



# Chapter News and Events



July 2009

Savannah Chapter

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## President's Message

Dear Savannah Chapter Members:

It's only the beginning of July, and I already feel like I'm ready for Fall. It looks like we have a long hot summer ahead of us, but don't let the weather keep you inside. Please come support the Chapter and network with your fellow professionals at our next meeting on July 15th. Tom Ledford from The Lenox Group is coming from Atlanta to talk to us about the "Challenges of Selling Your Business." You may have some clients in this situation now or in the future, and his insight may be very helpful. See meeting details and Tom's bio below.

Our officers and committees are in full swing planning some interesting programs. We are working on a possible joint meeting in September with other accounting/finance organizations. Lowell Mooney, Professor of Accounting at Georgia Southern University is arranging for Ernie Almonte (Chair of the AICPA) to come to Georgia Southern in the fall (9/16/09) with a stop in Savannah for lunch. From what Dr. Mooney has heard, he is a dynamic and inspiring speaker!

We are also planning our special event (scholarship fundraiser) for October 21st. We are very fortunate to have James Metzler, CPA, and V.P. - Small Firm Interests for the AICPA, come speak to our Chapter. Mr. Metzler's efforts on behalf of small firms and his activities prior to the AICPA have gained him recognition throughout the profession. He has frequently been named as one of the "The top 100 Most Influential People in Accounting," a national listing compiled annually by the editors of Accounting Today.

Thank you again for your support of the Savannah Chapter and for our profession through your association with the Georgia Society of CPAs.

Warm regards,  
Pam Clinard, President  
Savannah Chapter of the Georgia Society of CPAs

## Chapter Meeting Information

**Date:** July 15, 2009

**Location:** First City Club, 32 Bull Street, Savannah Georgia, 31401

**Time:** 12 Noon (please arrive a few minutes early for registration)

**Cost:** \$25 (includes lunch, complimentary valet parking and 1 hour of CPE credit)

**Speaker:** Mr. Tom Ledford

**Topic:** Challenges of Selling Your Business

**RSVP:** Deadline to RSVP – Friday, July 10, 2009 via email to Pam Clinard–  
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## Upcoming Chapter Meetings

**8/19** - Don Dean –  
"Stimulus Package"

**9/16** - Ernie Almonte,  
AICPA

**10/21** - Jim Metzler,  
AICPA- "Small Firm  
Interests"

**11/18** - Jeffrey Williams,  
Dabbs Hickman Hill  
Cannon – "1031  
Exchanges"

## Upcoming GSCPA Events

[2009 Southeastern  
Accounting Show](#)

August 26-27, 2009  
Georgia International  
Convention Center  
College Park, GA

GSCPA Savannah Chapter meetings are open to professionals with interest in the topic being discussed. This is also a great opportunity 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.

## **Speaker's Biography**

**Mr. Thomas E. Ledford**  
**Chairman**  
**The Lenox Group, LLC**

Tom is a 25 year veteran in the investment banking industry. His career has been highlighted by significant capital raising experience for middle market companies. Prior to Lenox, Tom was a Managing Director for Legacy Securities Corp., where he was co-head of the firm's Basic Industries Group and a senior member of the Healthcare and Hospitality Groups. He was actively involved in both capital raising and M&A engagements. Tom has also had significant experience in real estate and oil and gas ventures. Tom was also founder and served as President of Ledford Securities Corporation for 12 years which focused on capital raising for Southeastern companies. Tom was also Vice President with Equitable Securities Corporation directing corporate finance and real estate finance activities. From 1973 until 1979, Tom served as the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the Tennessee Housing Development Agency.

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