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2017 VISITOR GUIDE STATUS

The 2017 Visitor Guide is on it's way to the Chamber and will be mailed to our members next week.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SET FOR JANUARY 31

A government contracting and certification program, sponsored by the Procurement Technical Assistance Center of Delaware (PTAC), will be offered on Tuesday, January 31, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Georgetown. The program is free of charge, but participants must pre-register by contacting Dana Reece at 302-831-0781; via email, dmreece@udel.edu; or online at <http://deptac.ecenterdirect.com/events/5021>. "The new administration's plans are likely to have a particularly big impact on the highway construction industry," said Juanita Beauford, program director of PTAC, "Which stands to ultimately receive billions in federally-financed dollars. State and local governments will be first in line to receive the funds so they can be trickled down to create thousands of new jobs, she said. "Those dollars will be filtered through prime contractors and their disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) partners, who will be performing many of these federally-funded projects. With billions of dollars likely to hit the streets, this is a good time for firms to look into the DBE program."

STILL ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 MERCHANTS' ATTIC

Become a vendor at the 2017 Supersized Merchants' Attic! The vendor fee will remain the same as in previous years- \$90 for a 10 ft. x 10 ft. space which includes a table and two chairs. Additional tables are available for rental. Vendors will not be accepted on a first come, first serve basis --the Chamber will accept vendors primarily to attain an equal mix of excess business inventory, antiques/collectibles, and secondhand household vendors. Contact Kate VanVorst, Event Coordinator at events@beach-fun.com or call (302) 227-2233 x11 to receive an application.

BALLOON POP PRIZE DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY 16 BANQUET

The Chamber is accepting **Balloon Pop prize donations** to be used during the February 16 Awards/Sponsor and Volunteer Recognition Banquet. Proceeds from the Balloon Pop benefit the RBDBCC scholarship fund. Past prizes include gift certificates for dining and/or services, gift baskets and retail items valued under \$25.00. Donors receive recognition in the *Focus On* newsletter and all press materials. To donate or for more information, contact Kate VanVorst at events@beach-fun.com or (302) 227-2233 x11.

FROM TRICIA RATNER, BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOME SERVICES GALLO REALTY

As part of its ongoing effort to support the community, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Gallo Realty has formed the Gallo Gives Foundation. Foundation earnings from the fourth quarter of 2016 were awarded to the Marine Education Research and Rehabilitation Institute (MERR), Southern Delaware Therapeutic and Recreational Horseback Riding, (SDTRHR), Lewes Senior Center, and Special Olympics Delaware, while a portion of earnings has been set aside for a college-bound senior scholarship that will be made available in the spring of 2017.

COASTAL DELAWARE RUNNING FESTIVAL

The Coastal Delaware Running Festival seeks sponsors for the April 21-23, 2017 Marathon/Half Marathon 9k, 5k. For more information on sponsorship, click here.

DELAWARE TECH/OWENS CAMPUS PRESENTS 1 MILLION CUPS

1 Million Cups is a program developed by the Kauffman Foundation to educate, engage and connect local entrepreneurs. Based on the notion that entrepreneurs network and discover solutions over a million cups of coffee, 1 Million Cups is a free weekly gathering to help build start-up communities on a grassroots level. Recommendations for entrepreneurs to highlight their business are encouraged and welcomed. Meetings are held each Wednesday morning from 9:00-10:00 AM at the Georgetown campus. You can contact Delaware Tech (302- or you can request to present at 1MC Delaware by visiting <http://www.1millioncups.com/georgetownde>.

CAPE HENLOPEN SENIOR CENTER SPECIAL EVENT

Saturday, February 18 - Special Jackpot Bingo – doors open at 11:30 AM, Early Bird at 1:30 PM, Regular games at 2:00 PM. Cost: \$20 per person includes one game pack, food, beverage and dessert. Anyone 18 and older can attend - open to the public. Call 227-2055 or e-mail bobbiechsc@aol.com for more information.

For a complete Calendar of Events, visit the Chamber website – www.beach-fun.com. If you have questions, please give Carol a call on the member hotline – 227-6446 or her cell phone at 542-7547.