

SPECIAL REGISTRATION NOTES

All registration fees paid at Jekyll Island will be at the higher amounts. Discounted fees will only be given when PAID IN ADVANCE. If you only register yourself and then register your family at the Conference, they will be charged the higher rates. To take advantage of discounted rates you must register and fees be received by the dates stated on the Registration form.

Please read carefully the Registration form to determine what is included with your registration and avoid unexpected and unnecessary confusion. The Monday Morning Opening Session Breakfast and the Wednesday morning GAAO Business Meeting Breakfast are for **GAAO Members only**.

AUCTION*AUCTION*AUCTION

In what has become a great evening of fun for the whole family we will have our Auction at the Jekyll Island Conference Center on Tuesday night. The auction also raises funds which help to offset the Conference cost. We ask that all Conference attendees bring donated items from your County with a local flair. If you have manufacturers, retailers, handmade items, Cookbooks, or just about anything else that someone would bid on, please bring it with you to the Registration Desk upon arrival.

If you need help with transporting your donation to Jekyll, please let Ashley O'Donald know, and we may be able to arrange assistance. If we all pitch in we can make this the best Auction yet!

****BINGO PARTY**BINGO PARTY****

The 38th annual GAAO Bingo Party will be held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center on Monday Night. This fun event for the family will feature 20 Bingo games of all types and ways of Bingo. The theme for Bingo will be Sports! Wear your favorite team attire. You may wear your "funny hats" and decorate tables if you wish. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which will include all games. Children and spectators must also pay the \$25.00 fee and be registered for the conference. Drinks, snacks and candy are all included in your Bingo fee, so even if you do not win one of the great prizes, everyone will be a winner!

SEMINARS*SEMINARS

In the middle of all the fun, we believe we will have the best line-up of Seminars ever offered at the Summer Conference. Participants will be able to choose from concurrent sessions the seminar of most interest to them and their work activities. Some of the topics being planned at this time are, but not limited to:

- o Specialized Assessments-DOR 20 hours
- o Course V-DOR 20-hours
- o Emerging Technology Case Studies
- o What they Didn't Tell Me About Being an Assessor
- o 1st Amendment Audits
- o Open Records/Open meetings

****CONFERENCE FINALE** (Formerly known as the Banquet)**

For this year's finale we will return to the Jekyll Island Convention Center for dinner beginning at 6:00 followed by a night of entertainment. This event is open to registered members and registered family members.

****OTHER INFORMATION****

Jekyll Island offers many amenities to Conference participants. We also have blocks of rooms available at Villas by the Sea, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Resort, Westin Hotel, Home2 Suites, Residence Inn, Courtyard Hotel and Days Inn but always remember to mention you are with GAAO to get the discounted rates.

Sunday afternoon will begin with registration and do not forget your gift bag. You will be greeted by the President and Executive Board at registration. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 pm followed by movie/game night.

Monday morning, we will get down to business with the Opening Session for GAAO members only beginning with breakfast at the Jekyll Island Convention Center. On Monday night dinner will be on your own but don't forget to return for Bingo at 7:00 PM. Tuesday night we will enjoy our seafood buffet served at 6:00 pm. Plan to attend the Auction on Tuesday night and pick up some much-wanted items at what could be great prices. Refreshments will be served.

One of the most valuable parts of your Conference experience can be interacting with your colleagues from across the state. You will have time between evening events to socialize and visit. We do, however, hope to shorten the days some for some time for social and family time.

On Wednesday morning we will begin our GAAO Business Meeting Breakfast at 8:00 AM. This event is for GAAO Members Only. We encourage all to participate in this important meeting. After the business meeting, you will attend our classes or seminars and should be finished by noon. Plan to enjoy the afternoon but be back for the Conference Finale on Wednesday night. The Finale will be held at Jekyll Island Convention Center with dinner at 6:00 pm followed by an evening of dancing.

The Members Gift Bags will be given out to Registered Members at the Registration Desk at the Convention Center beginning at 4:00 PM on Sunday. If you have items that you would like to get donated for the bags, let Ashley O'Donald know in advance of the Conference so we can arrange for them to be there by Sunday Morning. Gift Bags will be assembled at the Convention Center beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday. We will see you soon!