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C. MICHAEL CASSIDY, CEO
Georgia Research Alliance

Mike Cassidy shapes and guides the strategic direction of the Georgia Research Alliance, a private, non-profit organization that brings together the state's academic, industry and government leaders to grow Georgia's economy through scientific discovery. Key programs of the Alliance include recruitment of top scientific talent, development of centers of research excellence, and commercialization of university research. He also serves as liaison to other local, regional and national organizations with an economic development mission and helps to promote Georgia as a leader in science and technology worldwide.

Previously, Cassidy managed the Advanced Technology Development Center and worked for IBM where he held various staff and management assignments. He holds a Master's degree in Technology and Science Policy from Georgia Tech and a BBA degree in Marketing GSU.

Cassidy serves on numerous Boards of Directors including the State Science and Technology Institute, Health Care Ethics Consortium of Georgia, Georgia Advanced Technology Ventures, the Global Center for Medical Innovation and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. He consults with several states on technology-based economic development strategies and is active with the U.S. Council on Competitiveness. He is on the Board of Governors of the Lake Lanier Sailing Club and a member of the Commerce Club of Atlanta.

Introduction—Bo Spalding
Invocation—Tom Mason

APRIL 29, 2014

STEPHANIE BLANK, Founding Chair
GEEARS
(Georgia Early Education Alliance
for Ready Students)

Stephanie Blank is the Founding Chair of GEEARS, an independent successor group to the United Way's Early Education Commission, which was formed in August 2010. GEEARS helps businesses, government leaders, providers and parents maximize the economic return on the state's investments in early care and learning.

Blank served as chair of the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation Board of Trustees until 2010, and is now a member of the CHOA System Board. She serves as the mentor leader for the Emerging Leaders for Children's Healthcare and is also a member of the Quality Committee. She chaired the capital campaign for the Imagine It! Children's Museum of Atlanta and is co-founder of Mothers & Others for Clean Air. She also is on First Lady Deal's Children's Cabinet, and is on the national board of Jumpstart, an early education program.

Blank is a well-known community leader and philanthropist and was named 2000 Georgia Philanthropist of the Year. She serves on numerous boards and has received many awards for her leadership. She holds a BS degree in Interior Design from Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, lives in Atlanta and is the proud mother of three children.

Introduction—Laura Wagner
Invocation—Paul Marston



Celebrating 96 Years of Service to Atlanta

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY

- 6 **LAW DAY** - Patrise Perkins-Hooker, Georgia Bar
13 Jeff Heck, CEO, Monday Night Brewing
20 Brad Quinlan, "Georgia in the Civil War"
27 Mike Van Wie, Airport Dir., DeKalb Peachtree

JUNE

- 3 Dr. Louis Sullivan, Author
10 Paul Morris, CEO, Atlanta Beltline

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 2—Night at the Opera—Enjoy *The Barber of Seville* sung in Italian with English Subtitles. Tickets are discounted at \$76. For reservations, contact Rae Weimer at rweimer@atlantaopera.com

FOUNDATION GIFTS

The following individuals made gifts to the Kiwanis Foundation during the 1st Quarter of 2014 in memory or honor of someone! Isn't there someone you would like to recognize with a gift that helps our kids!

In Memory of John Grant: Tom Adams, Tom Gay, Jackie Montag, Ernie Prickett, Irv Schoenberg, Jim Wylie, Carl Swearingen and Susan Cole.

In Memory of Tom Shelton: Tom Adams, Karen Losin and Irv Schoenberg

Gloria Tippin gave gifts in Honor of Lyndsay Acuff and John O'Kane.

CONGRATS TO THE 2014-2015 OFFICERS:

President: Ernie Prickett
President Elect: Barbara Hill
Vice President: Mike Halpin
Treasurer: Sandy Welfare

AND TO THE 2014-2016 DIRECTORS:

Heidy Brusitus, Jim Duffie, Jim Edwards, Russ Wagner, Blake Young

RETURNING DIRECTORS FOR 2014-2015:

Jim Beattie, Tom Gay, Laura McCarty, Sam Snider, George Wieder

INTERCLUBS

Monday, April 21, 2014, Buckhead, 12:30 pm at Landmark Diner, 3652 Roswell Road. Tom Adams is speaker! Rich Kumar, rich.kumar@granttelemed.com

Friday, April 25, 2014, Northside, 12:15 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Contact Mike Halpin, mhalpin@wpba.org

Monday, April 28, 2014, Druid Hills, 12 Noon at Petite Auberge Restaurant. Contact Jack McFarland, akjcmcf@bellsouth.net

Tuesday, May 4, Peachtree, 7:30 am at Landmark Diner, 3652 Roswell Road. Contact Bob Wiggins, 404-522-1701.



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