

September 2005

President's Corner

Welcome to another exciting year with the Atlanta Economics Club! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and that you are all ready for a busy fall -- including monthly lunches and speakers at Anthony's. As always, the economic climate gives us plenty to talk about.

The executive board had a productive meeting in August. We have some excellent speakers lined up for the year and are excited about a couple of initiatives we think will have a positive impact on our membership -- including website improvements and the newsletter you are now reading. We will be discussing these and some other ideas at our first meeting on September 20th.

I look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks. In the meantime, look over our newsletter, complete and return the attached membership renewal form, and invite a friend to hear Rajeev Dhawan.

Phil Mayer

This Year's Lineup

We are all excited about AEC's schedule of speakers for the coming year. As you can see from the listing below, we have a full slate of interesting, and entertaining guests -- as well as a couple of surprises. Mark your calendars and invite someone to join you.

Meeting Date	Speaker	Organization
September 20	Rajeev Dhawan	GSU, College of Business
October 18	Tom Weyandt	ARC, Director of Comprehensive Planning
November 16	Don Ratajczak	Venture Capital
December 13	D.C. Aiken	HomeBanc, Sr. Vice President
January 17	Fred Bryant	OBP, GMACC
February 21	Surprise!!	
March 21	Roger Tutterow	Mercer University
April 18	Kenneth Simonson	Association of American General Contractors, Chief Economist
May 16	Kenneth Heaghney	State Fiscal Economist

Next AEC Meeting -- Where and When:

Anthony's, Piedmont Road, Buckhead
Tuesday, September 20th
11:30 Networking, 12:00 Lunch and Speaker

Don't forget to register online at www.atlantaeconomicsclub.org or by calling Tracey Ussery at 404-506-1529. We must have registrations or cancellations for the meeting by Friday, September 16th.

Spotlight on September -- Dr. Rajeev Dhawan

As AEC members know, Dr. Dhawan always provides entertaining insights on Atlanta's economic condition. He is Director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University in Atlanta and is consistently ranked one of the "most accurate" forecasters in the nation by the Bank One Economic Outlook Center at Arizona State University. Dr. Dhawan has been listed among Georgia Trend magazine's "100 Most Influential Georgians" for three consecutive years.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Rajeev Dhawan on September 20th as we start the 2005 - 2006 AEC season with a bang!



Summary of Motions, Executive Board Meeting, August 2005

The Executive Board moved to consider the following motions at the August meeting. These items will be announced to the club at our September meeting.

1. Waive late fee for club membership dues
2. Reduce student fee
3. Offer reduced fee after January 1st, 2006
4. Revise vendor contracts to match AEC fiscal year
5. Edit By Laws to remove items no longer applicable
6. Investigate web site improvement options

a word about *Anthony's*

For the past few years, AEC has gathered monthly at Anthony's in Buckhead. The house has a fascinating history -- if only those walls could speak.

Construction on the Anthony's house was started in 1797 by Wiley Woods Pope. The house, originally built 117 miles east of Atlanta on a 2,500 acre plantation, was moved brick-by-brick to its current spot by Dayton Smith, an engineer and restaurateur from Memphis Tennessee.

During the Civil War, the house was occupied by Mary Elizabeth Pope Walton, granddaughter of Wiley Woods Pope. With her husband away fighting, she, her newborn daughter, and a slave girl were left to defend the house against Sherman's army. Union soldiers rode through the hallways of the house raiding and plundering, but the house was spared because of the newborn baby.

At our next meeting, take the opportunity to look over some of the pictures in the entry hall and imagine the time and effort it must have taken to build the house, and then build it again in its current location. Quite an accomplishment!

Information taken from Anthony's web site.

Just the Facts

Did you know that a poll conducted by Harris Interactive ranked New York the number one most livable city in the United States? How did Atlanta fair? Here are the results.

1. New York
2. San Deigo
3. Las Vegas
4. San Francisco
5. Seattle
6. Chicago
7. Denver
8. Honolulu
- 9. Atlanta**
10. Portland, OR

Source: Atlanta Journal Constitution, Monday, August 22, 2005

AEC Wants You!!!

Scott Crooks is looking for a few good men and women to be a part of his dynamic Membership Committee. Contact Scott today.

