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**State Legislative Breakfast**

**January 9, 2012**

**8:30 - 10:00 a.m.**

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The Maryland General Assembly meets in Annapolis each year for a ninety day Legislative Session to act on more than 2300 bills including the state's annual budget. The 430th session will begin January 11, 2012. This breakfast is an excellent opportunity to hear from our State Delegation about bills and legislation to be presented during the 2012 session in Annapolis.

The Chamber would like to thank Comcast, Constellation Energy Nuclear Group, Dominion Cove Point LNG and SMECO for sponsoring this important event.

**(See flyer for registration)**

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**Special Chamber Offer**

Just in time for the holidays, the Chamber is offering membership labels at a discount. The normal cost is \$150.00 but from now until December 21st labels can be purchased for just \$75.00!

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**January** - Annmarie Garden

**February** - Joint BAH with St. Mary's Chamber at Hilton Garden Inn Solomons

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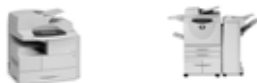
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## Press Releases

### **CSM Selects Makeba Clay to Head Office of Diversity And Equal Opportunity . . .**

The College of Southern Maryland announces the selection of Makeba L. Clay as executive director of diversity and equal opportunity. With more than 16 years of experience in higher education, Clay brings a strong foundation and commitment to diversity and inclusion. Her career in higher education began at McDaniel College in Westminster, Md., where she served as assistant director of the Department of Residence Life, and Johns Hopkins University where she held the same title. She holds a bachelor's degree in English/sociology from State University of New York at Albany and a master's degree in college student personnel administration from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She is a part-time doctoral student in the department of Education, Leadership, Management and Policy at Seton Hall University. Clay has advanced training in conflict management from Princeton University, and certification as a human resources trainer from Development Dimensions International. Clay is also an alumnus of the HERS Institute for Women in Higher Education. In addition, Clay has presented numerous workshops and trainings focused on diversity, women's issues and leadership at the state, regional, national and international level for universities and educational associations. She has served on the boards of multiple institutions and public service organizations, including the American Council on Education Women's Network, Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore, and Princeton in Africa. Clay is the immediate past president of the National Association of Black Women in Higher Education, and currently serves as a member of the National Association of Diversity Officers of Higher Education and on the board of the International Foundation for Education and Healthcare, the International Education Fund and Future Next, LLC. "There is a rich diversity that exists here [in Southern Maryland]," said Clay. "Diversity is about ensuring that everyone has a voice and also that members of our community (students, faculty, staff and members of the administration) feel like they matter and that they belong."

### **Calvert County Visitor Information Centers Move to Seasonal Schedule . . .**

From November 1 to December 31, 2011, Calvert County's two visitor information centers located in Owings and Solomons will operate under seasonal hours and be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Knowledgeable staff are available at each location to provide information about local attractions, hotels, restaurants and other travel information. The Owings center is co-located with the Fairview Library at 8120 Southern Maryland Boulevard; in Solomons, the center is located at 14175 Solomons Island Road South. Both centers are overseen by the Department of Economic Development and managed under contract by the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce.

### **Jean Gelatka Joins Community Bank of Tri-County . . .**

Community Bank of Tri-County is pleased to announce the addition of Jean Gelatka to its banking team. Ms. Gelatka has joined the bank as Branch Sales Manager of the Prince Frederick office. Prior to joining Community Bank, Ms. Gelatka served as Branch Officer with County First Bank and oversaw branch operations at the Lusby branch location. In her new role, Ms. Gelatka will develop business and oversee the day-to-day operations of the branch. Ms. Gelatka has spent over 30 years in the banking industry and has studied at the American Institute for Bankers. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Prince Frederick where she currently serves as Director of Club Service. "We are excited to have Jean join the Community Bank team. As a lifelong resident of Calvert County, Jean brings with her not only excellent banking experience but exceptional insight into the needs of her customers" said Rebecca Henderson, Senior Vice President for Community Bank of Tri-County.

### **Gant Brunnet Architects to Renovate New location for the Southern Branch of the Calvert Library . . .**

An architect has been selected for the renovation of the Calvert Library Southern Branch. Patricia Hofmann, Calvert Library Director said of the awardee, "GBA (Gant Brunnett Architects), based in Baltimore, has extensive experience in the design of public libraries, including renovation projects." There were twelve other bids reviewed and evaluated by a panel. GBA also designed the Agricultural Exhibit Building at Jefferson Patterson Park. Southern Branch in Solomons will be an interim location and will probably open sometime in 2013. The design process is expected to take about 6 months and the renovation about 8 months. As the branch moves out of the Southern Community Center, more space will be available for Office on Aging and Parks and Recreation services. The County plans to build a new library in Lusby when the economy improves.

### **CSM Administrator Receives Woman of the Year Award Concerned Black Women of Calvert County Honor Gladys Jones . . .**

College of Southern Maryland Director of Administrative Services for Prince Frederick Campus Gladys Jones was honored with the Concerned Black Women (CBW) of Calvert County's Harriet Tubman Woman of the Year Award on Oct. 8. "To receive this award in Calvert County, a community with countless women committed to serving others, is indeed a wonderful honor," said Jones. "All of us at the Prince Frederick Campus are delighted that Gladys was given this great honor by the CBW," said CSM Vice President and Dean of the Prince Frederick Campus Dr. Richard Fleming. "This award recognizes the contributions Gladys has made to the college, to the campus, and to our community. She has helped the Prince Frederick Campus grow from a series of trailers to the wonderful Flagship Building we have today. Gladys continues to help us serve our students and help them achieve their educational goals." A lifelong resident of Calvert County, Jones was recognized for her years of service to the community through her involvement in various organizations. She currently serves as the chair of the Calvert County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the United Way of Calvert County Finance Committee, serves on the 5th Congressional District Women's Network Advisory Committee, serves on the Calvert County Compensation and Review Board, and is secretary of the National Congress of Black Women, Calvert County Chapter. Harriet Tubman was an African American abolitionist and humanitarian who worked to rescue escaped slaves using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses used as the Underground Railroad prior to and during the Civil War. "Just as Harriet Tubman assisted many individuals into unfamiliar, but successful territories, I remain committed to navigating the way for first-generation college-bound students and serving as a cheerleader for returning adult students as they travel on their educational paths to freedom," said Jones.

