deal, Certified Instructor, *ProActive Control Systems, Inc.*

### <u>July</u>

 Membership Luncheon – Savannah International Trade & Convention Center – "Savannah Ocean Exchange A New Approach to Connecting People" presented by Cathy Sakas, Co-Founder & Chair, Organizing Committee, Savannah Ocean Exchange; Mari Carswell, Marketing Consultant, Savannah Ocean Exchange

### <u>August</u>

- *America's Second Harvest* TLC board volunteer day
- Membership Luncheon Ruth's Chris Steak House "I Love Rock 'n' Roll And Why You Will Too" presented by Malain McCormick, Event Director, Rock 'n' Roll Savannah, Competitor Group, Inc.
- Membership Social Rocks on the Roof at the Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront

### **September**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of Savannah<sup>®</sup> Savannah International Trade & Convention Center over 800 attendees and the event net nearly \$28,000
- o Participated in Governor's Conference on Tourism in Athens, GA
- Completed the 2011 2012 *Savannah A Southern Journey* concierge dining directory
- Membership Luncheon *Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa* City of Savannah Mayoral candidate forum
- Membership Social *The Melting Pot*

#### <u>October</u>

- Membership Luncheon *Hyatt Regency Savannah* City of Savannah Alderman candidate forum
- Membership Social AVIA Savannah

#### November

- Completed the 2012 Savannah A Southern Journey coffee table book The net income for the Savannah A Southern Journey project is more than \$66,000
- Gained exposure through a booth at the DBA Celebration of Service luncheon
- Membership Luncheon *The Pirates' House* "Where We Are and Where We Are Going" TLC membership forum

#### <u>December</u>

- Membership holiday reception with *Visit Savannah The Mulberry Inn*, proceeds contributed to *Low Country Down Syndrome Society*
- TLC Board Retreat *River Street Inn*