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News & Information

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## A Wealth of Information

Last week's educational series continued with the topic of healthcare and medical benefits. Chamber members Neil Simons and Julie Krzysiak, of Independent Benefit Services, gave an overview of how medical benefit plans are set up and terms that are used to describe different plans. Everyone in attendance learned a great deal that morning.

The Olney Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Independent Benefit Services for the valuable information. The Chamber would also like to thank RE/MAX Realty Services for providing the Community Room for the presentation. If you would like a copy of the materials from the educational series, please call the Chamber office at 301.774.7117 or Independent Benefit Services at 301.921.7804.

## Biz Buzz This Thursday

The Olney Chamber of Commerce's monthly Biz Buzz will be held this Thursday, April 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Play N Trade in Olney. April 24 is also the day set aside as "Take Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day." The Chamber invites members to finish up the day with their children by stopping by Play N Trade for some informal networking and fun. Play N Trade is located at 18200 A Georgia Ave. in the Hillcrest Shopping Center. There is no cost to attend the Biz Buzz. Be sure to bring plenty of businesses cards, conversation, and your quick gaming fingers! You won't want to miss this informal networking opportunity!

## Shop Olney First

Now that spring is in the air keep the local businesses in mind for all your spring and summer time needs.

- ✓ New spring clothes
- ✓ Party supplies for all those special events
- ✓ Fresh flowers, plants and decorative flags to spruce up your home
- ✓ Shop for unique, one of a kind gifts
- ✓ Call a landscaper to start a lawn maintenance program
- ✓ Tune up your car before summer trips
- ✓ Have your carpets cleaned or replaced
- ✓ Hire a local limo driver to make sure you arrive in style and on time to all those special events
- ✓ Have dinner at one of Olney's great restaurants to celebrate that special occasion

For a listing of all Chamber businesses visit the Chamber website at [www.olneymd.org](http://www.olneymd.org).

## Announcements:

► **ATHENA Luncheon:** It is not too late to register for this Friday's ATHENA Luncheon at Brooke Grove Retirement Village. Call the Chamber office at 301.774.7117 to reserve your space for this special luncheon that honors local women who have shown a "dedication of self and a generosity of spirit."

► **Scholarship Donations:** It is not too late to contribute to this year's scholarship fund. Forms are available online and donations may also be made online at the Olney Chamber website [www.olneymd.org](http://www.olneymd.org).

► **Relay For Life Needs Accounting/Data Entry Help:** With the 2008 Relay For Life of Olney event coming up on Saturday, May 31st, the relay committee is looking for volunteers who can help with accounting and data entry (MS excel) tasks. Volunteers are needed for 2-3 hours on three days in May, including the actual event. Please contact Michael Moriarty at 240-994-1725 or [relaymike@verizon.net](mailto:relaymike@verizon.net) to volunteer or for more info. It's a great way to join our community's efforts to find a cure for cancer. Relay For Life of Olney is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

► **Last Call:** The Chamber will be sending out ballots shortly for this year's Board of Directors. If you have been thinking about a way you can get more involved in the Olney Chamber of Commerce this may be the perfect opportunity for you. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like more information, please call the Chamber office at 301.774.7117 by April 30.

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