

Living Well luncheon



A.G. Rhodes Health & Rehab, an Atlanta-based skilled nursing nonprofit, recently hosted its third annual Living Well Luncheon at the Cherokee Town Club in Buckhead. About 250 people attended the event, which showcased the services A.G. Rhodes provides at nursing homes in Atlanta, Marietta and DeKalb County and raised funds for organization's Margaret Boyd Perdue Fund, which is used to improve the well-being of the patients and residents at the homes. This year's luncheon honored the late Jane Campbell Schweers, a longtime member of the A.G. Rhodes boards of trustees and advisors. Above left, the A.G. Rhodes board of advisors, which hosted the event, includes, front row from left, Natalie Chase, Ibby Mills, Elspeth Willcoxon, Laura Smith, Joanne Laird, Betsy Glenn, Ann Pearce, Felicia Huger and Joni Towles. Back row from left, Sallie Patterson, Connie Frazer, Karen Brown, Maureen Foley, Harriet Ellis, Wendy Murray, Kinsey Harper, Sherry Pitcher, Mary DeBorde, Lamar Oglesby and Betsy Verner. Above right, from left, Jeannie Mills, Jimmy Mills, Robyn Sims, Ibby Mills and Betsy Glenn. Below left, from left, Bill Parker Jr. and David Perdue. Below right, from left, Felicia Huger and Beth Finnerty.



Swan House Ball



The 2017 Swan House Ball, set for April 22 at the Atlanta History Center in Buckhead, will honor Philip H. Alston Sr.'s family. The event raises critical financial support benefiting the center and its award-winning student education programs. The 2017 ball will begin with cocktails at the iconic Swan House followed by dinner and dancing in the museum – along with the opportunity to break away and explore the new exhibition 'Gatheround: Stories of Atlanta.' For tickets and information, visit www.atlantahistorycenter.com or contact Cheri Snyder at csnyder@atlantahistorycenter.com. Event sponsor Jenny Pruitt recently hosted a patron party at the Cherokee Town Club in Buckhead to honor the women in the Alston family. Above left, from left, ball co-chair Barbarella Diaz, luncheon hostess Jenny Pruitt and Alston family honoree Gayle Alston. Not pictured: ball co-chair Bea Perez. Above right, from left, Alston family members Amanda Glenn Brady, Jennifer Euart and Terri Alston with Elizabeth Hale, whose husband Sheffield is the Atlanta History Center's president and CEO. / Special – Ross Henderson



READING CIRCLE OPENS: The Piedmont Park Conservancy recently finished the installation of the park's new Reading Circle, which was funded by the Rotary Club of Midtown Atlanta. The circle offers book lovers and families a quaint space containing 27 bench-like stones surrounding a red oak tree. The position next to the 12th street entrance allows for easy access for local residents as well as small children who might not be able to trek the entire park. / Special Photo



NEW PLAYGROUND OPENS: The city of Atlanta and the Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy recently welcomed over 100 guests for the unveiling of the new playground at the park, located in Buckhead. The city committed \$200,000 toward the project with an additional \$200,000 raised by the conservancy through a combination of private donations including an anonymous donation of \$100,000 and a Legacy Grant award from Park Pride. The new playground blends seamlessly into the tree-filled landscape of the park and features many fun and playful elements of playground design. It is part of the conservancy's plan to improve the entire park. Cutting the ribbon on the new playground were, from left, Alvin Dodson, director of the Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Park Design; Post 3 at-large Atlanta City Councilman Andre Dickens; Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy Executive Director Catherine Spillman; District 8 Councilwoman Yolanda Adrean; Mayor Kasim Reed; Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Amy Phuong; Park Pride Executive Director Michael Halicki; Department of Watershed Management Commissioner Kishia Powell and Post 2 at-large Councilwoman Mary Norwood. / Special Photo