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News & Information

January 28, 2008

Upcoming Breakfast Meeting

The Olney Town Center Advisory Committee will present their Illustrative Concept Plan for the Olney Town Center to the Olney Chamber of Commerce on February 19, 2008. The plan will be presented at a breakfast meeting at the Inn at Brookeville Farms. The meeting will start at 7:30 a.m. and the cost for the breakfast will be \$15.

The Olney Town Center Advisory Committee (OTCAC) was chartered by the Maryland National Park & Planning Commission to create a common community-based vision and guidelines for what the Olney Town Center could look like in the future and how it might function in relation to the surrounding neighborhoods. The OTCAC is anxious for feedback on the concept plan from business leaders and community members, so it is important for Chamber members to attend this breakfast meeting.

To attend, members may call the Olney Chamber office at 301.774.7117 to RSVP or go to the Olney Chamber website at www.olneymd.org and register online.

2008 Annual ATHENA Award

The Olney Chamber of Commerce has once again partnered with Brooke Grove Retirement Village to recognize and honor women for their community service and their professional and personal leadership through the ATHEA Award. Nominations for the ATHENA Award are now being accepted. Particular consideration is given to nominees who have demonstrated a "dedication of self and a generosity of spirit" toward the Greater Olney-Sandy Spring community.

Nomination forms are available on the Olney Chamber website at www.olneymd.org and the Brooke Grove website at www.bgf.org. Nominations are due to the Chamber office by March 7, 2008. In addition to the nomination forms, sponsorship and tribute opportunities are also available.

This year's ATHENA Award will be presented on Friday, April 25, 2008 at a noon luncheon emceed by Senator Rona Kramer at Brooke Grove Retirement Village. For more information call the Chamber office at 301.774.7117.

Announcements:

► **Wanted: Guest Speakers:** If you have a skill, a message, or an inspiration that would help an abandoned or neglected teenager prepare for the work world, call OUR House Job Training Center for Youth at 301.519.1019. We invite our community to share their wisdom or experiences on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ask for Benny or Jean.

► **Member News:** CFRE International has recertified Pamela Spears as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Individuals granted the credential must initially pass a rigorous written examination testing knowledge, skills and abilities in fundraising and meet standards for ongoing tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated fundraising achievement and a commitment to service to not-for-profit organizations. Recipients are awarded certification for a three-year-period. A CFRE since 1998, Pam is associate director for major gifts and annual giving with the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and a past president of the Olney Chamber of Commerce.

► **Member News:** Suzanne Simpson of Simpson Law, PA has been named co-chair of the Trust and Estate Section of the Howard County Bar Association. Suzanne would also like to invite members to visit her new website at www.simpsonlaw.biz.

► **Special Invite:** Luxuria Salon & Spa invite everyone to their Winter Rejuvenation Event on Wednesday, January 30 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Luxuria Salon & Spa is located at 17830 New Hampshire Ave. # 100 in Ashton. Stop by for food, fun, door prizes, demonstrations, and 15% off on all retail products during the event. For more information call Marisol at 301.260.2212.

► **Scholarship Opportunity:** Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area is pleased to announce its call for applications for the Fifth Annual Youth Entrepreneur of the Year award from January 28, 2008 - April 1, 2008. In partnership with Ernst & Young, JA would like to invite students from your school to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship. The competition is open to any student in the 9th -12th grade that has started and is currently running his or her own business. For more information on the Scholarship contact David Bing at 202.777.4475 or David.Bing@JA.org, or visit us online at www.myJA.org.

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