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# Facilities Quarterly

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## Holiday Luncheon 2006



L: Brad Satterfield and Mrs. Claus (Rose White) R: Santa Claus (Mike Leasure)

The theme was “**American Holiday Traditions.**” It was centered around four scenes Santa Claus, Bob Hope, Rudolf the Red Nose reindeer, and Charlie Brown. We had a tribute to our military veterans and active duty service men and women.

Bill Miller presided over the tribute. He acknowledged all Facilities veterans and their loved ones who are currently serving. Andy Sheffield returned again as the master of ceremony with his humor and flare for theatrical. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were represented by Mike Leasure and Rose White. As always, the food was excellent. Thanks to Sodexo and especially Chef Greg for the delicious food. There were many smiles from the employees as we handed out the most gifts ever. Many thanks to the Athletic Associa-

tion, the Ferst center, Juniors, and the Facilities Golf Tournament committee for their donations.

A big kudos to Cindy Jackson, the Chairperson of the Holiday Luncheon Committee. As she did in the past ten years, she had another excellent event. As Cindy said “ it is a group effort.” Cindy would like to thank all the volunteers who did

the setting up, decorating, and serving the food. Special thanks to the following committee members:

- Patti Stilson**
- Revonda Dunn**
- Ron Leroy**
- Chalette Mitchell**
- Todd Berman**
- George Roberts**
- Steve Cseplo**
- Kevin Parks**
- Glenties Jacobs**
- Paul Gruendler**
- Casey Charepoo**



Cindy Jackson, Terry Williams, and Ron Leroy

## Warren's Spotlight

Happy New Year, it is hard to believe another year has passed by so quickly. Each year is filled with the many challenges we face on a daily basis. Some small and some large but all handled very well. The excellence of the services we all provide was again verified by the evaluation we received from a company called Sightlines. Sightlines is in the business of evaluating facilities organizations throughout the United States and comparing them to other facilities organization with similar types of campuses. We received the highest ratings they have given in the service category. This had to do with our work order process and the visual inspection and evaluation of our grounds, building cleanliness, building maintenance, and condition of our mechanical

systems. As a result of Sightlines, they identified us as a "best practice" among the hundreds of universities and colleges in their database. This type of achievement is not attained without the dedicated efforts of each of us and I congratulate and thank each of you for your part in helping achieve this success.

I was also very pleased to see the big increase we had in the number of employees achieving perfect attendance awards for this past year. The number increased from 34 in 2005 to 55 in 2006. This is over a 60% increase. All the names of the employees are mentioned in this newsletter.

In addition to those receiving recognition for this year, there are several who have achieved perfect attendance for multiple



years.

We also recognize the team with the best attendance and again for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year the winner is Area Maintenance Team III.

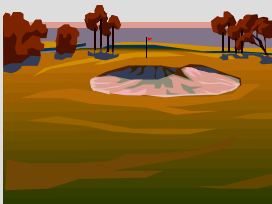
I look forward to the challenges and opportunities we will face this coming year with the confidence you all will be ready for whatever comes along.

Best wishes to you and yours for the coming year.

## 2007 Georgia Tech Facilities Golf Outing

Place: Browns Mill Golf Club

When: Spring 2007



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Please send any contributions for the newsletter to Bill Halabi.

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# Facilities Profile: Area 1



Front row: Rodd Hineman, Judy Harper, Harold Childers, Jeff Bridges, Malcolm Swann  
 Back row: David Calhoun, Gerry Greene, Laura Santos, Soloman Steadman, Timmy Blume (behind Harold), Dwayne Millsap, Bruce Barkley, John Jackson, Kevin Ammerman(behind Jeff), Sam Wilform, Joe Meadows, Jason Dunn, Albert Williams  
 Missing Paul Gruendler and Mike Ndongala

