



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce has held many events over the last month. Some are for networking, some for education, some are just for fun. Every now and then, one comes along that really touches your heart. On June 13, the Chamber sponsored the Annual Awards for Excellence in Education. We honored educators at all levels from Baltimore County Public Schools, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and the Community College of Baltimore County.

Award recipients were Holly Gorsuch from Kenwood High School, John Lanahan from Mars Estates Elementary, Eric Thompson from Sussex Elementary, Sharon Trumbull from CCBC and Kim Worthy from Kenwood High. Award finalists included elementary school teachers Jennifer Becker from Martin Boulevard, Rebecca Boynton from Middleborough, Michele Giguere from Sandalwood, Hannah Himelstein from Hawthorne, Caren Hyde from Kingsville, and Lauren Weber from Orem. Middle and high school finalists included Chloe D'Amico from Crossroads Center, Christine Krivda from Deep Creek Middle, and Jennifer Leynes from Our Lady of Mount Carmel. CCBC finalists were Joan Florrow and Brian Hagen, and support professional finalists were Janis Brent from Hawthorne Elementary, Terri Krieger from Mars Estates Elementary, Rachel Tyburski from Deep Creek Middle and Vonda Zamenski from Orem. Elementary.



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Just listening to the speeches from the principals describing how their teachers and support professionals touch the lives of their students was quite remarkable. Although I had never met any of the nominees, after hearing the speeches, I felt like I knew them well. As a group, most teachers are motivated by the love of teaching and the pleasure and pride of influencing a future generation. From my observation, our teachers and support personnel are very motivated, and we are lucky to have this group of outstanding educators in this area. None of us would be where we are today if not for individuals like these.

On May 29, we held a luncheon with approximately 50 people at Carson's Creekside Restaurant & Lounge. Tim Murphy from the Maryland Department of Commerce and Rick Johnson and Lauren

Coleman from Baltimore County's Department of Economic & Workforce Development provided a valuable economic development update and discussed the many resources available through their departments to assist local businesses. Many people have no idea what resources are available to them. Nor are they aware of all of the new development projects in our community. This talented group of people works tirelessly to help our local businesses grow and prosper, and we were proud to provide a forum for them to share their expertise and discuss local and state initiatives.



L to R Brett Foelber, John Hess and John Gontrum
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On June 20, we enjoyed a great morning at beautiful Rocky Point Golf Course where we joined CCBC-Essex Foundation for their Annual Golf Tournament. Sponsored by the Wakefield Family and many local businesses, this tournament has raised over \$300,000 for scholarships since its inception 29 years ago.

We joined with other area chambers of commerce and business associations on June 26 to host a MEGA Networking Breakfast. This event was held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Baltimore North/Pikesville, and was attended by over 100 local business leaders.

As you can see, wherever your interests may lie, the Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce has activities for you. We can help your business, help grow your contact list, introduce you to fascinating and informative business owners and government officials, or just plain have fun on the golf course while raising money for a very worthy cause.

Please join us for any of the upcoming Chamber events listed below. We always are looking for some great people to join our ranks.

Thank you,

John Hess
Chamber President

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Don't miss the following upcoming Chamber events. Additional details and registration information can be found on our website – www.chesapeakechamber.org.

New & Prospective Member Orientation

Thursday, July 11, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Chesapeake Gateway Chamber of Commerce
405 Williams Court, Suite 108, Middle River, MD 21220
FREE

Best Financial Practices for Business Owners- Luncheon

Seminar

Wednesday, July 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Red Brick Station
5022 Campbell Blvd., White Marsh, MD 21236
\$25 for Chamber Members; \$35 for Non-Members

Cyber Security Seminar

Wednesday, August 21, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

CCBC – Essex Campus
Robert & Eleanor Romadka College Center, Upper Lobby
7201 Rossville Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21237
\$15 for Chamber Members; \$25 for Non-Members

MEGA Networking on the Waterfront

Wednesday, August 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Eastern Yacht Club
2330 Seneca Road, Essex, MD 21221
\$30 for Chamber Members; \$40 for Non-Members

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