Like Atlanta hosting the Super Bowl, the CMAA-SAC is the only game in town! Our first half closed with a November K12 breakfast meeting where attendees were informed of the multiple projects that our local school districts are soon letting for construction. We kicked off the second half with a great Owner’s Roundtable breakfast meeting with insights to doing business with some of Atlanta’s finest owners. We then explored the future of Atlanta Transportation? Where will passenger rail expand too, what is the next big project for our roadways? What high profile projects can you be a part of? At the February breakfast meeting at the fabulous Buckhead Club we heard straight from the sources. Georgia Department of Transportation and the newly formed authority, The ATL, are on hand to share all about the coming years and how the region’s transportation means are going to develop. Just like Super Bowls should be, our spring events are exciting and are sure to be sold out and attended by the who’s who of Atlanta AEC industry! Sign up for March’s breakfast meeting, our last of the program year, as we explore the corporate office market and it’s impact on the local and regional industry landscape.

As always our lunch and learn are scheduled for Wednesdays and this spring there is a special one planned for the City of Atlanta’s Watershed Department offices. Upcoming topics are concrete paving, sound masking, Visual documentation in construction and a case study on emerging technologies. Check our website for details and how you can present to Atlanta’s top at your own lunch and learn.

Our chapter is also providing a PCM course this summer at the Midtown office of AECOM. A great opportunity to learn about professional construction management for the CMIT or practicing construction manager. Please visit the CMAA-SAC website for more details.

We’re already in preparation for the Annual Golf Tournament (May 6) and Project Achievement Awards & Gala (June 11). All details are communicated through email, social media and on our website. You don’t want to miss these great events which have a direct financial impact on the CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation. The funds continues to grow, as a portion of all our event proceeds are donated to the Foundation. On the event registration pages, you can now find a place to add a donation in addition to your registration fee. You can also register the foundation on Amazon Smile to support while you shop.

Please think about supporting the growth of the CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation. Our Chapter is experiencing tremendous membership growth, and we are working hard to add value to your CMAA membership. The best way for you to get added value is to get more involved; become a member; attend the programs; sponsor programs or events. We look forward to providing stimulating programs, superior events and expanding our membership.

Thank you,
Ronnie Byrd, CCM
President - CMAA South Atlantic Chapter
Our Spooktacular October Owners’ Social was a SUCCESS. October 30th, 2018 had the perfect weather for our evening on the rooftop garden at Community Smith in Midtown. All of our industry ghouls and ghosts were in attendance! Yes, people came dressed to impress in their Halloween best! Big THANK you to our sponsors for this event: Piedmont Geotechnical Consultants, Mingledorffs, PM&A Engineers and SKANSKA. Tara Lane with Contour Engineering won the costume contest as an authentic Cow Girl in her getup!

Our AEC Industry Share the Love/Valentines Day themed February Owners’ Social was another great success. We kicked off the year on February 12th, 2019 at McCrays Tavern in Midtown with chocolate Valentines and sweethearts to share with industry friends. Big THANK YOU to our sponsors for this event: Wood, Bonitz, SDL Engineers, and PORCELANOSA!

If you aren’t familiar with our events, an “Owner” refers to an individual from an organization/corporation utilizing and procuring (not providing) CM services, either in-house or outsourced.

The Owners’ Socials promise to be an excellent opportunity for:
• Comfortable, productive conversations between Owners and CMs
• Relationship building that is good for businesses, Owners and CMAA
• Information about current trends in the market/industry
• Access to potential bidders/consultants and other Owners representing multiple market sectors

We hope to see you at our Joint AEC Social with COAA and AIA Atlanta on April 9th at Punch Bowl Social. It’s sure to be a sell out, so sign up early!
Differing site conditions are an unfortunate reality on most construction projects. This challenge often occurs when a contractor receives a description of site conditions that is ultimately found flawed or misleading. The price and payment associated with addressing these surprise conditions often fall on the contractor. Fortunately, practical steps can prevent the contractor from being the victim of such a scenario. Ideally, the first step involves a preventative approach when negotiating the contract terms, especially when it comes to an exculpatory clause. Ensuring the risk of differing site conditions does not shift back to the contractor is of paramount importance. Reviewing the obligations of a contractor under the “site investigation” will provide insight as to the level of scrutiny required; for instance, whether the contractor is informed by the owner of possible infrastructure risks, such as water and site utilities. Once work begins on a project, it is important to document what conditions were indicated in the contract documents versus what conditions were actually encountered and how such a variation impacts the time and costs associated with completing the work. Once this discrepancy becomes apparent or suspected, a contractor must strictly comply with any notice provisions in the contract.

