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**Calvert County Chamber of  
Commerce Commissioner  
Breakfast**

**September 19, 2011**

**Rod 'N' Reel Restaurant  
Chesapeake Beach**

**\$35.00 Per person**

For years the Government Affairs Committee of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce has offered venues for Chamber members to interact with their legislators at the annual Legislative Breakfasts. Those breakfasts have provided excellent opportunities for members to hear explanations from their State delegation about bills and legislation presented during sessions in Annapolis. Now, the Board of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce an opportunity for Chamber members to meet and hear from the Calvert Board of County Commissioners about what's happening closer to home.

On Monday, September 19 at the Rod 'N Reel, Mark Davis, Chair of the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee, will serve as Master of Ceremonies, just as he's done in the past for the Legislative Breakfasts. And, following the same format used at the Legislative Breakfasts, Davis will read questions from the audience, this time, though, the questions can be more narrowly focused on matters pertaining only to Calvert. The Board of Commissioners has been working hard since the election and the Chamber is pleased to offer a venue where they can answer questions about their initiatives and process.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn firsthand the answers to your burning questions about what's happening in Calvert.

Breakfast will be buffet-style.

The Chamber wishes to thank Show Place Arena for sponsoring this new opportunity for you.

(See flyer for reservations)

**Calvert County Job Fair**

**August 31, 2011**

**12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Calvert County Fairgrounds**

**Are you a Calvert County-based business and currently seeking employees? Take advantage of this opportunity to meet numerous applicants while also providing the public with information about what your business has to offer. For more information contact Maria Dorsett at 410-535-4583.**

**Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting  
& Awards Dinner**

**All of the nominations have been received and the winners will be announced on:**

**October 26, 2011**

**Holiday Inn Solomons Conference Center & Marina  
6:00 to 9:00 p. m.**

**Join fellow Chamber members as we recognize the Small Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, Chamber Member of the Year, and the Home-Based Business of the Year. Comedian Taylor Mason will provide the entertainment once again.**

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**September** - Calvert County Department of Social Services

**October** - First Home Mortgage, Darren Rickwood

**November** - Arts Council of Calvert County

**December** - College of Southern Maryland

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| Armory Road Self Storage & 231 Self Storage | B-Sure Home Inspection                 | B&L Biz, Linda Adams                                     |                              |
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## Press Releases

### **Community Bank of Tri-County Partners with the American Red Cross to Benefit Local Disaster Relief Fund . . .**

Community Bank of Tri-County is proud to support the American Red Cross of Southern Maryland for the fifth consecutive year through our participation in the Relax for Red Cross program. Relax for Red Cross is an annual program designed by Community Bank to support our local communities while allowing our employees to dress casually during the summer. "This year we raised \$6,000 for the Southern Maryland Chapter" says Michael Middleton, Community Bank of Tri-County Chief Executive Officer. "At Community Bank, supporting the communities where we live and work is a way of life. Making these contributions and helping to support Red Cross in their mission means a lot to our team." Relax for Red Cross is a great way for the Community Bank of Tri-County employees to give to their local Red Cross. Community Bank employees who contribute to the American Red Cross receive a Red Cross bracelet and are entitled to "casual dress" for the three month period from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Community Bank also matched a portion of the proceeds raised from this event, which will benefit the American Red Cross Southern Maryland Chapter's Local Disaster Relief Fund. "It's great to see our associates rally together to support the Southern Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross," says Nancy Hayden, Community Bank Vice President and Director of Operations and American Red Cross Southern Maryland Chapter board member. "We are very proud of our employees' dedication to this cause."

### **CSM Receives 2 Alliance for Workplace Excellence Awards, College is Eight-Time Recipient . . .**

The College of Southern Maryland received two awards from the Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE), which recognizes the Washington, D.C. area's best places to work. CSM is one of 67 organizations receiving the Workplace Excellence Award this year and one of 38 organizations receiving the Health and Wellness Trailblazers Award. "This honor validates the efforts of the College of Southern Maryland to become an employer of choice," said CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried. "I believe that the college has become a leader in higher education in implementing employee-focused programs that ensure the highest quality services to our students and other patrons."

