NEWSLETTER

FALL 2005

Issue #2

Greetings and welcome to our second newsletter of 2005 from the **Georgia Tech Club of Orange County**. We are proud to serve the 500+ alumni in Orange County, as well as NW Riverside County.

The club sponsors diverse events including:

- Local prospective student recruitment
- Providing scholarships for GT undergrads
- Social, athletic, and networking events
- Annual student send-off parties
- Speakers & dinners
- Community service gatherings

Membership Drive Results

We had a very successful drive in 2004-2005 with over 45 founding members! Your dues help us cover the expenses of the **website**, **club operating costs,** and **hosting exciting local events.**

Our founding members are: *Andrew Meyer, Anita Makwana, Ari* and *Helen Flechner, Ben Imai, Bill Magee, Bob Bullard, Brian Drachman, Britt Dowdy, Bruce Prior, Charlie* and *Elanor Anderson, Dorron Margalit, Ed Trainer, Erik Johnson, Frances Dorrough, Frank Christy, Hasan Nouri, Henry Kim, Joanna Li, John* and *Sharon Morris, John* and *Teri Wilson, Joe Grabuskie, Juliana Asgian, Ken* and *Valerie Dickerson, Lyle Carlson, Mark Sheridan, Michael* and *Veronica Thomas, Monte Nelson, Rich Aguiar, Ricky Sternberg, Ron Wensel, Stacy Haywood, Steve Cheuk, Stewart Teasley, Thomas* and *Sharon Galloway, Tim* and *Molly Britt,* and *Walt* and *Amy Baxter*.

As a special thank you to these members, we have decided to extend your membership for the 2005-2006 year.

To become a dues-paying club member and receive event and merchandise discounts for the 2005-2006 year, complete the tear off form on the back of this newsletter. Optional memberships are $25/year ($40/year for a couple).

Officers List (Update)

President:	Ari Flechner - EE '92
Vice President:	Antony Gaynair - AE '87
Treasurer:	Rich Aguiar - EE '94
Secretary:	Ari Flechner - EE '92
Roll Call Chair:	Steve Cheuk - ME '03
Scholarship Chair:	Anita Makwana - Arch '96
Communications:	Dorron Margalit - IE '97
Social Chair:	Brian Drachman - EE '92

Coach Paul Hewitt Event

We had over 75 people from Southern California clubs attend the Coach Hewitt event at Shady Canyon Golf Club. The accompanied silent auction raised over $1500 for club scholarships, 2/3rds of the amount came from a personalized and signed basketball from Coach Hewitt. Thanks to everyone that attended, purchased silent auction items, and made our first big time event a surprising achievement!

Freshmen Sendoff BBQ

Great weather, good food, and competitive volleyball made the freshmen sendoff BBQ and family picnic a great success. The kids enjoyed pounds of homemade play-dough and frizbee golf. GT student Ravi Gupta (CE '07) and over 30+ people made this inaugural event a resounding success.

2006-2007 Club Scholarship

We now have over $500 in our scholarship fund! With excitement, I am pleased to announce that we will offer $1000 to a local incoming GT freshman for the 2006-2007 school year! Interviews will be held in the Spring, but there is recruiting work to be done this Fall in attending local college fairs.

If you are interested in volunteering to represent Georgia Tech at one of the college fairs below, contact Anita Makwana (amakwana@msn.com, 714-751-4466). Fall 2005 college fairs include:

- **Rancho Santa Margarita (7pm-9pm) October 6th**
- **Newport Mesa School District - Costa Mesa (7pm – 9pm) November 9th**

Stay Connected with Georgia Tech

Have you recently moved, gotten married, changed jobs, gotten a promotion? Be sure to let the Alumni Association know! Keeping us informed is simple - just email at bioupdate@alumni.gatech.edu.

How We Stay in Touch Locally

Online invitations are sent for all scheduled events (including monthly meet-and-greets and game watchings) through evite.com. We also have a Yahoo group (**gtocalums**) in which all members post messages and announcements.