<p><b>What are the responsibilities of Area 1 shop?</b>                  We are responsible for the west side of the campus including Food Services, and large classroom buildings like the Instructional Center.</p> <p><b>What is the most common service request?</b>                  Too hot / Too cold.</p> <p><b>What is the most unusual service request?</b>                  Animals living under the Couch building.</p> <p><b>How many total employees</b></p>	<p><b>on the team and how are they grouped?</b>                  We have 22 employees.  <b>Manager:</b> Rodd Hineman  <b>Foreperson(acting):</b> Joe Meadows  <b>HVACII:</b> Jeff Bridges, Malcom Swann, Harold Childers  <b>HVAC I:</b> Albert Williams, Paul-Gruendler, Dwayne Milsap  <b>Plumber:</b> Jason Dunn  <b>Electrician:</b> Kevin Ammerman  <b>Carpenter:</b> Timmy Blume  <b>Painter:</b> Solomon Steadman  <b>Maint Worker II:</b> John Jackson  <b>Main Worker I:</b> Bruce Barkley,</p>	<p>Gerry Green, Laura Santos, Sam Wilorm, David Calhoun, Magloire Ndongala.</p> <p><b>Production Control:</b> Judy Harper.  <b>What is the most challenging aspect of the job?</b>                  Keeping CRC running.</p> <p><b>What is most rewarding about the job?</b>                  The most rewarding is seeing the employees taking responsibility and ownership of the buildings.</p> <p><b>What is a typical day like for an employee?</b>                  Hectic, busy from start to finish.</p>
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# Shop News

## AREA 1

Area One welcomes our newcomers! Two Maintenance I workers have joined us since last time. Bruce Barkley of Kennesaw comes to us from Kent Marina. Mike Ndongala was a maintenance worker at Unitarian Church in Atlanta. Mike recently was wed to Florence Babona right here on campus. We have a new Multicraft Foreperson. Joe Meadows is a veteran of the United States Navy and recently worked for Sodexo.



Tunji grandson Isiah Ayoola Short with his dad Arthur at his 1st birthday party.

## AREA 2

Rusty Voakes is very proud of his grandson Weston Crusselle. He has won the Georgia Championship for junior Wrestling for the 4th year in the row. He wrestles for McEchern High school. Chuck Scheffield is excited about his trip to Hawaii. He and his wife are celebrating their 25th anniversary.



Chuck showing Abe and Andre how to install a motion sensor.



Warren Page awarding a perfect attendance certificates to employees in Area 2. L-R: Chuck, Kingsly, Ronnie, Lee, Maurice, Warren.



Warren during his quarterly meeting with Area 2.

## AREA 3

Winter break came and went, and I am sure all of us enjoyed the time off with our families. Some of us took advantage of the time off and went to warmer climates such as Florida and Mexico. Johnny Roper took a Caribbean cruise that included stops in Cozumel, Belize, and the Grand Caymans. Some of us used the time off to catch up on home projects, like our hard working Andy Zabinski. We will miss Dennis Price for at least the next six weeks as he goes through major surgery on his big toe. (Arthro-Decis) We hope all goes well with Dennis and the surgery is a success. His humor and all around goofiness will be

missed. It was good news to hear that Terry Williams' mother had successful eye surgery. We also welcomed three new employees Mukhtar Ramzan, Kevin Mark and James Harbour to the HVAC department. By way of health news, the new miracle food for better health is the Russian Pomegranate according to Vladimir Droznin. Tim Rodgers and his wife enjoyed the Cirque Del Sol which is a circus where the acrobats and theatre are the show and not the elephants, horses and clowns. Make sure you all have a safe winter, salt the ice and shovel the snow. Riddle: How do you get exactly four gallons of water if you have only a three gallon bucket and a five gallon bucket available for use?

## AREA 4

Area 4 would like to welcome everyone back from the holidays,



Above: Stanley Tolbert III.