### **CSM Foundation Hosts Platinum Anniversary Golf Classic . . .**

The College of Southern Maryland's Foundation Golf Tournament will celebrate its 20th year with the Platinum Anniversary Golf Classic Aug. 18 at Swan Point Yacht & Country Club. For more than 20 years the tournament has grown to become a signature event for CSM, raising more than \$500,000 for students and programs offered at the college. The goal this year is to raise \$50,000 for CSM athletic scholarships and programs. The tournament will begin with breakfast sponsored by Chick-fil-A beginning at 7:30 a.m. and followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided by WaWa along with a reception including prizes after the tournament concludes. For the 10th year, Marrick Homes is the Grand Tournament Sponsor for the event. "The CSM Foundation is fortunate to have many partners, friends and supporters; however, long-time partners such as Marrick Homes are a rare find," said Michelle Goodwin, CSM vice president of advancement. "We are grateful that Marrick has supported CSM students and programs for more than a decade. They truly understand the impact CSM has on the local workforce and the community that they care so much about." Sponsorships and registration are available for the Platinum Anniversary Golf Classic. The CSM golf team, who recently competed at the 2011 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II

men's national golf tournament, will also be taking part in the Golf Classic. For information on how to complete your foursome with a CSM golf team member, how to become a sponsor or to attend the tournament contact Erika Abell at 301-934-7647 or eabell1@csmd.edu or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/Foundation/GolfClassic>.

### **Dorsett Joins Calvert County Department of Economic Development . . .**

The Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development is pleased to announce Maria Dorsett has joined their staff as business retention specialist. Dorsett has a background working in the small- and medium-sized business community. For five years, she was business counselor for the Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC) where she counseled clients with their start-up ideas, business plans, strategic goals and market research. She is an advocate for small business in Calvert County and works closely with partner organizations to bring all available resources to small business owners. Prior to her work with the SBDC, Dorsett was employed at the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration where she assisted small businesses in developing strategies for exporting products and services overseas and also worked on bilateral trade issues to help small U.S. companies gain greater access to foreign markets. She has an M.A. in International Relations from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and a B.B.A. from Loyola University in Baltimore. Dorsett is eager to put her skills and experience to work. "Throughout my professional career, I have always enjoyed working with businesses, helping them work through challenges, assisting them with financing and marketing concerns and celebrating successes with them," she said. "I look forward to assisting Calvert County's business community and working to create and enhance a host of programs and services to further the Department's outreach efforts."

### **Davis, Upton, & Palumbo, LLC Announces New Associate . . .**

Amber K. Teague has joined Davis, Upton, & Palumbo, LLC as an Associate and will focus her practice on domestic law, criminal law and civil litigation. After graduating early from Frostburg State University, magna cum laude, Amber earned her law degree from George Mason University School of Law located in Arlington, Virginia. While in law school, Amber worked as the Clerk of the Court at the Coast Guard Court of Criminal Appeals where she prepared orders, drafted opinions, conducted research and supervised court interns. In addition, she interned at the Calvert County State's Attorney's Office. Amber also volunteered at the Clinic for Legal Assistance to Service members where she provided active-duty members of the armed forces and their families free representation to civil cases. Following law school, Amber clerked for the Honorable Warren J. Krug, the administrative judge of the Calvert County Circuit Court. Amber is a member of the Maryland Bar and Calvert County Bar Associations. Amber is an avid runner and enjoys any outdoor activity on the weekends. Born and raised in Calvert County, Amber currently lives in North Beach with her husband and basset hound.

### **CSM Board Selects Krug as Chair, Slater as Vice Chair . . .**

The College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees has elected Mary Maddox Krug of Calvert County to a second term as its chair and Austin Joseph Slater Jr. of St. Mary's County to a second term as the board's vice-chair. CSM's Board of Trustees is the governing body providing leadership and oversight of the college's mission and policies. Members are appointed by the governor for five-year terms. The board consists of nine members, with Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties equally represented. The chair and vice-chair are selected by the trustees among themselves annually. "I am truly privileged to chair a board of individuals who are all totally committed to ensuring that Southern Maryland has a community college

## More Press Releases

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second to none, and to bringing high quality degree-focused education, career training, and personal enrichment classes to the residents of all three counties at the lowest possible cost," Krug said. Krug, who has been on CSM's board since 2007, previously served two terms as a Calvert County Commissioner, from 1990-1998, and has worked as chief of the news bureau for the Smithsonian Institution, press spokesperson for the National Park Service's National Capital Region, and a local government affairs representative for Constellation Energy. She received both her bachelor's degree in journalism and a juris doctorate (with honors) from George Washington University. Appointed to the board of trustees in 2008, Slater is president and CEO of Southern Maryland Electric Co-op, one of the largest co-ops in the nation. He holds a master of business administration degree in finance from George Washington University, a bachelor's degree in accounting from Shepherd University and an associate degree from CSM. He currently serves as chairs of the Board of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and of the Southern Maryland Workforce Investment Board, as well as serves as a member of the boards of Community Bank of Tri-County, and Friends of the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.

