

Happy New Year! And greetings from the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce. I would like to begin by thanking the Chamber Board of Directors, our sponsors, our committee chairs and all the volunteers and members who helped to make last year successful. Without their assistance and support, the Chamber would not exist. As we begin 2020, I look forward to working with these and other wonderful leaders as we work toward the same goal – to help our local businesses and organizations succeed and ensure that this community continues to be a great place to live, play, work, and do business.

Our first big celebration of the year will be the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony on February 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in White Marsh. This special evening will begin with a champagne cocktail and music from the Heads Up band, followed by a delicious steak and stuffed shrimp dinner. During the program, we will honor area business owners, organizations and individuals who are setting the standards for excellence and innovation with their business practices and community involvement. As we begin the 2020 election year and 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote, we look forward to hearing from one of our area's most prominent leaders, CCBC President Dr. Sandra Kurtinitis.

The inauguration of the 2020 Chamber Board of Directors also will take place on this night. We are fortunate to have John Hess, General Manager for Eastpoint Mall and Senior Asset Manager with MCB Real Estate, continuing as our President. The other Board members are as follows:

- William Bafitis, Bafitis & AssociatesMarc Ershler, Community College of
- Baltimore County Julie Gaynor, Educator, Co-Chair Chamber Workforce Development
- Committee John Gontrum, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP
- Angela Heydt, Apple Insurance Services
- Benjamin Hughes, Maryland Air National Guard, 175th Wing
- Edward Jenkins, Urban Air Trampoline & Adventure Park
 James Johnson, Hendersen-Webb,
- Inc.
- Sharon Jones, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
- James Merritt, Bmore Technology
- Jane Michael, Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum
- Sophia Montgomery, Country Inn & Suites by Carlson Baltimore North
- Barbara Morsberger, Minuteman Press of Canton, Federal Hill & Crofton
- Chelsea Morton, The Berkleigh
 Samuel Moskowitz, Medstar Franklin Square Medical Center
 Joseph Musumeci, Rowles &
- Company, LLP
- Cecile Myrick, Chamber Past President, Co-Chair Membership Committee
- Clifford O'Connell, Cliff's Hi-Tech Body Shop
- Alfred Pollard, Martin State Airport
- Liane Reese, St. John Properties, Inc.
- Donna Rolnick, WPM Real Estate Management
- Robert Romadka, Forward

Development Company

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Andrew Wasmer, J&H Tires
 Mary Williams, White Marsh Mall
- The Annual Dinner is a premier event for the Chamber and one of our most important fundraisers. We are looking for local businesses to sponsor the event. The following sponsorship packages are available.

Bronze (\$300) - Includes 3 tickets to the event, half page ad in the program, sponsor name in newsletter, prominent listing in the program and on event signage

Silver (\$500) - Includes 5 tickets to the event, full page ad in the program, sponsor name on newsletter/website/flier, prominent listing in the program and on event signage, recognition by the MC at the event

Gold (\$1,000) - Includes 10 tickets to the event, full page ad in the program, sponsor name on news release/newsletter/ website/flier, prominent listing in the program and on event signage, recognition by the MC at the event, name on multiple email invitations to nearly 1,000 contacts, name on Chamber Facebook page

Platinum (\$2,500, two available) - Includes reserved VIP table with 10 tickets to the event, full page ad in the program, sponsor name on news release/newsletter/website (with link to sponsor website)/flier, prominent listing in the program and on event signage, recognition by the MC at the event, name on multiple email blasts to nearly 1,000 contacts, name and link to sponsor website on Chamber Facebook page, banner displayed on site (sponsor provides banner)

Titanium (\$5,000, one available) -Premium sponsor status with industry exclusivity: Includes reserved VIP table with 10 tickets to the event, full page ad in the program, sponsor name on news release/newsletter/website (with link to sponsor website)/flier, prominent listing in the program and on event signage, recognition by the MC at the event, name on multiple email blasts to nearly 1,000 contacts, name and link to sponsor website on Chamber Facebook page, banner displayed on site (you provide banner), opportunity to speak and to assist with award presentations, name on Wall of Recognition in Chamber lobby

Ads in the program are \$60 for half page and \$100 for a full page. If you would like to sponsor the Annual Dinner or purchase an ad in the program, please contact me at the Chamber by January 27. We also wish to invite you to attend the event. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at https:// annualdinner-2-6-20.eventbrite.com.

Looking at the coming year, the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce is once again planning a full slate of events and programs to maximize value to our membership and the community we serve. We invite you to join us! I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020.

Sharon Kihn Executive Director

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Please join us for the following upcoming Chamber events. Additional details and registration information can be found on our website – <u>www.chesapeakechamber.org</u>.

<u>New & Prospective Member Orientation</u>

Thursday, January 30, 9:00-10:00 a.m Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce 405 Williams Court, Suite 108, Middle River, MD 21220 FREE

18th MEGA Networking Event Thursday, February 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sheraton Baltimore North 903 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, MD 21204 \$35 for Chamber Members, \$45 for Non-Members (add \$5 per ticket at the door) Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony Thursday, February 6, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn Baltimore/White Marsh 5015 Campbell Boulevard, White Marsh, MD 21236 \$75 per person

SAVE THE DATE: Bull Roast & Shrimp Feast with MTABC Saturday, March 28, 7:00-11:00 p.m Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road, Baltimore, MD 21237 \$45 per person, \$450 for table of 10

The Chamber currently has openings for sponsors for our 2020 events. Sponsor packages offer many benefits and range in price from \$125 for a literature table to \$5,000 for Titanium sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring a Chamber event, please contact Sharon Kihn at the Chamber for details.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber would like to welcome and thank the following organizations which recently joined the Chamber. Please support these members.

> Avenue Grand New Luxury Apartments in White Marsh 443-495-7636 www.avenuegrand.com

Vincent Farm Elementary School School 410-887-2983 https://vincentfarmes.bcps.org

Transamerica Agency Network Insurance, Investments & Retirement 410-931-1020 www.transamerica.com