Right: Jesse Cas-tille



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# Shop News

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Simfiely Tchedou with his 103 years old Father Tchedou Kpatcha.

and extend wishes for a wonderful new year. Things are going pretty smoothly in Area 4 these days. Todd Bermann is back in school and we all are trying to help with his homework but, he's smart enough not to let us. There have been 2 births in our zone: Stanley Tolbert, III was born on 11-07-07 to Stanley and Crystal Tolbert, Jr. He weighed 6 lbs, 12 oz., and was 18 inches long. He has an appetite like his daddy, so we should be able to hire him in about 2 years. Jesse Castille was born 12-09-06 to Eric and Joy Castille. He weighed 6 lbs, 7.5 ozs. We count on hiring him soon also. Simfiely Tchedou visited his father in Koumea Village, in the region of Kara, in Togo West Africa. This was an



Florence Babona, Bob's Daughter and her Groom, Magloire Ndongala.

very special visit because his father, Tchedou Kpatcha, celebrated his 103rd birthday. Congratulations to Mr. Tchedou. It's not every day that a person has such a milestone! Bob Babone (formerly Deogratias Babona) is proud to announce the marriage of his daughter Florence Babona to Magloire Ndongala this past fall. They are now residing in Norcross, Georgia.

## AREA 5

Congratulations to Gary Lockerman. He was awarded the Patriot employer support certificate for supporting his employee Glenties Jacobs who is serving in the Air Force. Happy Birthday to Delora's grand daughter, Madeline Grace Atkins who turned 3 on February 3rd.

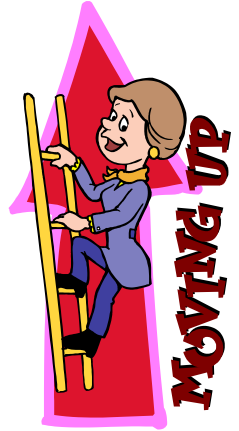
## Utilities & Energy

We want to welcome our new employees. Jammie Gaines (HVAC II) started Nov 06. He is married no children. He enjoys baseball at all levels. Jay Wimberly (Maintenance Worker) started Dec. 06. He is married and have 4 children. He likes to play pool, and beating Brandon Hunter in Basketball. Tony Carter (Electrician II) started Jan 07. He is married and have two children. He plays golf, fish, and play with the grandson.

## Administration

Judith Butler, Facilities Finance Dept, is out on medical leave, we are all praying for her recovery. Barbara Essinger, Design and Construction is also out on medical leave, doing fine and will return in March.

## Building Services



Congratulations to the following employees on their recent promotions:

<b>Randy Beasley</b>	Cust III
<b>Tondaleal Peek</b>	Cust III
<b>Cedric Lee</b>	Cust III
<b>Andrea Hamilton</b>	Cust III
<b>Lolita Ringfield</b>	Cust III
<b>Patrick Price</b>	Cust II
<b>James Doyle</b>	Cust II



Tamia Barnett Norman, 7 month old. She is Patricia Barnett's first grand Baby.

Sincere sympathy goes out to these Building Services employees who recently lost loved ones:

Richard Murphy who lost his wife Diane; Naomi Fields lost her grandmother, Mrs. Willie Emma Boswell; Andrea Hamilton lost her father Mr. Gerald Hamilton

# Holiday Luncheon 2006



Stan, Ronnie, and JC



Warren, Muhasibi, and Ronnie



Mrs. Claus, David, and Hank.



Mattie, Tokki



Gwen



Linda, Barbara, Mattie, Tokki



Jonathon and Dan



Nurtaza, Madhav



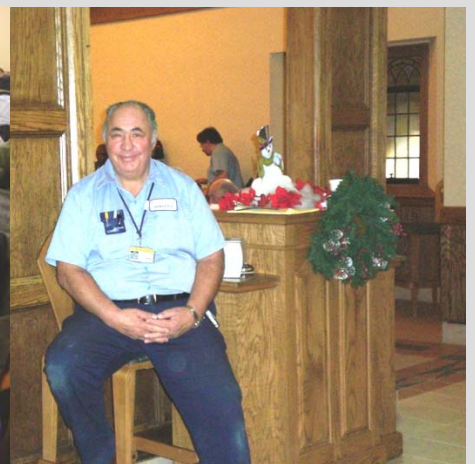
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Jane Allen, Bill, Barbara.



