



SHRM GEORGIA FORUM

Date: March 22 or 27, 2012

Location: Georgia Freight Depot, Atlanta, Georgia

Overview: SHRM Georgia is an organization of human resource professionals. Over the last three years, the organization has been developing a program that would teach the leaders of its 20 chapters the basic principles of civil understanding; i.e., the ability and responsibility to pursue truth while respecting human dignity. If Valdosta, Dalton, Augusta or any other Georgia town or city could model civil discussion for its schools, business, and general community, then its local citizens might recognize that the role of an active participant in local, state, and even national government can be learned. What better way to embolden individual responsibility and belief in the American experiment – “the masses are capable of governing themselves.” Possibly, Georgia’s experience could be shared with other states.

At a March breakfast in Atlanta, SHRM Ga. will present national leaders representing both parties along with statesmen who have modeled the CUP objectives. The selection of speakers will symbolize the ability to vet opposing positions in a civil and truth-seeking manner if the American public (invited statesmen) remains personally involved in the process. The governmental affairs chairperson (“GAC”) from each local SHRM Ga. chapter will invite the Georgia’s Legislators to attend and participate in the March breakfast.

Purpose: To highlight SHRM Ga.’s CUP (“Civil Understanding Project”), a special breakfast for the Georgia legislators and GACs will present respected models of civil understanding, a discussion of civility between national political leaders, and a report on the “impact of legislators’ conduct on the workplace and local citizens’ participation in governing.” A post-forum, CUP training session will be held for attending GACs with other local models of civil understanding.

Format: SHRM Georgia GACs have invited Georgia Legislators to a breakfast at the Georgia Freight Depot from 7 until 10 am. Selected speakers will discuss the role of “civil understanding” and the impact of legislation/legislators on the workplace and citizen participation. Simultaneously, local SHRM chapters will host a breakfast for local chapter members and elected officials. The addresses from the Atlanta Forum will be broadcast via video conferencing to the local SHRM breakfasts.