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To the family of Marshall & Michelle Sanford of Hayes Jewelers in Mobile. Michelle lost her Father recently.



Who Is Your Choice For 2011 Associate Of The Year?

Please call, fax or email your choice for a salesperson/vendor representative who is worthy of this special recognition and distinction. It only takes a minute of your time to recommend someone who goes above and beyond... Someone you respect. Someone who represents their fellow sales associates as an industry professional. **VOTE NOW!**

Most recent recipients (please do not recommend again): John Falotico/Camelot; Brent Johnson/Richard's; Renee Singer/Start-to-Finish; Craft Maier/Citizen; Bill Harrison/Ashi; Judy Carter/J. Carter & Associates; Ralph Williams/Gabriel

I recommend _____ for 2011 Associate of the Year

Fax (770) 206-2352 or Email your vote to k_beall@bellsouth.net All info is confidential.

President's Message

I hope that everyone enjoyed a prosperous Christmas, and are off to a great start for the New Year!

AJA is preparing for our annual convention in March with the Georgia jewelers, and we encourage you to attend with the possibility of bringing your entire staff. The location is Lakepoint State Park Resort which is part of an 11,000+ acre National Wildlife Refuge located on Lake Eufaula, bordering the Chattahoochee River - This makes it extremely convenient for Alabama and Georgia jewelers.



Lakepoint re-opened just over a year ago following a \$12 million dollar renovation, and the convention center offers state-of-the-art facilities in a wonderful park setting. Lodging was also updated, and is nicely appointed.

Our educational program offers two great presenters - Fellow retail jeweler, Bill Warren of North Carolina, and Brad Huisken of IAS Training. Both will present valuable information in a fun and entertaining manner that will enable you to return to your store with new ideas and strategies to put to work immediately.

Bill Warren will facilitate our very popular Owner's Round Table discussions, so please bring your questions, concerns, ideas and recommendations, or contact Kathy at the AJA office to share your topics of interest ahead of time.

This convention will be very casual and family friendly, and we think you will enjoy exploring this natural landscape and wetlands habitat. Our Hospitality Cottage is overlooking Lake Eufaula, where we will have the opportunity to meet and mingle, and even roast marshmallows! How long has it been since you've done that? Come join us, and reconnect with your fellow jewelers for a grand fellowship and lots of learning! You won't be disappointed!

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