

## Athens Chapter Women's Council of Realtors® 4rd Qtr 2011

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### October 2011 Business Resource Meeting

The Athens Chapter of WCR was honored to have Dr. Jeff Dorfman as speaker at our October 2011 Business Resource Meeting. Dr. Dorfman spoke about current economic indicators.



Members enjoyed networking and a delicious menu.



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### 227 Pounds of Food Collected in 2011 Athens WCR Food Drive

THANK YOU to all who participated in the WCR Food Drive to benefit the Northeast Georgia Food Bank and the needy families in the area. Whether you permitted our barrels to be placed in your location for collection, or one who donated food - it is all appreciated. Together we collected 227 pounds of food. A special thanks goes to Brenda Thompson and her husband, Charles, and Sharon Gay for taking on the task of collecting and distributing the barrels, and to Chuck Searcy, Brenda, and Jerry Russell for picking up and delivering to the food.

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## Women's Council of REALTORS® Awards - 2011

Leah Leggett, Awards Chair of The Athens Chapter of Women's Council of REALTORS®, recently presented awards to three very deserving members who were selected by their peers. Congratulations to each! They are:

Brenda Thompson, Assoc. Broker, Carriage House Realty

2011 WCR Entrepreneur of the Year, Athens Chapter



Laura Leiden, Assoc. Broker, Keller Williams Greater Athens

2011 WCR REALTOR® of the Year, Athens Chapter



George (Chip) Brown, Attorney, Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, P.C.

2011 WCR Affiliate of the Year, Athens Chapter



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## Athens Chapter Women's Council of Realtors® 2012 Officer Installation

Our Business Resource/Installation/Holiday celebration was held at the home of Jim & Sharon Gay on 12/15/2011.

Officers for 2012 were installed by 2011 Georgia State WCR President, Faith Reid, who traveled from Atlanta to attend our meeting and be on hand for the installation.

Your 2012 Line Officers are:

Brenda Thompson, President

Rhetta Howard, President-Elect

Michelle DeRepentigny, Vice President of Membership

Chip Brown, Secretary

Chuck Searcy, Treasurer

Thanks to all who served in 2011 as an Officer, Committee Chair, Committee Member or just helped out for a special occasion. Your participation is very much appreciated.



## 2011 WCR President's Message - 4th Quarter

It has been a great year serving as your 2011 Local Chapter President. I thank each of you, especially Team 2011 Line Officers, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members who have eagerly participated in directing the Athens Chapter.

Many new ideas were brought forth and implemented to keep the meeting programs, locations, and times interesting.

During this year, we had several members who have begun or continued work towards the G.R.I. or P.M.N. Designations. NAR is looking to W.C.R. to develop leaders who will serve on the National Level. What an honor! We are blessed to have 2010 National WCR President, Deborah Gilmore, actively involved and supporting our Chapters throughout Georgia. Jo Kenney is our next "jewel," serving as National Financial Secretary in 2011 and elected as National Recording Secretary for 2012. Another National President from Georgia in the works?? Our very own Leah Leggett is fast-tracking on the Leadership Path and will serve as Vice President of the Georgia State Chapter in 2012. She is State Secretary for 2011.

We welcomed 8 new members this year. Thank you for joining us! Our 2012 Membership Campaign kicks off January 1<sup>st</sup> and runs through March 31<sup>st</sup>. We need to grow our Chapter – so everyone please try to bring at least one new member. Women's Council is all about developing LEADERS FOR TOMORROW. The more involved each of us become, the more benefit we get from our membership.

We were privileged to have our 2011 State WCR President, Faith Reid, and her husband, Drake, drive out from Atlanta to install our 2012 Line Officers on December 15 at our December Business Resource Meeting.

Our gracious hosts, Sharon and Jim Gay welcomed us to their home to enjoy their beautiful decorations and party held after the installation. Congratulations to Team 2012:

Brenda Thompson, President; Rhetta Howard, President-Elect; Michelle DeRepentigny, VP Membership; Chip Brown, Secretary; and Chuck Searcy, Treasurer. They are all set and ready for the new year. Let's all be sure to support them by joining a committee, helping with one-time projects, or whatever may be asked of us.

I am honored to have served as your 2011 President.

Sandra Russell



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## NEWS FROM YOUR NEW 2012 WCR PRESIDENT

Our Athens Chapter WCR Leadership Team is excited about 2012!! We want to encourage our REALTOR® members and affiliates to renew their membership, and those who are not yet members to consider joining WCR. Mary Catherine Smith, our Membership Chair, is getting ready for our 2012 Recruitment & Retention Contests. Paulette Brown and the Program Committee are working on our programs, which will be outstanding. We are also looking at new venues for our meetings and are planning some breakfast, as well as lunch meetings. Please be on the lookout — our first Business Resource Meeting will be January 19th. The program topic and location will be announced later. I hope you will get involved with WCR in 2012!!

*Brenda Thompson, Local Chapter President*

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