### Calvert County Department of Economic Development Offers Free Employment Classified Listings for Local Businesses . . .

If your Calvert County-based business seeks a fresh – and free – way to find employees, the Calvert County Department of Economic Development's online classified ads can be a useful tool. While the service is free, registration is required and the service is available only to companies with physical locations in Calvert County, Md. Once registered, business owners can add, edit, renew or remove employment listings at any time. Listings are valid for 30 days and if the position has not been filled within that time, it is possible to renew the listing for another 30 days. To access the classifieds, visit online at [www.ecalvert.com/content/classifieds/](http://www.ecalvert.com/content/classifieds/). For more information on the Calvert County, Md., Department of Economic Development and the many services the County offers the business community, call 410.535.4583,

Certain Press Releases provided through the courtesy of Danita Boonchaisri, Marketing & Communications Specialist, Calvert County Department of Economic Development

Have business information you feel might be useful to share with other Chamber Members? Email Sharon Stuart ([sharon@calvertchamber.org](mailto:sharon@calvertchamber.org))

Deadline for submissions is the 12th of each month. Space fills up quickly so the earlier you submit an article the better chance you have for it to be included. Due to space limitations, the Chamber reserves the right to edit press releases received.

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### Mark Your Calendars

*2011 Calvert County Fair Dates*

*September 28th through October 2nd*

*Admission \$5.00 12 and Up  
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*The Chamber would like to thank the following members for reaching this membership milestone in August!*

#### Five Years

*Glover's Septic Services Inc. & Portable Toilets  
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#### Twenty Years

*American Chestnut Land Trust, Inc.  
 Rod 'N' Reel Captain's Assoc. Inc.*

## Give the Warmth of Summer to Those Who Need it this Winter

231 Self Storage and Armory Road Self Storage are collecting new and gently used Adult's and Children's coats. Coats will be distributed this fall to families in need through End Hunger and Calvert County Food Pantries.

For a list of Food Pantries visit [www.endhungercalvert.org](http://www.endhungercalvert.org)

Coats will be accepted  
June 1-August 31  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
Saturdays 9am-1pm

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Behind Calvert Middle School  
on Armory Rd  
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## CHAMBER COMMITTEE INFO

### AMBASSADORS

Considered the goodwill arm of the Chamber, Ambassadors serve as the Chamber's primary liaison to new members and play an essential role in member recruitment, communication and retention. They represent the Chamber at a variety of functions, including ribbon cuttings Business After Hours events and new member orientations. In return, Chamber Ambassadors experience above average networking opportunities and maximize their business and social potential. They meet **quarterly on the 1st Thursday of the month**. The New Member Orientation is run by the Ambassadors Committee and is open to new and prospective members as well as existing members. This is a great opportunity to network, introduce themselves and their business and find out about the benefits of Chamber membership. The next orientation will be held on **Thursday, October 6th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Chamber. There is no cost to attend but reservations are required. Please call 410-535-2577.

### LEADSHARE

The Leadshare Group meets the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month at the Chesapeake Church in Huntingtown. Their core purpose is to reach out to the Calvert County business community and ensure that its members achieve growth by developing relationships with other business owners and entrepreneurs. Please contact Raleigh Weckbaugh at [simplysendcards@yahoo.com](mailto:simplysendcards@yahoo.com) with any questions you might have.

### Get Involved and Join a Chamber Committee!!

The Chamber has a wide variety of committees and they are open to any employee of any Chamber member. Committees are the backbone of the Chamber and allows members an opportunity to really make a difference in what the Chamber is able to do for the business community.

