

january

The J-List social calendar
- be there

Business Knows Best

Be there: The Georgia Chamber of Commerce annual meeting dinner, "A Celebration of American Business," at the Georgia World Congress Center. **When:** 6 p.m. **Expect:** To get involved in what's going on with the movers and shakers of the business world at this influential dinner. A meet-and-greet cocktail reception will kick off the evening at 6 p.m., while dinner and a presentation featuring pro-business author and filmmaker Ron Galloway will commence at 7 p.m. **Tickets:** \$100. **More information:** gachamber.com.

Living the Dream

Be there: The Martin Luther King Jr. "Salute to Greatness Awards" at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel to benefit The King Center. **When:** 5:30 p.m. **Expect:** To keep the MLK Jr. legacy alive at this one-of-a-kind awards dinner, which is co-chaired by Ambassador Andrew Young and Jess Hill Jr., chairman and CEO of Atlanta Life Insurance Company. The late Coretta Scott King will be honored at this fundraiser for The King Center. **Tickets:** \$200. **More information:** thekingcenter.org.

Wine & Food Fit for a King

Be there: The American Institute of Wine and Food's "Great Tastes Gala" at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead. **When:** 7 p.m. **Expect:** To eat, drink and be more than merry at this lavish event. You'll get a preview tasting of the vinos that will make a splash this year while enjoying fare from more than 40 Atlanta restaurants. VIP tickets include entry into the champagne and caviar salon. **Tickets:** \$65 for AIWF members/\$75 general admission/\$85 VIP for non-members. **More information:** aiwf.org/atlanta.

New Spot on the Block

Be there: The grand opening of Thrive restaurant in downtown Atlanta. **When:** 7 p.m. **Expect:** To be one of the first to experience this trendy new restaurant. Located in the posh Centennial Tower, you'll enjoy a beautiful setting with even more beautiful people while sampling the restaurant's fancy fare and divine drinks. **Tickets:** Open to the public. **More information:** thriveatl.com.



Break Out the Bubbly

Be there: **TOUR DE CHAMPAGNE** at the InterContinental Buckhead. **When:** 7-10 p.m. **Expect:** To keep the bubbly flowing well into 2007 at the Atlanta installment of this national tour. Be whisked away to France for the evening as you sample more than 20 prestigious champagnes and cuisine from Atlanta's finest restaurants. The *fin de soirée* will conclude the night with a VIP-only tasting of cognac, dessert and, yes, more champagne in the Au Pied de Cochon bar. **Tickets:** \$80 general admission and \$110 VIP for Fine Wine Society members/\$90 general admission and \$125 VIP for non-members. **More information:** tourdechampagne.com/atlanta.

Training Day

Be there: Former Atlanta Brave Tom Glavine's Spring Training at the 755 Club at Turner Field to benefit the Georgia Transplant Foundation. **When:** 7-11 p.m. **Expect:** To let your inner sports enthusiast loose at this star- and athlete-studded event. Join Glavine in his 15th year of raising awareness for this cause by indulging in ballpark eats, bidding on fantastic live and silent auction items, and getting competitive with your favorite athletes by playing ping-pong, air hockey and more! **Tickets:** \$1,000. **More information:** gatransplant.org.

Park Party

Be there: "Party for the Parks on Ponce" at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History to benefit the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. **When:** 6:30-10 p.m. **Expect:** To break out the flapper dresses and raccoon coats and relive the roaring '20s. This third annual event will be a festive evening of music and entertainment designed to make 2007 feel like 1927. The party will feature a full bar, sumptuous cuisine and an IMAX movie concluding the evening. **Tickets:** \$75. **More information:** partyfortheparksonponce.org.

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