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Legislative Wrap Up

The Olney Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Clark Kendall and everyone at Kendall Capital Management for hosting last week's Open House. It was a great opportunity to talk to our local delegates and senator about legislative issues. Senator Rona Kramer and Delegates Anne Kaiser, Karen Montgomery, and Herman Taylor took a few minutes to talk to those in attendance about the success and struggles of this year's session. They encouraged an open dialogue with business owners and would like to hear from us during the entire year, not just during the session.

In the Mail

Many of you have already received the mailing containing the ballots for elections and Business Person of the Year. Please refer to the Bio sheet to get more information about this year's candidates for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors. Also look over the information for Business Person of the Year. Your choice can be selected by placing a check or X by the persons name or by circling the name. Please take a few minutes of your time to fill out each ballot and return them to the Chamber office by Friday, May 8. The new Board will be installed and the BPOY honored at the Awards and Installation Dinner on Thursday, May 28 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Inn at Brookeville Farms.

Announcements:

- Diabetics: MGH is offering a new support group for any diabetic who is insulin dependent. This group will meet the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be May 5 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Community Learning Center B at MGH. For more information contact Veronica Everett at 301.774.8761.
- FORE! Your Health Golf Classic: The MGH Health Foundation will have its annual golf classic on Thursday, May 21. The foundation is looking for golfers and sponsors for the event. If you are interested visit look for MGH Health Foundation special events on www.MontgomeryGeneral.com.
- Garden Tour: The Sandy Spring Museum will be having its annual Garden Tour on Saturday, May 16. For tickets and information call the Museum at 301.774.0022.

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Aspen Hill Club, Maryland Sports Medicine Center with Dr. David Higgins, Sandy Spring Bank, and Quinter Design

Kulley Bancroft ATHENA Recipient

Kulley Bancroft of Sandy Spring Bank was selected as the recipient of this year's Annual Olney-Sandy Spring ATHENA Award. The award was presented during an afternoon tea at Brooke Grove Retirement Village on Friday, May 1. The ATHENA Award is given to a woman who has shown "dedication of self and generosity of spirit" in her personal and professional life.

Kulley Bancroft is the Senior VP for Marketing and Community Relations for the Bank. Since working at Sandy Spring Bank Kulley created and implemented an internal Ambassador Program and the Build-a Banker Program. In the community Kulley has taken an active roll in the Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association, the MGH Health Foundation, the MGH Women's Board, Project Change, the Longwood Community Center Advisory Board, and the Sandy Spring Lions Club. She is also very active with the local Girl Scouts serving as leader, service unit manager, and the Montgomery County Chair for the Girl Scout Association. Through the Girl Scouts, Kulley has mentored young women who have become professional women. Some of these young women have gone on to become economist, engineers, physical therapist, social workers and medical professionals.

During her acceptance speech Kulley thanked the community for the award and also for providing such outstanding organizations that the community can volunteer their time. She her hard work and service to the community was something her father, Halsey Smith, instilled in her growing up. He always told them that "There are no slackers living in this house." She was very grateful for the award.

Also nominated this year were six other outstanding women in our community: Elisabeth Deal, Executive Director of the Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association; Sandy Fletcher with Fletcher's Service Station and Community Volunteer; Dr. Carole Levy, former ER physician and active Girl Scout Leader; The Hon. Karen Montgomery, local delegate for the MD House of Representatives; Ida Singleton, retired federal employee and deacon at Norbeck Community Church; and Lisa Stancik, creator and producer of "The Olney Loop." The Olney Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate all of the nominees and the recipient.

The Olney Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Cheryl Kagan for serving as MC of the event and her interactive talk. They would also like to thank the committee of Nancy Ochsenreiter, Lynelle Smith, and Toni Davis from Brooke Grove Retirement Village, Joyce Sanderson of the MGH Women's Board, Pamela Spears with the Olney Chamber of Commerce, Sharon Dooley, President of the Greater Olney Civic Association and Lisa McKillop and Robyn Quinter, former ATHENA recipients. Also a big thank you to our corporate sponsors, Fletcher's Service Center, Pamela Spears, Muriel H. Barber Funeral Home, and Simpson Law, PA. Lastly the Chamber would like to thank our event partner Brooke Grove Foundation and Retirement Village for hosting the tea and inviting us to their beautiful campus.