Ron Maniaci.

# Holiday Luncheon 2006



Ryan and Mrs. Claus.



Lo, Hiram



Alicia, Frank, and Jerry.



Cheryl and Lolita



Albert and Paul



Robbie and Richard



George Robert and Ron Maniaci



Michelle, Vanessa, and Anna.



Food Servers.

# Green Cleaning

Several years ago our Building Service Department launched a Green Cleaning Program to aid our sustainability approach, improve the environment and quality of life for the Georgia Tech Community. We introduced Oxyi-Orange over a year ago to replace all general cleaning chemicals. Oxyi-Orange is composed of a citrus base combined with peroxide and has been tested and proven to kill germs, is cost effective and is not harmful to humans, animals or the environment. Along with the Green Cleaning Initiative Building Services has introduced Micro-Fiber Rags, Dust Mops, Wet Mops and Green Certified Equipment. We have Tennant vacuums and scrubbers that are being used in most campus buildings. As we move toward making more of our campus buildings LEED certified the green cleaning initiative will definitely assist us in getting there.



David McMullen showing off the various Green Certified mapping pads. They pick up dust and dirt and they are machine washable.



L: Green Certified carpet shampooing machine. R: Green Certified vacuum cleaner.



L: Oxy Orange used for Green Cleaning.



L: Green Certified back pack. It is used to vacuum corners and under desk...



Green Certified tile cleaner. It is used to clean the pool deck at CRC.



Taffie Maynard showing the Green Certified vacuum cleaner with triple filtration system that picks up dust mites and other allergenic particles from the carpet.

# Flea Markets in Metro Atlanta



My favorite flea market/antique mart, the Lakewood Antique Market in Atlanta, closed its doors after their November 2006 show. So now, every 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month, I find myself daydreaming of Lakewood and wishing for a new market to take its place. Ok, not really, but I would like to find other markets around town to enjoy. I can't think of many places other than a flea market, where you can pick up a fresh bag of peaches, find a Goonie's metal lunchbox, a pair of fake Ray ban sunglasses, and a puppy, all in one place! (Side note: Flea market puppies are *usually, but not always* from puppy mills. Bad news!! There are many purebred and stable dogs and cats waiting for adoption in your local animal shelter and rescue organization. Please think of these animals, or buy from a reputable breeder, but not a puppy mill. But I digress.)

I've compiled a list of flea markets and antique markets in the Metro Atlanta area. The markets I have listed include those that have 300+ vendors. No need to waste time on the small, little markets, though great treasures can certainly be found at those.

First off is the replacement **Lakewood** up GA 400 in Cumming, GA.

Not nearly as big as the closed Lakewood, but many of the old vendors moved up there. Open the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month. For more information visit, [www.lakewoodantiques.com](http://www.lakewoodantiques.com).

The **Scott Antique Market** is located in Atlanta off of Jonesboro Rd. This market is more upscale than Lakewood ever was. This would be the place to see if you were definitely in the market for some nice antiques and were willing to pay top dollar. I tend to like the cheap, in need of repair, antiques, but others might like this show. For more information, visit [www.scottantiquemarket.com](http://www.scottantiquemarket.com).

Over in Carrollton, the **West Georgia Flea & Farmer's Market** is open each weekend year round. There are over 450+ vendors and 3,000 visitors daily. For more information, visit [www.westgeorgiaflea.com](http://www.westgeorgiaflea.com).

I've been meaning to visit this next flea market for some time but haven't gotten down to McDonough yet. The **Peachtree Peddlers Market** is open each weekend year round off of I-75, Exit 221 south of Atlanta. This market boasts 400+ vendors and over 5,000 visitors daily. For more information, visit, [www.peachtreepeddlers.com](http://www.peachtreepeddlers.com).

