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Dr. Newton is the 2002 member of the year in the National Speakers Association - Georgia Chapter and he has received thirteen teacher awards at Gwinnett Tech and in the State of Georgia. Mark is on the Board of Directors of Explore Gwinnett and is active with the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau. Mark has been happily married to Susan for 37 years and has 36-year-old twins, Ben and Ally. He has five grandkids including 3-year-old triplets.

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