If you want to stay informed about these exciting events we need your contact information and email addresses! Contact Brian Drachman (bdrachman@yahoo.com, 949-795-8347) to get on our Evite and/or **gtocalums** lists.

Finally, we also respect your right to privacy. If you are not interested in being a part of the club, please let us know. We will gladly take you off our distribution lists.

Get a GT Club of OC Shirt!

Our 100% Pima cotton polo shirts are now available! We have them in men's and women's styles. They are $35/each. Order yours online at http://www.gtcluboc.org/Gear.html or contact Frank Christy (fchristy@socal.rr.com, 714-964-5923). If we do not have your size, we will order it! Shirt photos are available at the URL above.

Monthly Meet and Greets

Our meet and greet location has moved to **Tiajuana's**! Reminisce with old Tech friends, and welcome new grads and transplants to our beautiful corner of the world. Our meet and greets are the 1st Thursday of the month (from 6pm). Drink and food specials abound until 7pm. TiaJuana's is located immediately West of the 5 on Sand Canyon next to the LaQuinta Inn and Denny's. (www.tiajuanas.com)

For the latest information, please visit
www.GTCLUBOC.org,
send an email to **info@gtcluboc.org,**
or call Ari Flechner at **714-731-2009**

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Georgia Tech Alumni Association

Upcoming Events (SAVE THESE DATES!)

TEAM Buzz Day - October, 8th

TEAM Buzz day is a national event where all GT alumni clubs perform a volunteer event together. The GT Club of Orange County has picked the Surfrider Foundation to cleanup Huntington Beach for our volunteer event. (http://www.surfrider.org/huntington/pages/BeachClean.html)

Plastic gloves and bags are provided, and parking is free if you tell the attendant that you are there for the beach clean up.

Location: We will meet at the Santa Ana River mouth. Enter Huntington State Beach at Brookhurst Street or Magnolia Avenue (sometimes a gate may be closed). Drive south towards the last parking lot, and look for the Surfrider tent and banner on the beach (near restrooms).

Time: 9am - 12pm

Cost: FREE

Contact: Steve Cheuk at 714-777-2245 (stephencheuk@yahoo.com)

GT Academic Speaker (Late Oct/Early Nov)

Come hear one of the Director's (to be named in a few weeks) from Georgia Tech's Research Institute (GTRI) speak. The topic is "Research and Development at GT: Impacting the World Around Us". We will also get an update on how the campus is changing.

Location: TBD (trying for Shady Canyon Golf Club in Irvine)

Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Date: Wednesday or Thursday between October 26th and November 17th

Contact: Ari Flechner at 714-731-2009 for additional information.

An email will be sent out to those we have on record in the coming weeks providing final details. Since this is a club sponsored event, members will receive an attendance discount. We will auction a 2004 championship game basketball signed by Coach Hewitt to benefit our club scholarship fund.

Game Watchings

It's football season! The Auburn alumni club of Southern CA is hosting our first game watching on September 3rd at the **Corner Office** (Anton Blvd, Costa Mesa, CA 92626; 714-979-9922) at 5:45pm. We beat them handily in 2003 when they were ranked, let's cheer our team and maybe we can pull off another upset!

Since our old game watching home in Santa Ana has been bulldozed, we have determined that our "temporary" home will be **Rudy's** in Newport Beach (www.rudyspubandgrill.com) at 3110 Newport Beach Blvd. They will offer 10% food and drinks if you wear school colors, logos, etc, and have a Rudy's discount card. We will pass out the discount cards at our game watchings.

Since Rudy's is also the place UNC calls home, we will have a combined alumni club game watching party on September 10th at 12:30pm.

Based on feedback from the first 2 weeks, we will make a mid-season decision on our permanent game watching venue and notify all club members via **gtocalums** and the Evite distribution list. You can always checkout the alumni association's game watching webpage at gtalumni.org for the current location.

Joining is simple, just complete this form, tear it off, and send it to the club along with you check payable to:
Georgia Tech Club of Orange County, c/o Richard Aguiar, 338 5th Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Phone: (Work, Home, Cell – circle one) _____

Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP:

Single: ☐ $25

Couple: ☐ $40

Enclosed……$_____