The **Pendergrass Flea Market** is located on Highway 129, up I-85 in Pendergrass, GA. This market is open on the weekends and is billed as "Georgia's Largest." There are over 500+ vendors set up for you to browse. For more information, visit [www.pendflea.com](http://www.pendflea.com).

Up near Lake Acworth, off of I-75

exit 121 is the **Lake Acworth Flea Market**. This market is open on the weekends and includes 400+ vendors. No website for this one, but you can call 770-974-5896 for more information.

If you are up for the trip, there is also a great flea market in Athens, GA. The **J and J Flea Market** is located 4 miles north of Athens on US Highway 441. J and J is open weekends and includes over 400+ vendors. For more information, call (706) 613-2410.

And last but not least, the **North Atlanta Flea Market**, formerly known as the "**Pride of Dixie Antique Market**" is located in Norcross, GA. This market is the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month with 800+ vendors, and located up I-85 off of Indian Trail at the North Atlanta Trade Center. \*\*Note: A posting on their website says the market was suspended last summer due to the downturn of the economy, but will resume when the economy starts up again...So maybe this market has followed Lakewood into the great market Resting place in the Sky.

So visit these websites, make those phone calls, and get ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of March just around the corner to go junking at the flea market!

Editor's note: If you have any other favorite flea markets to add, please email [mi-chelle.short@ehs.gatech.edu](mailto:mi-chelle.short@ehs.gatech.edu) for addition in the next newsletter.

# Judith Butler

## How long have you been at Tech?

I have been here for 15 years. I started as a temp in administration.

## Has the Facilities department changed in the past 15 years?

Yes. The only time I get to see my fellow co-workers is 3 times a year during the special events. I miss the camaraderie. It is not easy to meet the new employees.

## Is GT a good place to work?

GT has excellent benefits and the co-workers are very friendly.

## What have you learned from your experience at Tech?

I have gained a lot of computer skills. I learned to use many computer software.

I have made some life long friends and I worked with a group of people that really care for one another. They are concerned about you as a human being. When they offer help, they really mean it. Stay in touch and please remember me in your prayers.



Judith with Bill Halabi and Sharron Harrah.



Judith Butler

## Building Services Holds a Christmas “Send Off”

Zone 7, Building Services enjoyed a Christmas send off on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. They were entertained by Charlie Flowers and A..C. Oliver with songs of the season during their annual breakfast



# Perfect Attendance 2006



Back Row L-R: Charlie Mason, Dennis Price, Terry Williams, Onkor Auzla, James Frazer. 2nd row from back: William Robertson, Mike Pickleseimer, Johnny Roper. 3rd row: Rick Wintermuth, James Harbor, Vladimir Dronzin, Kevin Marks, Pete Williams, Andy Zabinski. 4th row: Melvin Jones, Mike Castille, Charles Cooke, Mukhtar Ramzan. 5th row: Warren Page, Ronnie Croy.

Congratulations to the following Operations and Maintenance employees who had a perfect attendance for the calendar year 2006 and/or more. Those employees who had a perfect attendance for 5 years or more, get treated to a free lunch. This year we had 55 employees with perfect attendance compared to 34 employees last year. Area 3 won the best attendance contest again in 2006. This is their 4th year.

**One Year:**

James Abbott  
Sahardid Ahmed  
Alowou Amouzouvi  
William Alfaro  
Bob Babone  
Bobby Burdette  
Tony Blalock  
Sandra Butler  
Harold Cash  
Kingsley Chime  
Kerry Clithero  
Gregory Clower  
Charles Cooke

Darrell Craft  
Johnathon Craft  
Vladimir Dronzin  
Samuel Hargrove  
Mark Harrah  
Rodd Hineman  
Derrick Jones  
David Jordan  
Henry Lampley  
Gentle Lee  
Xi Yu Li  
Charlie Mason  
Nadine McCravy

Claude Nix  
Eric Reese  
Charles Sheffield  
Nicholas Watkins  
Claude Woods  
Maurice Zellner

