

Georgia Report

Hello to everyone from Georgia!

Fall is here which means PMA is near! Georgia would like to invite everyone to visit our Georgia Row at PMA in Orlando, Florida in October of this year. GWA would also like to invite everyone in our industry to our annual GWA Convention held the last weekend of January at The Retreat at LakeBlackshear in Cordele. For more information please call Charles Hall at the GWA office at 706-845-8575.

Our 2008 Queen Tour has been fantastic! Picking up from our last Veline printing—Hannah handed out hundreds of slices of watermelon donated by Chase Daughtrey held in Atlanta at Hero For Children hosted by the UGA Football Team. This event is to benefit underprivileged children in the area affected with the HIV virus. Watermelon on this hot July day was well appreciated! After we left Hero we headed to WholeFoods Grocery store in Buckhead for an in-store promotion sponsored by Leger and Son. WholeFoods hosted a month long Georgia produce promotion and we were honored to represent GA watermelon! On this same day we were proud to have our First Runner-up Whitney Conner in Hiawassee, GA with the GA Department of Ag at the GA Mountain Fair. Whitney rode on the Department of Ag's float and greeted visitors at the fair with watermelon stickers.

Next, Whitney Conner filled in for Hannah during our Indianapolis Kroger promotions sponsored by Harry Vaughn, Albany Pallets, PCA, Greg Leger, Susan and Brent Harrison, Joy Faison and Chris Greene. The promotion was successful as we worked in four Kroger stores while in Indianapolis. We were delighted to visit with former National Queen Stephanie Duda while in Indiana! After we returned home Whitney filled in for Hannah in Ft. Valley, GA at a Harvey's John Boy & Billy Grilling Contest sponsored by Browning & Sons. As always our Harvey's promos are a treat.

In August, Hannah was off to Perry, GA where we met up with our sponsors Buddy and Margie Leger at the Governor's Fish Fry. Hannah greeted the guest as they were being served the delicious fried fish. While Hannah was in Perry we had Whitney Conner filling in for us in Thomson, GA at the annual Tom Watson Watermelon Festival. Thank you Dexter Rhodes/Watson Brown Organization for our lodging and meals while in Thomson. On August 14th Hannah celebrated a birthday—Happy Birthday Queen Hannah! Our next promotion was in Cordele along with the Cordele Chamber of Commerce at the annual Triathlon. Hannah helped the Chamber hand out awards to all the winners. Our August 23rd Harvey's promotion was cancelled due to the hurricane. Meanwhile, on the same day we had sent Whitney Conner to fill in for us as we were double booked. Whitney served slices of melons at a Kroger store in Macon. Thank you NWPB for funding this promo.

September we joined Eleanor Bullock and National Queen Brittanie in Albany at the Civic Center with Harvey's for the Children's Expo. Thousands of children attended and the day was a tremendous success! Thank you Browning and Sons for sponsoring. Allison Hutto filled in for me during our Washington D.C. Legislative Week. Hannah enjoyed attending the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Conference as well as the legislative visits. Thank you GWA for this fantastic legislative promotion.

We would again like to thank Browning & Sons for sponsoring us to Harvey's John Boy & Billy Grilling Contest in Fitzgerald. We love our Harvey's team Michael Purvis and Lisa Overman.

As you see we have been blessed again this year with wonderful promotions to promote Georgia watermelon. Thank you to each of you that make this tour possible year after year. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming GWA convention and we look forward to seeing you in Orlando at PMA.

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Hannah enjoying her day in Atlanta at Hero for Children with UGA Football Team.



Hannah serving coloring books and stickers with Harvey's.



Hannah at WholeFoods in Buckhead serving GA watermelon!



Brittanie and Hannah enjoying the children at the Expo in Albany

Texas and Georgia having a great day in Krogers in Indianapolis!



Hannah on Capitol Hill in D.C. making legislative visits.



Miss Whitney was treated like royalty in her second Kroger store in Indianapolis.



Hannah at United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable in Washington.



Thank you Iliana for setting up a wonderful promotion for us all.



Hannah loves WATERMELON!



A good day is a day spent with Mr. Buddy and Mrs. Margie.



Hannah and Mr. Charles Hall at United Conference.



Miss Hannah in Perry at the Gov. Perdue's Fish Fry.



Pool always entertaining the crowd!



Two Georgia girls with Harvey's at the Children's Expo in Albany.



Hannah's feet had a full day while in DC.



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