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President's Message

Dear Alabama Jewelers, Associates & Friends,

I hope you and your families are having a great summer!

We enjoyed a wonderful convention at the Marriott Grand National & Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Opelika. Once again, Kathy & Judy (along with Whitney) put together an event with outstanding education, and many opportunities to visit friends, along with the bonus of a local Opelika "On the Tracks" event.

Alabama and Georgia proudly donated over \$4,700 to Jewelers for Children (JFC), and we owe a note of gratitude to Tommy Glasscock for his time to entertain us with his professional auction skills, and to Southeastern Findings/Namano who sponsored a charity poker tournament, allowing us to offer this generous donation to JFC.



I would also like to thank our Convention Sponsors, Yearbook Advertisers, and so many who donated items, making our weekend special and memorable. We are sincerely grateful to all of you – with your support we bring A+ speakers locally, and offer two events each year for our jewelers and vendors to gather and learn. Thank you once again!

If you were unable to join us in April, mark your 2016 calendar now for a return to Opelika by popular demand. The dates are April 1st-3rd, proudly co-hosted with our friends from Georgia.

As noted previously, the best part of membership in AJA is coming together with fellow jewelers to share information and experiences – a beautiful landscape is icing on the cake!

Speaking of beautiful landscapes, coming-up October 9th-11th we invite you to the Alabama Jewelers Saltwater Seminar in Orange Beach. October is the best time to visit the gulf with cool temperatures and fewer crowds. Please join us – you'll be glad you did!

Reserve your sleeping room now, and take advantage of our special rate at The Island House Hotel (800) 264-2642. You'll find a Registration Form inside this newsletter, and should you need additional information please call Kathy at (404) 434-4946.

Hope to see you at the beach!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Clarke, President

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Both **Taylor Sherrer & Glenn Manning** were winners in the CAD Category!

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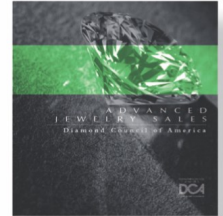
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Receiving the Alabama Jewelers Association's Associate of the year award is truly an honor and a wonderful surprise.


Being an "inside guy" and not being able to call on and visit Alabama jewelers on a regular basis, makes coming to the spring convention and Saltwater very special. It has provided the opportunity for me to form valuable relationships and friendships. An occasional phone call cannot do this. You all are very special to me and make me feel like family.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for honoring me and I look forward to many more productive years working with you all.

Sincerely,

Mark Smith

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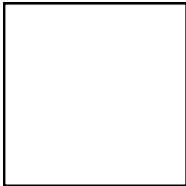
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