



# Chapter News



Buckhead Chapter

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Dear Buckhead Chapter Members:

Greetings to all as we begin the fall season. We hope you enjoyed your summer and are geared up to begin an exciting new venture with our colleagues in the Atlanta Chapter.

Buckhead Chapter members should have received the Atlanta Chapter newsletter with the upcoming meeting information. If you missed that newsletter or didn't receive it, the meeting information is below.

This will be the first joint meeting of the Atlanta and Buckhead Chapters. As discussed previously, the GSCPA at the state level is evaluating chapters that may benefit by combining their resources and leadership talent.

## **PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE NEW LOCATION FOR MEETINGS:**

**Our next meeting will be on:** Tuesday, September 16, 2008

**Location:** Georgian Terrace Hotel.

Information about the Georgian Terrace Hotel (including directions and maps) can be found on the [hotel's web site](#).

Note that the cost of the meeting is \$25, which includes complimentary self parking.

**Reservations:** Contact [Chet Hosch](#), Atlanta Chapter Secretary

The topic of the September meeting is Middle Market Private Equity/Mergers and Acquisitions Update. We will have a panel of experts moderated by Stuart Johnson, a partner with Powell Goldstein LLP. I encourage you to invite some friends to attend.

We are also interested in finding additional leaders who would like to join our current officers, either by serving in an officer role or as a member of a specific committee. Please contact any of our officers and we will be happy to assist you in joining our team.

Best regards and see you at the meeting,  
Geoff Rhines  
Buckhead Chapter President

## **Meeting Information**

**Date:** September 16, 2008

**Location:** The Georgian Terrace Hotel, 659 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308

**Time:** 12 p.m. (please arrive 15 minutes early for registration)

**Cost:** \$25 cash or check (includes lunch and 1 hour of CPE credit)

**Moderator:** Stuart C. Johnson, Powell Goldstein LLP

**Panelists:** John Diggins, Partner, Platinum Equity Partners

Jim Fite, Managing Director, Lenox Group

Charlie Mills, Managing Director, Macquarie Capital

Kurt Putkonen, Senior Vice President, PNC Business Credit

Joe Longosz, Managing Director, Golub Capital

**Topic:** Middle Market Private Equity/Mergers and Acquisitions Update

Come and hear a panel of private equity, investment banking, and lending experts discuss the state of the private equity/mergers and acquisitions market for middle market companies. In a difficult economic environment, what deals are being done, and in what fashion? How are companies currently being valued? If a company is currently considering a transaction, what should they expect in terms of deal process and timing? What kinds of deal structures are being used? What is the profile of a company that is 'in demand' in the current environment? If you're a principal of a middle-market company or you work with middle-market clients, you won't want to miss this discussion.

GSCPA Atlanta Chapter meetings are open to professionals with interest in the topic being discussed. The meetings also happen to be great opportunities to meet other professionals. If you know of someone who would benefit by attending this month's meeting, please forward this invitation to them with a request to RSVP.

Complimentary self parking is available at the Georgian Terrace Hotel for those attending the Atlanta Chapter meeting.