The Executive Board, 2005 - 2006

Members of the new Executive Board were installed this past May. Anyone interested in serving on the Membership, Publicity or Scholarship Committees, please contact the appropriate committee chair. Building on the strategic planning and survey work started over the past few years, the board members are anxious to work with our membership on making this one our best years ever.

President	Philip Mayer	770-528-1604
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Publicity	Ken Gilliam	770-423-6319
Scholarship	Mary Kassis	678-839-4777

AEC Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your Atlanta Economics Club membership. The Atlanta Economics Club has served more than 30 years as THE Atlanta forum for the discussion of the common interests of economists – regional, national and global – who practice in a broad range of industries comprising business, government and higher education.

As we mentioned earlier, the club has lined up several interesting speakers for the year, with the first meeting featuring Dr. Rajeev Dhawan of the Georgia State University's Economic Forecasting Center.

Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month, September through May. They begin at noon and end at 1:30 p.m. This year's location is again Anthony's Restaurant in Buckhead.

This year's dues and lunch fees are listed below. The membership application/renewal form is attached. Also see the Membership section of our new Website at www.atlantaeconomicsclub.org for additional information, forms, and the fee schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact me at tgussery@southernco.com and/or 404-506-1529. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting!

Tracey Ussery

The AEC Website Initiative

As the Atlanta Economics Club prepares for its 33rd year of serving Georgia's community of economists, we are taking this opportunity to update you, via our inaugural newsletter, on many new changes this year and for years to come.

First, I would like to thank the many members of our past executive boards who helped sustain the club in its many decades of success. And as an AEC member, your past contributions to the club have helped maintain its position as the premier place to meet and maintain contacts with many of the area's leading economic professionals. We appreciate your contributions and continued support.

This year some exciting new things are happening within AEC, including a new Website and logo. The new Website includes a new design (along with the new logo), new search features and a wealth of information about business economics in Atlanta and the region beyond.

Be aware, AEC's new home is:
www.atlantaeconomicsclub.org

AEC's launch date will be September 6, 2005. We think you'll like what you see and more!

Colby Lancelin

The AEC Newsletter

Have an idea for the October newsletter? Please contact Tracey Ussery with interesting Atlanta facts, job openings, information about useful websites, economists jokes (Jennifer E.), or anything else you'd like to see. We need your help in making the AEC newsletter rock!

Membership Dues and Lunch Fees, 2005 - 2006

Individual Memberships:

Regular dues: \$75 per year or a "lunch option"* for \$270

Retiree dues: \$25 or a "lunch option"* for \$220

Student dues: \$20 per year or a "lunch option"* \$215

Institutional Memberships:

Small business: \$270 per year (includes dues & lunch for 1 attendee per meeting)

Corporate: \$1,000 per year (includes dues & lunch for up to 4 attendees)

Lunch Price:

Member: \$22, Non-member: \$28

**the "lunch option" includes lunch at Anthony's for each AEC meeting*

2005 - 2006 Membership Application/Renewal

Please fill in the contact information, tell us how you want to receive your meeting notices, and which type of membership you desire. Attach a check payable to the **Atlanta Economics Club**, and send to the club's secretary at the address listed below.

Reminder:

Whether selecting the lunch option membership or paying as you go, all members must register on our website or by phone for each meeting! Reservations for our first meeting are due by Friday, September 16th.

Please make check payable to:

Atlanta Economics Club

and mail to:

Tracey Ussery

Georgia Power

75 Fifth Street, N.W., Suite 175

Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Note: Small Business and Corporate memberships include dues and lunches for all meetings. Attendees can vary from month to month. "Small Business" membership allows for one attendee per meeting, "Corporate" membership allows for up to 4 attendees per meeting.

Member Data:

Name:

Company:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Fax:

Meeting Notice Preference (check one):

Email:

Fax:

U.S. Mail:

Membership Type (check and enter \$ amount):

Regular Dues: \$75 \$

Regular Dues With Lunch Option: \$270 \$

Retiree Dues: \$25 \$

Retiree Dues With Lunch Option: \$220 \$

Student Dues: \$20 \$

Student Dues With Lunch Option: \$215 \$

Small Business (includes lunch): \$270 \$

Corporate (includes lunch for 4): \$1,000 \$

Sub Total: \$

Amount Enclosed: \$