

CHAMBER NEWS

The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Installs New Executive Committee and Presents Annual Awards

More than 230 members were on hand at the Chamber's 75th Anniversary Gala on June 8th at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda. In addition to celebrating 75 years of doing business, this was an evening for recognizing leadership and contributions to the community.

The following newly elected and appointed officers and Vice Presidents for 2001-2002 were sworn in by Congresswoman Connie Morella: President: Randy Schools (NIH-NOAA Recreation & Welfare Association); President-Elect: Lilliam Machado (Thaler Liebeler Machado & Rasmussen); VP, Budget & Finance: John Lane (ColomboBank); VP, Membership Development: Bob McKay (Fairmont Bar & Dining); and VP, Member Services: John Fineran (Atlantech Online); VP, Economic Development & Government Relations: Pat Harris (Holland & Knight); VP, Special Events: Anita Segreti (Howard W. Phillips & Co.); VP, Community Development & Education: Alex Inglese (Federal Realty Investment Trust). Immediate Past President Jack Alexander (AMR Commercial) will serve on the Executive Committee with these officers and Director Emeritus David Freishtat (Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker) will serve as Counsel to the Board.

Additionally, the following members were sworn in to serve as new directors on the Board: Michele Horwitz Cornwell (*The Chevy Chase Land Company*), Greg Hourigan (*Hard Times Cafe*), Suzanne H. Kim, D.D.S., Glenn Pearson (*Glenn Pearson Productions*), and Jennifer Warner (*SunTrust Bank*).

The Chamber's Annual Awards Program honors businesses and individuals for their contributions to commerce and community. Those who were recognized on June 8th have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase community above and beyond their normal occupations, or through volunteer humanitarian service that has contributed significantly to making our community a better place in which to live and do business. The following people received awards for their contributions to the community:

William Prescott Allen Award: Walter Pennington (Dembo, Jones, Healy, Pennington & Marshall, P.C.)

President's Award: David Freishtat (*Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker*)

Police Officer of the Year Award: Officer Stephen S. Gaynor

Youth Service Award: Greg Dunston and Corky Logsdon (Walter Johnson High School)

Small Business Award: Fairmont Bar and Dining

Community Service Award: Randy Hamas (Randall Hamas, CPA)

Public Service Award: David Dabney (Bethesda Urban Partnership)

Receive Your Own Copy of the Proud History of The Greater-Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce

As a part of the Chamber's 75th Anniversary Celebration Gala on June 8th, a souvenir program was given to each attendee, outlining through photos and "decade pages," the history of this exciting Chamber. Attendees also viewed the new video, depicting the fact-filled, exciting history of The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce and its significant contributions to this community. The 15-minute video, developed by Chamber member Stage 2A/V Productions, includes interviews and humorous commentaries by past presidents; aerial pictures of the growth of the community throughout the years, and vintage shots of area businesses (many of which are still active Chamber members), up through present times.

Copies of the video, which come with a program, are available at the Chamber office for \$15 each. The video and program will be something you will want to share with others and keep for years to come! Call Margery Shrinsky at 301-652-4900 to order your copy.

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From The President's Desk

by Randy Schools, NIH-NOAA Recreation & Welfare Association



I am thrilled to be elected your new President and look forward to an exciting year with the Chamber. Below are some of the thoughts that I mentioned on the evening of June 8th at our 75th Anniversary Gala:

"Like many of the 75 individuals who have given leadership to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, I stand before you humbled. We have a wonderfully, vibrant, growing community. A community filled with vision, integrity, initiative, commitment, and responsiveness, but most of all it is a community filled with kindness.

You can look around this room and you will see many faces that have helped you and your business grow. It is an unselfish community, where our top asset are its people, whose tradition for voluntary commitment to its fellow members is unsurpassed. I am proud to join the many individuals who have served as president. Our Board next year has a simple job - nurture the compassion that we have for our community, and simply not to screw up the legacy that has been given to us.