Want more? Read the full article by Sarah Carson of Smith Currie.
2019 BIRDIES, BURGERS AND BEERS (B3)

Enough of this cold weather already! Who is ready for a warmer day on the beautiful links at Berkeley Hills Country Club?

We have just the event for you! Plan to join us for the CMAA-SAC Birdies, Burgers & Beers golf outing on May 6, 2019 at the Berkeley Hills Golf Club in Duluth, Georgia. Your support is vital to the success of the tournament and local CMAA chapter with a portion of the golf outing proceeds supporting the CMAA SAC Scholarship foundation fund.

Similar to previous years, this year’s tournament promises to sell out to 128 golfers from the O/A/E/C community. Please join your fellow industry peers for a fun-filled day of golf, networking and foundation support. Registration can be completed online through the links on our website - cmaasac.org.

Multiple sponsorship opportunities are available! We are grateful and thankful for your support, commitment and contributions to the CMAA-SAC chapter. We are counting on our industry partners for your continued sponsor support as well. In return, we will recognize your firm in golf related publications before, during and after the event.

We plan to have the traditional hole food & drink sponsorships, proximity contests and new, exciting sponsorship levels listed on the website. The entire CMAA board is dedicated to making this year’s event the best one yet. Please consider reserving your sponsorship & foursome spots soon and don’t forget your much-appreciated support for the raffle drawings during the awards banquet. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Beck at kbeck@jljassociates.com or 678.725.1021.
The CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, will award a limited number of scholarships to qualified students as part of the Chapter’s ongoing efforts to provide the construction and design industries with a trained and educated workforce. This year, the Foundation has implemented a new scholarship; it will be our top scholarship given out at the CMAA-SAC Project Achievement Awards Gala, June 11, 2019.

The Dylan Thomas Memorial Scholarship will be given to our top Graduate or Undergraduate candidate.

About the Dylan Thomas Memorial Scholarship:
The CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation wanted to celebrate the life and preserve the memory of Dylan through establishing the Dylan Thomas Memorial Scholarship. Dylan Thomas was a 16-year old, Junior at Pike County High School. On September 28, 2018, he was hit and injured while playing in a local high school football game. He was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital where he underwent several surgeries, yet sadly passed away on September 30.

Dylan loved playing football, cheering on the University of Miami, fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family and friends. He shared his passion for football and encouraged younger students to never give up in following their dreams.

Darren Thomas, Dylan’s father, is a well respected AEC Industry associate and Director of Physical Plant Operations at Clayton State University. Darren would bring Dylan to industry events and conferences to learn about the industry and most importantly, spend “father/son” time together. As a result, many industry associates knew Dylan through his father and met or crossed paths with him at industry functions over the years.

In honoring Dylan, we honor the entire Thomas family and support their initiative to create a legacy for Dylan; recognizing individuals with exceptional character and an interest in the architecture, engineering and/or construction industry.

Please consider making a donation.

Make checks payable to:
CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation
c/o CMAA - South Atlantic Chapter
P.O. Box 7828
Atlanta, Georgia 30357
Please note in Memo: #DylanStrong

Donation by credit card:
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The CMAA-SAC Scholarship Foundation is a self-supporting scholarship program and is a 501 (c) 3 designated organization - contributions are tax deductible as a charitable donation

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SPONSOR CELEBRATION

We are most appreciative of the enormous support we have received from the industry in the way of sponsorships this year. Starting with this issue and going forward, we will be highlighting each of the sponsors for the events of the previous quarter. Rest assured, if you want to see your logo here, there is no shortage of future opportunities for sponsorship. You can see the events and benefits detailed on the website at cmaasac.org/sponsorship.