



December 2018 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been an honor to serve as your President this past year. We have had a busy, sometimes challenging, but ultimately, very successful year at Buckhead Heritage.

One of our successes was the hiring about this time last year of Richard Waterhouse, a very capable, well qualified Executive Director – who has provided steady, effective staff leadership to the organization.

Over the past eleven months, I hope you've noticed the improved quality, as well as the quantity, of our member communications. A fresh e-newsletter and a continually updated website are among those efforts. Richard and John Beach were instrumental in making those things happen.

One of our top priorities this year was to produce an interesting and entertaining array of events and educational programs for you. These ranged from a night exploring the old Limelight night club, to an afternoon visiting historical significant monuments at Oakland Cemetery, to a really fun Historic Scavenger Hunt, to the recent gathering with former Mayor, Sam Massell. Our Programs Committee was chaired by Chad Wright.



L-R: Bob Helget, Board Member Emeritus; Tamara Bazzle, President; and Wright Mitchell, Founder and Board Member Emeritus

I'm proud to say that the Buckhead community has enthusiastically responded to these offerings and the opportunity to engage with Buckhead Heritage.

We've welcomed 51 new members in the past 11 months, and new members continue to join. If you aren't a "card carrying member" of Buckhead Heritage, consider yourself invited!

Operationally, we retained a new accounting firm, greatly improved our database management systems, and streamlined our membership records.

Unlike many organizations, we operate with only one staff person. We rely on the invaluable volunteer time and talent of our members to make Buckhead Heritage function so well. Whatever your skills, talents or inclination for service, we welcome you on the team, so please speak to Richard or any of our Board members to find your special place to get involved.

Looking ahead to 2019, I will mention only one of our top priorities, and that is to implement our *Survey of Buckhead Historical Resources*. This project will be essential in helping to fulfill our mission of *identifying, preserving, and promoting Buckhead's historic resources*.

And speaking of 2019, I want to announce that the Nominating Committee, chaired by Ivan Allen IV, has proposed the following slate of officers, and the Board unanimously approved it:

- John Beach, President
- Fay Pearce, Vice President
- Howard Benson, Secretary
- Mike Armstrong, Treasurer

Buckhead Heritage will be in great hands going forward, and I'll continue to be involved and supportive to ensure a smooth transition and to continue the great work of this organization.

2018 HOLIDAY GATHERING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

Buckhead Heritage will host its annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 13, 7 p.m., at the beautiful and historic home of Daphne and Boyd Eaton, located at 2887 Howell Mill Road, NW, Atlanta, GA. The cost to attend is \$125.00 for members and \$150.00 for non-members. You can register on-line on the website [here](#) or call Buckhead Heritage at (404) 467-9447.



Honorary Co-Chairs are **Melody and Joe Thomas**, long-time supporters of Buckhead Heritage. **Event Co-Chairs** are Board Members **Charlotte Margolin and Christy Morris**. This is a rare opportunity to see this historic Buckhead home, Halycon. Guests will gather to celebrate the holidays with an evening of drinks, music, dining, and to learn more about this residence, which was placed on the National Register in 2006.

Our supporters include **Presenting Sponsor**: Peachtree Hills Place; **Patrons**: Betsy and Scott Akers, Tamara and Ken Bazzle, Ann and John Beach, Elizabeth and Mark Feidler, Sandy and Dave Ferguson, Bonnie and Bob Helget, Antonia and Wright Mitchell, Mary Lu and Wade Mitchell, Christy and John Morris, Stephanie and Austin Stephens, and Melody and Joe Thomas; **Host Committee**: Beckie and John Amos, Barbara and Frank Bazzel, Virginia Groves Beach, Sheila and Howard Benson, Jane and Dameron Black, Suzette and Stan Brading, Katharine and Alan Elsas, Mary Ann and Hunter Groton, Penny and George Hart, Blanchette and Frank Maier, Tracy Gray Monk, Mary M. Patton, Ann and Fay Pearce, and Christie and Chad Wright. Special thanks to Michael Evans Flora and Event Planning for centerpiece flowers.

SUCCESSFUL SAM MASSELL INTERVIEW

On November 1, Buckhead Heritage hosted a well-attended interview and book signing with former Atlanta Mayor, Sam Massell, who is often referred to as the “Mayor of Buckhead.” Wright Mitchell, Founder of Buckhead Heritage, introduced Thornton Kennedy, the interviewer, who is the principal of PR South and a contributor to the “Northside News”, and Mayor Massell. Mr. Kennedy asked questions that were both penetrating and entertaining, and the two men held the rapt attention of the audience. The questions were based on the 2017 book, *Play it Again: The Notable Life of Sam Massell, Atlanta’s First Minority Mayor* by Charles McNair.

PACES FERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEEDS OUR HELP

Paces Ferry United Methodist Church, which is located at 3612 Paces Ferry Road and was founded in 1877, will hold its last service December 30. The church’s lay minister, Steve Unti, is retiring after spending 18 years in that role, and the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, the



church’s parent organization, has decided to close it instead of hiring a new minister to take Unti’s place. The church’s building was completed in 1896, and the adjacent Pleasant Hill Cemetery predates it, bearing the church’s original name, Pleasant Hill Methodist. The cemetery includes the graves of Civil War soldiers who died in a nearby battle. It also holds the grave of William Brown, who donated the land for the church, according to a historic marker outside the church’s doors erected by the Thomas Johnson chapter of the National Society of Colonial Dames XVIII Century. The church also housed a school, Pleasant Hill Private Academy, which was led by Ida Williams, the woman for whom the Buckhead Library was named.

Paces Civic Association members and its Board members have asked Buckhead Heritage to encourage our members to join them on Sundays at 11 am to fill the pews. There are only a few remaining Sundays to make a statement.

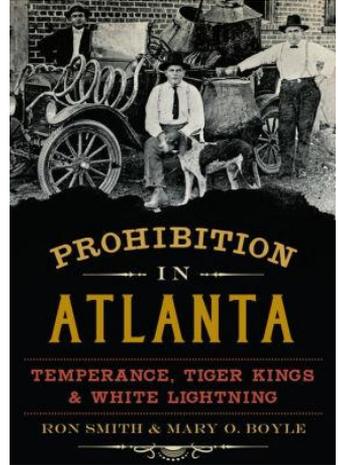
CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA



Do you have a difficult time buying for friends and family that have everything? Give them a Buckhead Heritage Membership that delivers all year long with e-newsletters, invitations to fun educational and social programs and other special events, and reduced ticket prices to most programs. Membership contributions are fully tax deductible. To sign up for a membership on-line, go [here](#) or call (404) 467-9447.

JANUARY BOOK CLUB GATHERING, January 24th 2019, 7:00 p.m.

The next book club will review *Prohibition in Atlanta: Temperance, Tiger Kings & White Lightning* written by Ron Smith and Mary O. Boyle. The group will gather at the Mathieson Exchange Lofts in Buckhead. The authors will discuss Georgia's protracted and intense battle, that changed the industrial and social landscape of Atlanta and unleashed a flood of illegal liquor that continually flowed in the wettest city in the South. Even though the book club gathering is free, please register [here](#) or call (404) 467-9447.



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