Winston Churchill stated "the price of greatness is responsibility," and I want all of us to feel responsible for the next 5,10, 15, years. We have a legacy to follow of warmth, wisdom, and tolerance. We must be open-minded, deny lots of assumptions and remake them. Take a moment to question - because those questions lead to improvement of self and community.

Also, take a few moments to get lost in our community. By being lost you will find the richness of our community. Walk the streets, introduce yourself, meet some new friends. You may be surprised how much we have in common with each other. By getting lost, you will benefit your business and that of our community. You may wander into the library, the government center, Chamber office, the newest restaurant, or an old favorite. You see, you have something to give and our community wants to take it.

Building a great chamber is an adventure - a journey of constant challenges, opportunities, and rewards. Let's work together for a great growing adventure. Let's discover how the process of innovation actually works ... how much has been given to us, so that we can give it on and on to others.

Let's have fun, let's work hard, and let's grow with the Chamber staff of Margery, Leslie and Ginanne. They will call on you, and you know the response "Sure, I will be glad to help." It's through your positive responses that this chamber will have another 75 years of "Sure, I will be glad to help." Simply said, that is how this organization has grown to its current success.

I'd like to especially thank Jack Alexander for his leadership and commitment to the Chamber and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase community throughout the past several years. I am looking forward to working with such an excellent team including President-elect Lilliam Machado, Vice President of Budget and Finance, John Lane, and all of the fantastic Board members who are all so dedicated to the Chamber. And, I look forward to working with each of you as we kick off the next 75 years of success! Thank you."



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Members News

O'Donnell's Seafood Restaurant in Bethesda was inducted into the Restaurant Association of Maryland's Hospitality Hall of Honor. Nominees had to be in business for at least 15 years, be responsible business owners and provide outstanding service. Tom O'Donnell opened two O'Donnell's seafood restaurants in Washington, D.C. in 1922, and his daughter Janice Edelblut opened the Bethesda location in 1965. The Bethesda location is currently managed by third generation Bill Edelblut.

Rameline Kamaga, CONFINA RK LLC, (2 Wisconsin Circle, Suite 700, Chevy Chase, MD) is hosting a briefing on "Expanding Business Through the African Growth and Opportunity Act" on July 11 and August 22. The briefing is being held to promote investments and business partnerships between the United States and Africa. Contact Ms. Kamaga at 301-657-0711, for more information.

J. Craig Venter, Ph.D., President and Chief Scientific Officer of Celera Genomics has been named Honorary Chair of Hospice Cup XX. **Ann Mitchell**, Executive Director of **Montgomery Hospice** states, "We are thrilled to have Dr. Venter as the Honorary Chairman of Hospice Cup XX. For him to support our efforts is an honor." Montgomery Hospice, as well as Hospice Cup, celebrates their 20th anniversary this year. Hospice Cup, American's largest charity regatta, will take place on September 15 on the Chesapeake Bay.

Round House Theatre's production of *The Glass Menagerie* was named Outstanding Resident Play at the 2001 Helen Hayes Awards, presented at a gala ceremony at the Kennedy Center on May 7th. The production's director, Donald Hicken, was also honored, taking home the trophy for Outstanding Director, Resident Play. Round House, which previously received the Outstanding Resident Play for its production of *Heathen Valley*, will open its new theatre in the Chevy Chase Bank headquarters at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue in Bethesda in May, 2002. The first production in Bethesda will be Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning *Our Town*, directed by Producing Artistic director Jerry Whiddon. Charter subscriptions are now on sale. Call 301-933-1644 for more information.

To accommodate continued growth, the Bethesda-based accounting firm of **Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman, CPA's** and its asset management affiliate, GFR Wealth Management, LLC, has moved into expanded quarters in the North Tower of the Air Rights Center. Their new offices are located at 4550 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 650 North, Bethesda. Phone 301-951-9090 and Fax 301-951-3570 remain the same.

Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. (ATG), a provider of facilities-based local Internet and telephone services, is pleased to announce that **Michael E. Martin** has been promoted to Vice President of Operations for the Eastern Region. ATG maintains its Eastern Division Headquarters in Germantown, MD.

The Writer's Center presents a classic film series "Sunday Cinema," to be held on the second Sunday during July and August. The films will be shown at Writers Center's new 150-seat state of the art video projection screening room in

Bethesda and are open to the public (admission \$5; \$3 for full-time students with I.D.; \$2 for AIVF members and Writer's Center Members). The next two films will be movies that started as novels, then made it to the big screen: **The Natural**, Sunday, July 8, 10:30 a.m., **From Here To Eternity**, Sunday, August 12, 10:30 a.m. Reading the novel before the screening is encouraged. There will be a discussion following each film. Both screenings are at the Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. For more information call 301-654-8664 or go to the Web at www.writer.org.

AMR Commercial, LLC, a Bethesda-based Commercial Real Estate firm located at 7900 Wisconsin Avenue, is pleased to announce that **Timothy Whipple** has joined the company as a Sales and Leasing Associate.

Adventure Theatre proudly presents *What's A Wolf To Do?* The adventures of Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Pigs, and Goldilocks and The Three Bears....with a modern twist!!! Created and produced by Marilyn Shockey, a talented writer, producer, costume designer, and performer from Potomac, this extraordinary production, runs from June 16 – July 22, 2001 at Adventure Theatre, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Cost: \$5.00 with group rates available. Reservations are recommended. For further information call 301-320-5331.

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons recently announced that **Dr. Christine Berg** has received a three-year appointment as Cancer Liaison Physician for **Suburban Hospital's** Comprehensive Cancer Program. Dr. Berg, of Bethesda, will provide support to Suburban Hospital's Cancer Committee, to help the hospital maintain its Commission on Cancer-approved cancer programs.

EZGSA announces the addition of Barry Levin as Director of Operations. Barry join's EZGSA's team with extensive sales and computer experience as Director of Administrative Computing at Marymount University. EZGSA services are directed toward small-and medium sized businesses that wish to supply goods or services to the Federal Government, but either do not have the time or experience with the complex GSA Schedule rules and procedures.

Art Jones, The Dream Factory has moved to 2327 Duke Street, E-33, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-548-8280; email: dfactory@surfbest.net.

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By Scott Orbach (EZGSA), Chair, Technology Resources Commitee

The threats to your privacy – especially on the Internet – is unremitting and getting worse. But there are some steps you can take to limit or impede the collection of your personal data by your vendors.

Nobody appreciates innovation more than I do, but over the past several years, as I have observed the growing intrusiveness of newer software, I have become increasingly more conservative in the adoption of new technologies, particularly application software. My simple rule is that if an older version of an application has all of the functionality that I need, there is no benefit to using a newer version with its information gathering and sharing.

Set your browsers to AVOID COOKIES, and when you must accept them, take them in a new profile and purge them often. Set up an e-mail account only to share with online sites. Don't allow software to load itself onto your computer, and keep an updated anti-virus software, such as Norton or McAfee.

LIE. When you register software or purchase something online, you will be asked for a lot of information, much of which is irrelevant to the actual transaction and delivery, but required by the site in order for you to proceed. My favorite lie is my phone number, for which I offer my fax number instead. All day my fax machine rings but

only occasionally do faxes follow the rings. Who's calling the rest of the time? Any guesses? And why were you registering that software in the first place? Of course, share your real phone number with airlines and other parties that you will want to reach you if it will benefit you.

The privacy threat coming this fall is Microsoft Windows XP. The first stable SOHO operating system that Microsoft has offered since DOS will integrate Instant Messaging, PROVIDED that you sign up for the Microsoft Passport. The Passport collects information about you not just when you register, but when you use any of their online partners. The benefit to you is that if, for example, you are planning a trip somewhere – and after booking everything, you change the dates with your airline – Passport will automatically offer to change your rental car and hotel reservations. A convenience, but.....

