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# Georgia's Champions

August 2013

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## News and Stories

### SOGA Bowlers Need Your Help

Please help us make it possible for Georgia athletes to attend the **Masters Bowling Tournament** by becoming a lane sponsor!

We now only have 35 more lane sponsorships left to sell at \$125 per sponsorship and have also extended the deadline to Aug. 15. Sponsorships will go towards making sure athletes are able to attend the Masters Bowling Tournament August 23-25 in Warner Robins. Please contact **Celestine Hankerson** or at 770-414-9390 x121 today to become a lane sponsor.

*(Photo by Joanna Garcia.)*



### New Location and Goodies for Healthy Athletes at Masters Bowling

Special Smiles will be offered again this year at the 2013 Masters Bowling Tournament. Fifty dental volunteers will give free dental screenings to athletes at Masters Bowling. Due to schedule changes, the time and location has been moved to 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Gold



## Upcoming Events

### Cici's Pizza August

Cici's Pizza and Special Olympics Georgia have partnered up for a month long fundraising campaign! **Select Cici's Pizza locations** will sell "I support Special Olympics" icons for \$1 Aug 1-31.



All money raised from the sales of icons will benefit the 25,878 Special Olympics Georgia Athletes!

### Sailing Regatta Sept. 13th-15th

Join us for beautiful sunsets at the 14th Annual Sailing Regatta on Lake



Cup Bowling Alley. Note there will be giveaways for the athletes and a drawing for a South Georgia Pecan gift basket for the coaches!  
(Photo by Joanna Garcia.)



## Finish Line is a Champion for Champions

The Finish Line Youth Foundation is supporting Special Olympics by holding a **Back to School Fundraising Campaign** in over 640 Finish Line stores throughout the United States. From August 2nd - 19th, Finish Line customers can donate at the register to support the Finish Line's partnership with Special Olympics. Thank you Finish Line and the Finish Line Youth Foundation!



## Athlete of the Month: Helena Fickling

Helena Fickling, a 17-year-old athlete of Fayette County, with her unforgettable personality is the athlete of the month. Helena first attended The Joseph Sams School, a school dedicated to the education and development of children who have intellectual and physical disabilities,



but now attends White Water High School. She has been an active and enthusiastic participant earning ribbons in competitions including the softball throw, 50 yard dash and the long jump. At the statewide level, she has competed in artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, volleyball, and the equestrian competition; bringing home many ribbons and medals. She will be a part of the Fayette County bocce team at State Fall Games. Helena's other interests include skating, zumba, karaoke, dancing, and attending Camp INSPIRE! At the week-long athlete camp this year, for the first time, she conquered her fear of heights and attempted the climbing wall, dangling duo (pictured above) and the giant swing. We are proud of you, Helena, and look forward to seeing you soon!

## Sponsor Spotlight: Marlow's Tavern

Special Olympics Georgia is very proud to recognize **Marlow's Tavern** as a new Statewide Platinum Partner for 2013!

John C. Metz, co-founder and executive chef of **Marlow's Tavern**,



Lanier Sept. 13-15. **Click here** to start fundraising for a chance to win the grand prize: a four-day and three-night trip to your choice of three exotic locations - Bahamas, Mexico or Dominican Republic's all-inclusive Wyndham Resorts. **Click here** for the registration form. For more info contact **Jennifer Daniell** or 770 414-9390 x110. The Regatta consists of two days of racing, awards, silent auction, athlete speaker, door prizes, BBQ and live music from Poverty Level Band.



## 15th Annual Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic Sept. 23rd

Join us on September 23rd at the Country Club of Roswell for the 15th Annual Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic benefiting SOGA. Since 1999, this annual golf tournament has raised more than \$375,000 for our athletes. This year's goal is to raise \$52,000! The fun-filled day will include a putting contest, shotgun start, hole contests, an awards ceremony, reception, and silent auction at Aqua blue Restaurant. **Corporate sponsorships and player information. Registration Form.** For more information, contact **Susan Skolnick** or 770-414-9390 x111.



## Strike the R-word Sept. 26th

Help raise awareness of the hurtfulness



**Aqua Blue Restaurant & Bar, Market Street Café, and Sterling Spoon**



**Culinary Management**, has been a true friend and supporter of Special Olympics Georgia for 16 years. Each year, Marlow's Tavern and sister companies host a golf tournament for Special Olympics Georgia, and when a new Tavern or Café opens, Special Olympics Georgia is the beneficiary of an accompanying fundraising effort. The Marlow's Tavern Golf Classic and Marlow's Tavern Openings have raised close to \$411,000 for Special Olympics Georgia.

Earlier this year, Marlow's Tavern was recognized by Nation's Restaurant News as one of 50 restaurant brands that stood out above the others and one of today's hottest emerging concepts. In addition, Marlow's Tavern and Aqua blue once again have been selected for the Top 100 Restaurants in Atlanta by Jezebel Magazine. Currently, Marlow's Taverns are located in Alpharetta, Vinings, Midtown, Kennesaw, Northlake, Duluth, East Cobb, Cumming, Dunwoody, and Emory Point.

Thank you John, Marlow's Tavern, Aqua blue, Market Street Café, and Sterling Spoon partners, management, employees, and supporters for Being A Fan of Special Olympics Georgia and Bringing Out The Champion In Everyone!

