



As you can see, I have always been a dedicated celebrator of Christmas (and quite the fashionista, I admit modestly. All I can say about this ensemble is, while I feel sure I chose everything but the white tights, my Mama was still the boss of me here, so she put it all on me).

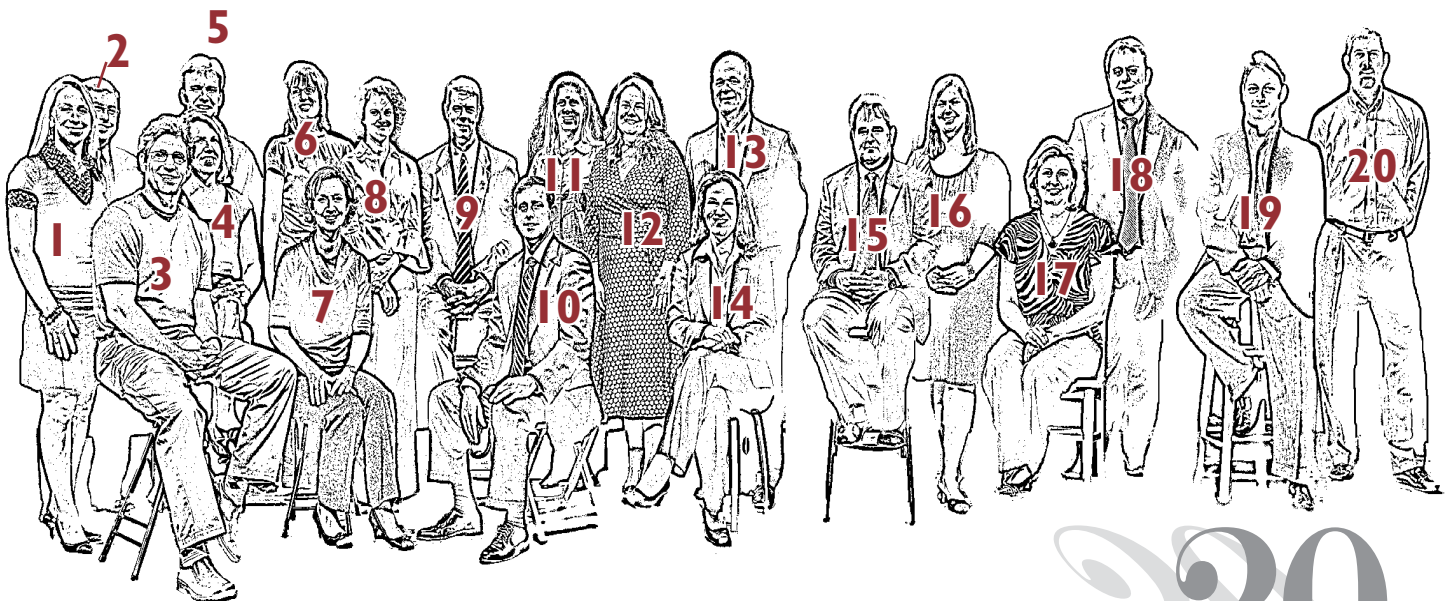
To paraphrase a classic, holidays are the best of times and the worst of times. So much family and food and lights and gifts and stress. Do you get that vibe at Christmastime? I can't remember a time that I didn't, but only because I come from a family of perfectionists and there's always one last ornament, one last garnish, one last dollar and one last Bloody Mary that we can throw on to make the celebration more fun. It always works.

That's kind of how every issue of Golden Isles Magazine goes here in our lovely St. Simons Island office (minus the Bloody Marys, sadly). For this, our second annual issue celebrating 20 young leaders of note in the community, we pulled out all the stops, and so did they. What a fabulous group they are, as I hope you'll see in the things they have to say about themselves. To a person, each is warm and witty and charming and generous beyond reason, whether it's the season for giving or not. Be sure to thank them the next time you meet one out and about.

So many wonderful people have made great strides to help make this, our final issue of 2008, a festive and fun edition that I couldn't possibly list them all for fear of leaving one out. To all of them and to all of you, I say thank you. I wish you all the merriest of Christmases, the happiest of holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year. We all deserve it, no?

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