A compendium of privacy threats is available for review at www.privacy.org. You could spend a lifetime attempting to protect yourself from all of the voyeurs, only to succumb to tomorrow's assault. Or you could take some basic common-sense precautions to protect yourself from most.

"Bytes of Bethesda" is a service of the Chamber's Technology Resources Committee, which invites members with an interest in current technology trends to join and participate. The committee meets the fourth Thursday of each month in the Chamber offices. If you are a chamber member and a tech business, we would like to profile your products and services here. Please share your comments, ideas, thoughts and questions to Orbach@EZGSA.com.



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Calendar Check



Even though summer is here, there's still plenty of exciting Chamber activities you don't want to miss!

- Thursday, July 5 (12:00 pm 1:30 pm): Monthly Member Lunch at the Bethesda Marriott Suites, sponsored by CREATE Expressive Arts Center. \$15 Member/ \$20 Guest; \$20/\$25 at the door.
- Tuesday, July 10 (5:30 pm 7:00 pm): Business After Hours sponsored by/ at the Corner Bakery.
 FREE.
- Tuesday, July 17 (7:15 am 9:00 am): Power Networking Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Bethesda, sponsored by Caplin, Buckner & Kostecka, Chtd. \$15 Member/\$20 Guest; \$20/\$25 at the door.
- Tuesday, August 14 (5:30 pm to 7:00 pm): Business After Hours at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, sponsored by Vitability Associates. FREE

Register on-line at www.bccchamber.org or contact Leslie P. Yager if you have any questions 301-652-4900.

Neil Waldman of Safeguard Business Systems Found It In The Guide!

Neil was looking for someone to design a new business brochure... and found Laura Leigh Palmer, asap Graphics..... in the Guide! Laura Leigh designed a new look for Safeguard Business Systems and Neil could not have been more delighted. Laura Leigh added, "I saw the BCC Membership Directory & Business Referral Guide before I became a Chamber member...and knew with its wide distribution, my ad would be visible in the areas where I wanted to do business. The people who use the Guide are serious, and ready to do business."

Advertise! Reserve your space in the 2002 Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory & Business Referral Guide by July 27th and \$ave. Do you have an existing ad that you would like to change or need help in creating one? Contact Margery Shrinsky in the Chamber office 301-652-4900. Ask any Chamber member if they use the Guide to select products and/or services ... and the response will be an overwhelming "yes."



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SuccessStories

It's all in the Cookies!!!!!!!!

Chamber member Sarah Nark of Bundles of Cookies recently provided the perfect solution for a dilemma faced by Chamber member Mimi Magyar, an attorney with the Bethesda law firm of Caplan, Buckner & Kostecka, Chartered.

In an effort to remain active in the community, Mimi is involved in a number of different legal committees and business groups. As a result, she is often asked to speak at numerous seminars and meetings about various topics related to her profession. Mimi was recently asked by a business group to bring a door prize to the meeting at which she would be speaking. Although she was pleased to oblige the request, she was in a quandary over what type of door prize would serve to represent the law firm while still pleasing the recipient.

Enter problem solver, Sarah. Mimi and Sarah had met several times at Chamber events and discussed their businesses. Sarah's company offers delicious cookies that are packaged and decorated to commemorate a wide variety of occasions. Mimi recalled that Sarah had described cookie baskets, which could be tailored to individual professions. After a quick phone call to Sarah, Mimi had her perfect door prize, a basket filled with cookies decorated with tools of the legal trade, i.e., a gavel, the scales of justice, legal briefs and the like. The recipient of the prize was delighted and Mimi was asked to return to the group to give another speech in the future. Was it Mimi's speech or the cookies that prompted the invitation? Mimi doesn't know, but she has placed another order with Sarah for her return visit!