**Two Years:**

Onkar Auzla  
Todd Bermann  
Timmy Blume  
Daniel DeSaussure  
Judy Harper

Robert Holloway  
George Roberts  
John N. Roper

**Three Years:**

Musa Abdullah  
Craig Fritz  
Cindy Smith  
Isadore Snead  
Stanley Thomas

**Four Years:**

Bruce Crumbley

John L. Roper  
Ronnie Zachary

**Six Years:**

Hugh Cody  
Marvin Porter  
Willie Stephens  
Andrew Zabinski

**Nine Years:**

Ronnie Croy  
Antonio English  
Terry Williams

# Accolades

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## Jo Ann & Hyacinth,

I wanted to thank you for all your help with setting up for Homecoming Weekend. The weekend was a success and I appreciate all your assistance.

Thanks,

### Heather Kyle

*Event Manager*

Georgia Tech Alumni Association

Warren

I wanted to send a quick thank you to your team from Area 1 who helped set up for the Women's Leadership Conference all day Friday:

### John Jackson

**Sam Wilform**

**Mike Nsongala**

**Gerry Green**

Our student-planning committee wanted to hang fabric from the bars on the Student Center ceiling for the conference to add to the ambience of the event. This was a challenge since we could not use the ladder. As you can imagine, it is difficult for group after group on campus to use the same spaces for every event. By hanging decorations, the committee is able to visually transform the space - and the mindset of the participants.

Facilities assisted us for the first time last year when the Student Center allowed us to hang banners from the ceiling, but this year was much more complex and required much patience and attention to detail. Sam, Mike, Gerry and John showed great patience - and even enthusiasm - for their work. They had a lot of pride in making sure their job was done well. I could not have been more impressed with

their work ethic or the final result. Because of their work - we received numerous compliments throughout the conference about the transformation of the space. Mike and Gerry even came in over the weekend to take down the materials. I know we paid for their time Saturday, but I want to compliment them on their good spirit and upbeat attitude - and I was glad they arrived early so that they could see the event in progress and enjoy their part in our success. I have had many wonderful experiences with Area 1 Facilities. This one certainly lived up to my expectations.

Yvette

Yvette Upton

Assistant Dean of Students  
Director of the Women's Resource Center

## Hi Ronnie-

I wanted to thank you for the terrific job that your team did to resurrect the elevator in Bunger-Henry! I had a visit from a senior research fellow from Chevron on Monday. He has been working with my group since I moved here from Texas, and he commented on how nice the unit looks. I was delighted, since he earlier had noted that it looked "decrepit". It may seem like a small thing, but this is the first impression that these folks have when they visit our building, and it will now get things off on a positive footing.

I really do appreciate you coming through on this commitment!

With best regards--- and thanks again!

Bill Koros

Bill

I wanted to let you know - **Frank and Larry** helped me out today, in Area 2 - they went beyond "just the request" and made sure my need was met.

I needed to get a spot cooler working in Baker rm 30A; it wouldn't turn on, so I asked to have the AC circuit checked. I happened to run across Larry and Frank while they were checking the spot cooler.

The circuit was OK, but the spot cooler kept popping the breaker. I supplied another spot cooler, and they started to install it; but they checked and realized that the installed drain hose fitting in rm 30A actually didn't go into a working drain. So Larry called me, and I was able to find \*another\* spot cooler, that doesn't need a drain. They came back and installed it, and made sure it was cooling. In short, they stayed with the job until my real need (a cool room) was met, and I appreciate it.

Thanks -

- Tony White

Network Projects Manager

Bill

I just wanted to let you know what a good job **Wakim** did in room 466. The response time was quick, the quality of work was good, and the staff was very professional.

Thank you

Jennifer Williams

Bill

Your guys have had a lot to do over here this past week - A light ballast, this A / C work, etc - they always do a great job. Thank you for all the support I receive from Area 2.

Carl Lashmit