We are looking forward to welcoming you to the GACVB Winter Meeting beginning on Monday, February 26th in Dalton! Here is some information that will help you in planning to attend.

**Arrival**- The conference will be held at the Dalton Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Rd, Dalton, GA 30720.

- The Opening General Session begins at 1:30pm on Monday, February 26th.

- If you are exhibiting at the meeting, you may set up on Monday from 9am – 1pm.  Sponsor and exhibitor details for the conference were emailed but can also be found at <http://www.gacvb.com/sponsors-exhibitors>.

- Hilton Garden Inn Dalton, our host hotel, is located at 879 College Dr, Dalton, GA 30720.

- Courtyard by Marriott Dalton, our overflow hotel, is located at 785 College Drive, Dalton, GA 30720.

**Registration**

- Located in the Dalton Convention Center in in the Upper Level Main Lobby close to the entrance.

- Want to donate an item for the Silent Auction? You can do so here <http://www.gacvb.com/silent-auction> and can drop off your item at the registration desk.

- If you have a registration question, please contact Sheila Shealey, our registration manager, at 912-655-7473 or info@gacvb.com.

- Deciding to bring someone at the last minute? No worries – we will have onsite registration available.

**Pre-Conference**
- If you are a new GACVB member and are attending the GACVB Winter Meeting for the first time, come join us at the Meet & Greet from 12:30pm – 1:00pm on Monday in the Lower Level Meeting Room B1.
- The GACVB Board of Directors meets at 10:00am on Monday in Lower Level Meeting Room A1.  All GACVB members are always welcome at the board meetings. Just let us know if you are planning to attend so we have enough coffee.

**Monday Lunch**

- Arriving in Dalton in time for lunch on Monday?

**Mobile App**

- Welcome VisitApps, our new 2018 mobile app sponsor! GACVB Winter Meeting app is ready:

Itunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gacvb-winter-meeting/id1351118955?ls=1&mt=8>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.visitapps.gacvbwintermeeting>

**Evening Events**

- Monday’s Dinner at the Creative Arts Guild and Tuesday’s Dinner at Conductor’s Bar & Grill – transportation will be provided from the Hilton Garden Inn and the Courtyard by Marriott. Each attendee will receive two drink tickets plus a cash bar will be available. Dress for the evening events is casual.

**Sessions**

 - Visit <http://www.gacvb.com/agenda> for the most up to date meeting agenda.

**LEC Courses**- The LEC focus for this meeting is Tier 1 – Supervising Excellence. You can complete the sessions in any order. Not sure how many credits you have or which breakout sessions to attend?  You can look up your credits on our website <http://www.gacvb.com/leadership-excellence-certification>

**Advanced LEC Courses**

Also focused on Tier 1 – Supervising Excellence. If you have already received credit for the LEC course you may attend the Advanced LEC course offered at that same time. Or if you aren’t pursuing your LEC you can choose to attend either the LEC session or the Advanced LEC session.

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Follow us on Twitter @gacvbnews Hashtag #GACVB18

**Silent Auction**

We would love to have your support of the Silent Auction so that we can raise funds for our scholarship program. And we still need lots of Silent Auction items! Please donate an item here <http://www.gacvb.com/silent-auction>.

**Attire**
 - Attire is business casual for the meetings and casual for the evening events. Tuesday night is blue jeans casual.
- Plan to wear a sweater or jacket for the conference sessions as meeting rooms tend to be cool.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or needs that may arise. Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Winter Meeting!

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