Mimi Magyer, Caplan, Buckner & Kostecka, Chartered and Sarah Nark, Bundles of Cookies.

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Successes and Challenges

by Ron Resh, Public Affairs Consultant

Over the past year, the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce has been successful in its support for a number of significant initiatives, which will benefit the people who live and work in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase area. County and state funding for transit services has been increased, which includes the expansion of the operating hours and areas of service for the Bethesda 8 Shuttle. Added funding has been obtained for arts and cultural programs in the Bethesda area. The important Bethesda/Silver Spring Transitway, despite significant opposition from some sources, remains in the planning and study stages. In addition, the Chamber has been addressing the broader and more challenging issue of moving forward into the next phase of development of the Bethesda Central Business District.

The Montgomery County Planning Board recently transmitted to the County Council a draft of the county's Annual Growth Policy showing capacity for expansion in the Bethesda area. Before this can be realized, a critical element of the sector plan covering the Bethesda CBD has to be met. This calls for the share of non-auto-driver commuter trips to reach 32 percent. Although the Chamber has developed information suggesting this goal has been attained, other sources suggest that the actual figure is only 27 percent.

In order to bolster our case, the Chamber urged the county government to support expanded commuter surveys in the Bethesda area to include all sizes and types of businesses. Previous studies only covered businesses with 25 or more employees. Bethesda Transportation Solutions currently is conducting an expanded survey of this type. We eagerly await the results, and we urge all chamber members who are contacted to lend their full support to this important effort. The future of Bethesda is at stake.

Community Development/Education Update

The Community Development and Education Committees develop and supervise projects and activities to enhance the quality of life for the area's citizens. Below is a brief update on activities thus far this year and those in the planning stages:



Career Partnership Day: Held on March 29th, where over 190 juniors and seniors from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, Walt Whitman High School and Walter Johnson High School were matched with and shadowed representatives from over 90 businesses, making this the most successful year yet!

Spring Blood Drive: Held on May 24th in conjunction with the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, where 70 members came out that day, resulting in 58 units of blood donated, exceeding our goal of 50. These donations made a difference in 174 lives. Special thanks to the following companies whose staff came out in full force: AMR Commercial, Sandler Training, EagleBank, and the Hyatt Regency Bethesda.

Officer Recognition Program: An ongoing program, to begin in July 2001, where the Chamber recognizes "Officers of the Month" in conjunction with Bethesda Police District, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Fire Department and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad.

Upcoming Community Development/Education programs to put on your calendar:

(more information to be announced)

Community Service Day: Saturday, October 27, 2001

Fall Blood Drive: Tuesday, November 20, 2001 **Goodwill Dinner:** Tuesday, December 18, 2001

For more information or to get involved in any of the Community Development and Education programs, contact Alex Inglese (Federal Realty Investment Trust), Vice President of Community Development and Education at 301-998-8293 or Ginanne Italiano at the Chamber at 301-652-4900.

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June County Wide After Hours

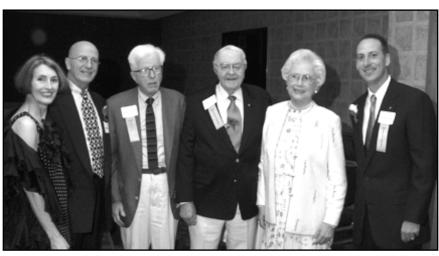


Left to Right – Jewel Scott, Manpower; Vernon Bock, Chevy Chase Cars; Patrick Flynn, Atabek, Flynn & Associates; Jeffrey Rabak, Holiday Inn Bethesda



Left to Right – David Freishtat, Bob McKay, Randy Hamas, David Dabney, Jack Alexander, Officer Stephen S. Gaynor, Gregory Dunston, Corky Logsdon and Walter Pennington





Left to Right - Carol Trawick, David Dabney, Bob Furman, Mr & Mrs. Eisnger and Jack Alexander



Left to Right - Past Presidents Toby Beach and Stan Jones



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