

MAY 14, 2013

TOM GALLAGHER, CEO

Genuine Parts Company

**M**r. Thomas C. Gallagher, was named Chief Executive Officer at Genuine Parts Company in August 2004, and served as its President since 1990. In addition, he serves as Chairman of the Board, a position he has held since February 2005, and has been a director since 1990.

Gallagher joined GPC in 1970 and has held numerous positions across the United States and in Europe. Additionally, he serves as an Independent Trustee of 61 portfolios of STI Fund Complex. He served as Trustee of STI Classic Variable Trust - International Equity Fund since May 2000. He has been a Trustee of RidgeWorth Variable Trust- Large Cap Value Equity Fund, RidgeWorth Variable Trust - Mid-Cap Core Equity Fund, STI Classic Variable Trust - Small Cap Value Equity Fund and RidgeWorth Variable Trust - Large Cap Core Equity Fund since May 2000.

In Atlanta, he holds numerous positions on many organizations and boards including United Way of Atlanta, The Lovett School, Multiple Sclerosis Society and Rotary Club of Atlanta. He has retired as a Director of Oxford Industries Inc.

Gallagher's many honors include the Automotive Hall of Fame, Northwood University Outstanding Business Leader and the ADL Torch of Liberty Award.

**Introduction** – Ernie Prickett

**Invocation** – Sonny Seals

MAY 21, 2013

RALITSA VASSILEVA

CNN International Anchor

“Coming to (CNN in) America”

**R**alitsa Vassileva is an anchor for CNN International. Based at the network's global headquarters in Atlanta, she anchors ‘World Report’.

Since 1992, Vassileva has anchored coverage of many major international news stories including most recently the Chilean miner rescue, the Iran student protests, Israel's Gaza offensive, the Bosnian War and the Arab-Israeli conflict. She also has interviewed many world leaders, including Mikhail Gorbachev, Ariel Sharon and Henry Kissinger. In addition to her anchoring duties, Vassileva has reported in the field from places like Moscow, Jerusalem and the United Nations. She has done long-form documentaries like her half hour special on the 20th anniversary of the fall of Communism in her native Bulgaria.

Before joining CNN, Vassileva was an anchor and reporter for Bulgarian Television (BT). In this role, she helped develop a post-communist approach to news delivery and soon became the country's second highest-rated anchor.

Vassileva, born in Sofia, Bulgaria, was educated at English language schools in Sofia and New Delhi, India. She has an MA in English Language and Literature from Sofia University and recently acquired an MA in Political Science from Georgia State University.

In 2001, the American University in Bulgaria awarded Vassileva an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for her contributions to journalism.

**Introduction** – Susan Anderson

**Invocation** – Jim Schulz

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

### **MAY**

28 TBD

### **JUNE**

4 Craig Aronoff, "Succession in Family Business"

11 Anthony Wilson, EVP Georgia Power

18 TBD - International Relations Day

## **INTERCLUBS**

**Friday, May 17, Northside**, 12:15 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Mike Halpin, 678-686-0360 or mhalpin@pba.org.

**Monday, May 20, Druid Hills**, 12:00 noon at Petite Auberge Restaurant. Jack McFarland, akjcmcf@bell-south.net

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

**Do you play the Piano???** If so, we are looking for a couple of back up pianists to play when John Hemby is out of town. Please contact [office@kiwanisatlanta.org](mailto:office@kiwanisatlanta.org).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Trip to Camp Kiwanis – May 10th Contact Reynolds Couch for more information at [reynoldscouch@comast.net](mailto:reynoldscouch@comast.net)

**Zoo Atlanta** – May 11th Contact Sam Snider for more information @ [sam.snider@ml.com](mailto:sam.snider@ml.com)

**Orders for Parking Permits for July – December are \$37.50** and now being taken. Sign up May 21 or 28, or email [office@kiwanisatlanta.org](mailto:office@kiwanisatlanta.org)