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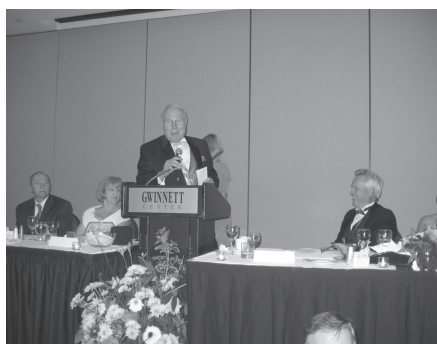
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ACA – 88th Annual Convention Building a Better World

Our 88th Annual Convention was a huge success once again and absolutely one of the largest and better ones we have had in recent years. The crowd grew this year and we do appreciate all the positive comments made during the convention. The convention began on Wednesday with the Officers' Luncheon. Jim Hiers presented a motivational speaker, Dr. Walter Kimbrough. Dr. Kimbrough is a very inspiring speaker and left us all with a great deal of motivation. Jim Hiers installed our new president, Kerri Crosby, and the other officers for the year 2010-2011.



Doug White accepting 25 Year Award at banquet

ACA hosted an exhibitors reception on Wednesday evening that was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by our exhibitors. Special entertainment at the Exhibitors reception was our own Greg Presmanes and his band. Greg is with the law firm of Bovis,

Kyle and Burch. It was our pleasure to be able to give door prizes to the exhibitors and a good time was had by all. The Gwinnett Center overflowed on Thursday during the day and evening with guests visiting the 85 exhibit booths and several hospitality suites. Thursday was also the Education Committee's Mock Trial which again was well attended and a huge success.

Friday evening's banquet included a Cocktail Reception, an outstanding meal, a prestigious award ceremony and entertainment by GLOW. The highlight of the awards ceremony was the presentation of the Claims Person of the Year Award to Susan Tomsic of Amerisafe Risk Services, Inc. Susan received the J. C. Fickling Memorial Award Trophy along with a check for \$500.00. Two Life Member Awards were presented by Lis Eckles and the recipients were Pete Mobley

and Doug White. This too is a very prestigious award and is given from time to time by the Board of Directors for a member's long and meritorious service to Atlanta Claims Association. Congratulations to Pete and Doug.

Kerri Crosby, Scholarship Chairperson presented the scholarship awards to students from University of Georgia, Georgia Southern, Georgia State and Kids' Chance of GA, Inc. Lis Eckles presented the Twenty-Five Year Certificates. The Grand Prizes presented by the Atlanta Claims Association were also awarded. Sara

Minick and Darnell Aiken won the \$250 prizes. Phyllis Shields won the \$500 prize and Maria Caras won the \$1000 door prize. Congratulations to all our winners. Remarks by the outgoing and incoming President were also made with the gavel being passed along to our new President Kerri Crosby. We congratulate the new officers, board of directors and committee chairpersons and we know they will continue the great work of this outstanding association.

A special thank you goes to the Gwinnett Center and Proof of the Pudding. The facility is outstanding and the catering excellent. The staff of both the Gwinnett Center and Proof of the Pudding is what helps make our convention a success. They are very professional and eager to work with us in making this event outstanding. A special thanks to our banquet sponsors that will be listed separately, and special thanks to Scott Ewerth for the wonderful recognition signage and to Parker Young and Belfor USA for the flowers that were used at the banquet. **Continued on page 3**



Susan Tomsic (left) receiving the J.C. Fickling Memorial Award Trophy for the 2009 Claims Person of the Year Award from chairman Robin Weidman (center) and Les Sychak, 2008 Claims Person of the Year (right).