



GEORGIA CHAPTER - MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Career Summary:	<p>22+ years experience in environmental, health & safety program development and implementation in a variety of industries, mostly out in California – the most stringently regulated state in the country. Specific companies include Norcal Waste Systems (solid waste, recycling, haz waste management & medical waste disposal), Pacific Bell / SBC (now AT&T - telecommunications), Roche Molecular Systems (biotechnology). I’ve been a CHMM since 1999.</p> <p>I’m thrilled to have started a new position with Dendreon at the end of November and be back in the biotech industry. (Thanks again to John Scarano for recommending me to the recruiter – hey, this networking through GA-AHMP really works!) I’m the EH&S department of one for now, but I love the challenge – I’m setting up all the EH&S programs for this new biotech manufacturing facility that will make personalized cancer therapy treatments.</p>
GA-AHMP Involvement:	<p>I’ve crawled and scratched my way to the top of the heap (just kidding!) I’m delighted to be serving as the Chapter’s President in 2011, after being Vice President in 2010 and Secretary in 2008-2009. I previously was the Webmaster and Programs Chair for the Northern California Chapter before moving to Atlanta in mid-2006.</p> <p>I finally got a chance to attend my first AHMP National Conference this past August, and really enjoyed it. I’ve already informed my new boss that I expect to go to the next one in Austin, TX this August/September. Hopefully to accept some more Chapter awards like our Past President Lane Garwood got to do last year!</p> <p>By the way, I wasn’t kidding about the benefits of networking with AHMP contacts. Dendreon is the second great job I’ve gotten after</p>

	<p>being recommended by a fellow CHMM. And when I have hired to fill EH&S positions, guess where I look? I truly believe in the power of personal contacts and getting to know professionals through local organizations. In a tough economy and technological times when hundreds of people fire off resumes at online postings, to be screened by “bot” programs looking for keywords, what sets you apart and gets you through the door? It’s handshakes, it’s eye contact, and it’s laughing over a beer during our Year-End Holiday Party. It’s the power of personal contacts.</p>
Hobbies/Other Interests:	<p>When not starring in Dos Equis beer commercials, I’m an avid bicyclist and youth soccer coach. My wife and I met on “Cycle Oregon” in 1989, a weeklong, 500-mile ride through that lovely (and wonderfully mountainous) state. We now enjoy riding in the Atlanta area, especially “The Gaps” in the North Georgia Mountains around Dahlonega and Helen. My favorite part is bombing the sweet, twisty downhill off Unicoi Gap back towards Helen. I’ve coached each of my 4 daughters in soccer, now down to only the youngest one, and probably have more experience as an Under 8 girls coach than just about anyone you’ll find. I’m also a huge support of Camp Twin Lakes (http://www.camptwinlakes.org), and serve on three of their committees, including Environmental Sustainability. This past October, our Spin for Kids Ride had 764 riders and raised over \$280,000 to enable CTL to provide life-changing programs to more kids with serious illnesses, disabilities or other challenges. Sweetwater Brewing even created a special seasonal beer in honor of CTL and Spin for Kids – watch for Crank Tank Rye’d Ale in late Summer! How cool is that? OK, so from now on, I’m only starring in Sweetwater commercials.</p>