### Silent Auction Items Needed

SOGA has several upcoming silent auctions that are in need of items. If you personally have or know someone/a business who might be willing to donate any of the following, please contact **Susan Skolnick** or 770-414-9390 x111: vacation/time-share home, resort/hotel stay, sports memorabilia, sporting event tickets, concert tickets, airline tickets/vouchers, golf foursome, restaurant gift card, or any other item, type of service, or recreational activity that you think would be a great addition to a silent auction. Each silent auction item donation helps us to raise money and ensure that all SOGA programs are free to our athletes and their families.



### Magazine Subscription/Renewal

Whether renewing your favorite magazine or subscribing to a new one, you can help raise funds for Special Olympics Georgia by ordering through our partner, **DialAmerica**. You'll get BIG discounts, and DialAmerica will donate 12.5 percent of your paid subscription to SOGA. To subscribe, call (877) 872-2362 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. or click on the icon above.




### Volunteers of the Month: Kim Hicks and Beverly Rutledge

of the R-word (retard) by joining us for the bowling fundraiser



called **Strike the R-word** Sept. 26th at 300 Atlanta. Enjoy bowling, an event T-shirt, goodie bag, food, beverages, meeting spokeswoman Olympian Hazel Clark and fellow celebrity friends. This event also leads into Special Olympics Founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day Sept. 28th, which will be celebrated worldwide, bringing together people with and without disabilities in activities to honor the inspiration and impact of Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Pre-registration only. For info contact **Wendy Bigham** or 770-414-9390 x117.

### RunDunwoody Oct. 20th

RunDunwoody is a 5K Run  and a Peachtree Road Race Qualifier, 1 Mile Fun Run, Tot Trot, and family festival rolled into a morning of activities on October 20th in the heart of Dunwoody's Perimeter Place Center. As a beneficiary of RunDunwoody and long-time partner of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody (the run's founding and presenting sponsor), Special Olympics Georgia has created a team for the Team Challenge in the not-for-profit category. Registration fees start at \$15 and increase to \$35 as it gets closer to the date of the race. For more information on the race or to

Sisters Kim Hicks and Beverly Rutledge of Marietta and Dacula, respectively, were chosen as volunteers of the month because for the last nine years, they have provided Olympic Town's fun arts and crafts for athletes at the State Horse Show. Crafts have included stringing beaded bracelets, and making bookmarks and wall hangings. They excel at putting smiles on the faces of so many athletes. They even have a table to make "horse goodie bags" that athletes can fill with treats, such as apples and carrots. The sisters supply the craft materials either by buying them or securing donations.



A big thanks to Kim and Beverly for their commitment to Special Olympics Georgia athletes, and we look forward to seeing you in October at this year's State Horse Show in Gainesville.

### Help Us Meet Fall Games Equipment Needs

At Special Olympics Georgia, we give our athletes a choice: a choice to participate in athletic events and develop the pride that comes from being in competition. As one of our valued donors, we want you to have a choice in how you meet our needs. Please follow [this link](#) to shop for Special Olympics Georgia's State Fall Games' needs and decide which needs your money goes to fulfill. This new way of giving will really help us, and your donation will make a big impact at this year's Fall Games!



### The SOGA Community Makes a Difference

We often receive calls from individuals, companies, and groups who have an idea for a fundraiser and want to donate the proceeds to SOGA. Every single fundraising effort, no matter the financial outcome, is very significant and makes a tremendous difference. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following:

- \* Color Me Rad - Atlanta 5K raised \$6,394.



### Recycle With Us

Going Green? So is SOGA! Collect old cell phones, ipods, ipads, ink cartridges and we will send you a label to send them back with a credit to Special Olympics Georgia. Email [Jennifer](#)



register as part of Team Special Olympics Georgia, go to [www.rundunwoody.net](http://www.rundunwoody.net).

### Bob Busse Golf Classic Nov. 4th

Mr. Busse, former SOGA Board and Honorary



Board Member, has devoted nearly 39 years of volunteer service to Special Olympics Georgia. For this year's Bob Busse Golf Classic, Mr. Busse's goal is to raise \$100,000 to mark his 100th birthday. Join Mr. Busse in supporting SOGA athletes by contributing to the 18th Annual Bob Busse Golf Classic Monday, Nov. 4 at Cherokee Town & Country Club. The tournament offers a great day of golf, prizes, a silent auction and a wonderful golfers' reception with Special Olympics athlete speaker.

**Sign up today** as a golfer or sponsor and help us reach the goal! Contact [Camille Mallery](#) for more information.

### Volunteer Opportunities

**Masters  
Bowling  
August  
23rd-25th**



**Warner Robins**

Volunteers are needed to assist bowlers on the lanes and hand out awards.

**Strike the R-word  
September 26th**



**Daniell** for more info or to request a label or collection box or to drop them in the mail to us. Thanks for recycling!

### Bid In Our Online Auction

Check out our online auction at Bidding For Good -Shop for A Cause! [Click here](#) to buy an item and help raise money for SOGA.



### Atlanta

Volunteers are needed to assist event goers, work registration and silent auction tables.

### State Fall Games October 11th-13th Dalton

Volunteers are needed to keep scores, work registration, prepare and hand out meals, and set up and tear down events.

### State Horse Show October 11th-13th Gainesville

Volunteers are needed to assist in the ring, work registration, and set up and tear down events.

If you are interested in the volunteer opportunities above, please contact [Stephen Sparks](#).

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