### **New Food Network Series Looking for Food Entrepreneurs . . .**

Rock Shrimp Productions (Bobby Flay's Production Company) is currently developing a new show looking to cast a person wishing to start a new business in the food industry. This new Food Network series is looking for FOOD ENTREPRENEURS. Specifically, people who have left their previous career and have **little-to-no prior professional food experience**, but are taking a risk to pursue their passion of launching their own food business. They must be planning to open a brick-and-mortar space (**restaurant or shop where there will be walk-in customers**), before the end of 2011 and **they cannot be open already**. Those chosen will receive culinary & business coaching from a major celebrity chef and restaurateur, as well as invaluable national publicity. Contact Heather Brigg at Embassy Row Factual- Rock Shrimp Productions - (646) 747-4735 or hrb@embassyrow.com

## “The Traveling Apprentice” Works For TurnAbout, Inc.

It's that time of the year when Mother Nature sends a nib in the morning air, the sound of dry leaves rustling on the walkways, and a reminder to be thankful for our blessings and opportunities. It was the perfect time for me to take a Traveling Apprentice assignment in the kitchen at TurnAbout Café on Route 4 in Ownings, a café where the owner, Pam Klink feels blessed to be able to fulfill two of her passions. . .cooking, and giving back to the community by providing a “living wage” and job training for the underemployed in Calvert.

It seemed like an odd pairing of passions until I realized that Pam holds an A.A. in Baking & Pastry from Baltimore Culinary College, a B.S. in Social Science from University of Maryland University College, and that she began her commitment to give back to the community while she was employed as a pastry chef in some of the most respected restaurants in Baltimore and hired ex-offenders and trained them as bakers. Presently she employs a young woman with physical disability from the Arc of Southern Maryland and developmentally disabled youth through a public school program. Both are paid \$9.50 an hour, both are learning job skills and both seemed thrilled to be working at TurnAbout.

My first assignment was to dash to Safeway to pick up some items that hadn't materialized in the previous day's food delivery. Before the day was over I'd bussed tables, shredded pounds of roasted chicken for chicken salad, filled the pastry display cases, carted buckets of ice to fill the ice container at the beverage station, and labored at the least-loved work station in a commercial kitchen- -the dishwashing sinks.

TurnAbout strives to promptly send delicious, high quality food out to their valued customers and serve it in a friendly and courteous manner. That dictate created a level of kitchen activity that left my head spinning.

At one time three delivery men arrived simultaneously to wheel their dollies into a kitchen area no larger than my living room, a space already occupied by two chefs, three kitchen workers and chock-a-block full with storage space, a fry station, grill station, sandwich prep station, bake prep area, walk-in refrigerator, commercial ice maker, and the sink station. In the midst all this, Pam and Rob, her Executive Chef husband who specializes in the evening dinners, continued to preside over the controlled chaos with unfrazzled equanimity and lunches flowed seamlessly out of the kitchen.

Stress can be a common factor in fast paced kitchens and I'm told the larger the establishment, the larger the staff, the larger the stress factor . . .and that it's not uncommon for high strung culinary personalities to vent with profanity. Sad, but given that they work in an environment filled with fire, hot grease and sharp knives there are far worse alternatives to anger management. Thankfully, I apprenticed with Pam and Rob, who put personalities aside and just concentrated on cooking great food and giving back to the community.



*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.*

# Congratulations to the 2011 Chamber of Commerce Award Winners!

**Small Business of the Year - Chesapeake Pharmacy**  
**New Business of the Year - White Glove Drug & Alcohol Testing, Inc.**  
**Chamber Member of the Year - Jacqueline Malonson, Jax Photography**  
**Home-Based Business of the Year - DJ Dave Karaoke & Entertainment Services**  
**Ambassador of the Year - Ron Smith, Smith Insurance Services, Inc.**  
**John C. Smith Public Service Award - Wilson Parran**



Recipients of the 2011 Awards  
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 ment Services)  
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Jacqueline Malonson of Jax Photography with her award



Calvert Systems Engineering, Inc. (CSE) held their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony event on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 85 Sherry Lane, Prince Frederick, MD with all five Calvert County Commissioners present and the CSE HQ staff and other friends to share this special day.

## December Event Reminder

- No Leadshare Meetings on Dec. 6th or 20th
- Thursday, Dec. 8 - BAH 5:30 p.m. College of Southern Maryland
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 - LeadShare Holiday Open House 8:00 a.m. Chesapeake Church
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 - Government Affairs Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Davis, Upton & Palumbo, LLC
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 - YPN Holiday Party 6:00 p.m. Davis, Upton & Palumbo, LLC
- Wednesday, Dec. 14 - Women to Women noon Dream Weaver Café

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Let's look ahead to brand new starts and New Year resolutions. May goals we make with all our hearts Be not mere noise pollution!

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