At present the Chamber Committees are:

Ambassadors Committee  
Chocolovers Committee  
Golf Committee  
Government Affairs Committee  
Leadshare Committee  
Women To Women Committee  
Young Professionals Network

If you are interested in joining any of these committees or if you have any questions about them please feel free to contact the Chamber at  
410-535-2577

### WOMEN to WOMEN

Women to Women lunch meetings are always held on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month at 12 noon at Dream Weaver Café in Prince Frederick. **The group will not meet in the month of August and will resume their lunch meetings in September.** Please make your reservation and lunch choice by calling the Chamber at 410-535-2577. Chamber members may attend for free and may purchase a lunch for \$12. The cost for non-members to attend is \$20 and they may also purchase a lunch for \$12. Non-members must pay in advance and may apply the \$20 towards membership to the Chamber for up to 30 days. The Chamber encourages everyone to pay ahead of time to avoid a crush at the registration table.

### CHOCOLOVERS

The Chocolovers Committee, chaired by Carrie Polk and co-chaired by Darren Rickwood and Vicky Karol is now planning the 2012 event to be held on February 4th. Their next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber office.

**WELCOME  
NEW  
MEMBERS**



**Calvert County Historical Society**

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The Calvert County Historical society collects and shares historical information dealing with Calvert County and its residents. CCHS is located in Linden (ca 1868), a designated historic property recognized by Calvert County, the Maryland Historical Trust, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Society's archives offer a variety of research materials: published histories, original manuscripts, family records including bibles, oral histories and photographs. You will also find files on Calvert county's historic structures, events, people and places. The Society operates as a private non-profit organization and is open to researchers and the public Tuesday — Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm with other hours available by appointment. The Calvert County Historical Society also rents Linden to small groups for catered weddings or receptions, dinner parties or meetings.

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The Chamber is always in need of door prizes. If you are interested in donating prizes for our BAHs, please contact the Chamber at (410) 535-2577 or calvertchamber@calvertchamber.org  
Businesses receive recognition in the Navigator, monthly BAH flyers and on the Chamber website.



**YPN Blue Crabs Night**

Come join the Young Professionals Network for a night of baseball!

August 31, 2011  
Regency Furniture Stadium in Waldorf  
Game Time—7:05 p.m.

The YPN will host the event in the Community Bank of Tri-County Suite and light ball game refreshments will be provided. Carpools will be organized. Make your reservation now. Space is limited. Contact Lacey Cochran at cochran@cbtc.com for reservations.

*“The Leaders of Tomorrow,  
Making a Difference Today”*

YPN's mission is to provide an opportunity to young professionals to interact socially with their peers, give back to our community, learn valuable lessons and play a role in developing future leaders. If you are between the ages of 21 and 39 consider joining the Young Professionals Network.

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**Comedian Taylor Mason has headlined every major comedy club in the country. He plays the piano, is a world class ventriloquist, sings, dances and does stand up. Taylor uses every ounce of energy and boundless enthusiasm to maintain a very high level of comedy performance which he customizes to each audience. Look for the Annual Meeting flyer in the September issue of the Navigator and reserve your seat. You won't want to miss his performance.**



Join DICKINSON JEWELERS in Dunkirk for a PANDORA Shop in Shop Ribbon Cutting Tuesday, August 16.

DICKINSON JEWELERS is pleased to announce the grand opening of its PANDORA Shop in Shop in its Dunkirk Market Place location and invites the community to join them for a very special ribbon cutting on Tuesday, August 16th at 4:00 pm. Pandora jewelry is sold in over 55 countries and on six continents. This unique jewelry collection provides women around the world high quality, hand finished jewelry at affordable prices, inspiring them to express their individuality. All women have their individual story to tell- a personal collection of special moments that make them who they are. Pandora jewelry helps women celebrate these special moments, making them unforgettable. DICKINSON JEWELERS will be celebrating its PANDORA Shop in Shop grand opening with light refreshments, door prizes, goody bags and more! Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Display Your Business Cards in the Chamber Office**

The Chamber has **twelve** open slots for business cards on our display rack located in the Chamber office. We often get visitors to the office inquiring about member businesses so take advantage of this opportunity to advertise at no cost. We will fill the slots on a first come first serve basis.

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**August Event Reminder**

- Tuesday, August 2- Lead Share 8:30 a.m. Chesapeake Church
- No Government Affairs Meeting in August
- No Women to Women Meeting in August
- Thursday, August 11 - BAH 5:30 p.m. Asbury--Solomons Island
- Friday, August 12 - Executive Board Meeting 8:30 a.m. Chamber
- Tuesday, August 16 - Lead Share 8:30 a.m. Chesapeake Church  
Dickinson Jewelers Ribbon Cutting 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 31 - Job Fair noon County Fairgrounds

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## “The Traveling Apprentice” Works for Garner Exteriors

Several months ago I had an opportunity to work in a state-of-the art growing center to learn about growing plants. This month in my Traveling Apprentice assignment I experienced the next step in the landscaping process when I spent the day shadowing Steve Garner, owner of Garner Exteriors.

Steve’s day runs the gamut of being inside--managing the business-end of the company or overseeing work on Computer Aided Design software to create landscaping designs for clients-- to being outside, onsite, participating in hands-on tasks. The day’s first hands-on task was to use a laser leveler and stake out a site for a multi-purpose, hard, level surface area in the shade of a Money Tree where the owner’s son could shoot basket ball hoops, or the owners could entertain. The laser level was fun to use and Steve was a patient instructor.

On the way to the next site we passed a home where a Garner employee was applying pesticides to a yard and I learned just how regulated a landscaping business is, and that all the required licenses, certification and regulations—everything from trucks to applications of chemicals—are in place for public safety. It seems, however, that Harry Homeowner can willy-nilly apply herbicides to his yard and improperly dispose of left-over chemicals but landscaping workers must obtain certification and pass tests on the proper and safe use and disposal of insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides...proving that it’s easier for the government to regulate a business than legislate stupidity out of the general populace.

As we drove I was thankful my landscaping assignment had fallen on a temperate day before the Dog Days of summer--that hot, sultry period between July and mid-September—the time so named by the Romans because it was the time of the year that Sirius, the Dog Star, rose simultaneously with the Sun. Romans believed Sirius added its heat to that of the Sun's, thereby causing added heat to that of the Sun's, thereby causing the hot weather.

They sacrificed brown dogs at the onset of Dog Days in hopes of appeasing Sirius’ rage. I was grateful my assignment fell on a day Sirius wasn’t in a snit because sacrificing dogs struck me as an ineffectual way to manage weather.

At the next stop Garner employees were sprucing up a client’s backyard. The site was testament to the skills, talents, and artistry in Steve Garner’s landscaping quiver. Everything from the lattice-covered patio, putting green, gurgling waterfall, thoughtfully sited in-ground lighting system, flower beds of annuals in profusions of riotous colors and tall trees graciously spreading their branches to shade lounging areas around a glistening pool...everything... had been masterfully fashioned to create a lush, outdoor living space.

It was beautiful. It was a Garden of Eden. I wanted it. And I wanted it in the worst way. Dang. Was I guilty of sinning, guilty of breaking the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment...the one that says “Thou shall not covet”?

Maybe. Because what else could you possibly call longing for someone else’s backyard paradise...longing for that private Utopia of landscaping artistry?

Yep. Coveting. Guilty as charged.



*The Traveling Apprentice is a monthly column written by Carolyn McHugh, President/CEO of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce. Each month Carolyn spends a day working for a Chamber member, then writes a column for a local newspaper about the experience. The article is later inserted into Chamber’s newsletter and posted on the Chamber’s web-site in order to give the maximum exposure to the Chamber member. Her commitment to Chamber members and to the readers is that she’s there for Chamber members and that whatever they do in their daily job, she’ll do too.*



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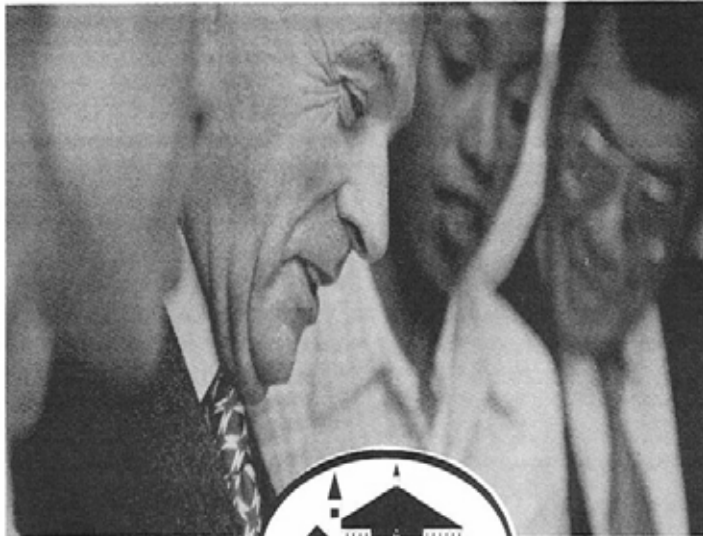
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