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The Nine Nominees Excelling in Business! Voting Opens in May

The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) is always excited to give a standing ovation to our members who are doing extraordinary things every day for their businesses and their community. The CDCC is asking you to stand with us as we shine a light on the final nine nominees for this year's Excellence in Business Awards! It's a great honor to celebrate these members for helping make Central Delaware a great place to live, work, and play!



In case you are wondering how the nominees and winners are picked for this honor, here's the scoop: While the CDCC facilitates the awards ceremony and nomination process, the CDCC members nominate the candidates and choose the winners. This is a community-based voted award event, where our members

speak on behalf of the amazing leaders serving and working in our community every day. It's a process that takes months to complete, and for good reason.

Nominations have been submitted months prior by our members and nine (3 from each category) are chosen by the Awards for Excellence in Business Committee, comprised of previous award winners. After close

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TEAM Dover Tees Off on the Green!

If you enjoy playing golf no matter what your handicap looks like, then plan on teeing off at the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce's (CDCC) Annual Bluesuiters Golf Tournament on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Jonathan's Landing Golf Course in Magnolia, Delaware. Enjoy 18 holes of competitive camaraderie with your fellow CDCC members and Dover Air Force Base Airmen as you swing for the hole-in-one and 1st on the leaderboard prizes!



This Bluesuiters Golf Tournament, planned by the CDCC's Military Affairs Committee, is designed to help maintain and strengthen the positive and supportive relationship the CDCC is proud to have with the Dover Air Force Base (DAFB). In case you

didn't know, the name "Bluesuiters" comes from the blue uniform of Air Force personnel and honors their invaluable contribution to the nation and our local community.

This full-course golf tournament has been a key component in fostering the relationship between our civilian community and DAFB. The CDCC is proud to bring this event to its members complete with plenty of fun and fellowship that

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We are YOUR Chamber!



Putt-Putt in May at The Chamber Mini Masters Mixer!

The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) will be hosting a second exciting golf tournament in May: The Chamber Mini Masters Mixer. This exciting mini golf tournament and premier networking event will take place on Wednesday, May 27th, at Tre Sorelle Dolce Ice Cream & Mini Golf in Wyoming, Delaware from 4 - 7 p.m. This fun-filled mashup of mini golf and networking will again bring together local business owners, profession-



als, and community members for an afternoon that you don't want to miss!

Member businesses are invited to sponsor holes and send teams. Individuals may team up with other

players to form teams of four as well. Now is the time to start gathering your friends, family, coworkers, and your favorite business partners or customers to form your winning team and compete for the coveted BLUE Jacket and an impressive cash grand prize! In addition, prizes will be awarded in several team categories.

All golfers are encouraged to display your team pride by coordinating creative t-shirts, hats or costumes

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PRESIDENT
Dina Vendetti

Making Connections

If you've ever had the experience of having your phone drop a call, OR if your television provides a grainy or pixelated picture, OR you've totally misinterpreted a conversation, OR you've missed a flight, you understand the vital importance of making strong, effective, reliable, sustainable connections!

One of the best benefits of Chamber membership is the ability to make meaningful connections with fellow members. Whether those members are employed in your same industry or are working in a completely different field, those connections can really make a difference. Knowing that you share the experience of a high-quality chamber membership instills trust, motivates collaboration, and supports business growth.

As a member of the CDCC, you have 24/7 access to about 700 businesses! If you have not yet taken some time to peruse our Chamber Business Directory, you should carve out about 20 minutes to hop on our website (cdcc.net) and explore that incredible resource. You will find quality businesses in a wide variety of industries whose target market is Central Delaware. Our directory could be a terrific networking tool for you as you connect with these companies, capitalizing on the fact that you share a chamber experience.

Likewise, as you find yourself needing some kind of service,

either in your business or at home, don't forget to look first in the CDCC Directory to see if there is a Chamber business member who can provide it. And when your family members, friends, and colleagues ask for a recommendation for some kind of product or service, feel free to send them to that directory as well (our online directory is open to the public!). As you use the services of member businesses and recommend them to others, they will certainly be motivated to do the same for you!

When chamber members do business with other chamber members, it builds trust, generates warm referrals, and boosts credibility. Did you know that the research shows that 63% of customers are more likely to purchase from chamber members? This practice can foster economic growth and provide access to exclusive chamber member discounts and promotions. Just imagine the value that is unlocked when chamber members prioritize doing business with one another!

We are big believers in the idea that we can do far more when we work together than we could ever accomplish on our own. Now, take that connections benefit for a spin and experience the growth that comes from doing business with each other!

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- Thursday, April 2nd**
Leadership Central Delaware
8:00am - 5:00pm, Tourism Day
- Thursday, April 2nd**
Kent County Open for Business
8:30am - 10:00am, Kent County Levy Court
- Friday, April 3rd**
Good Friday Office Closed
- Wednesday, April 8th**
Coffee Coaching 9:00am - 10:00am, via Zoom
- Thursday, April 9th**
Member Orientation
8:30am - 10:00am, via Zoom
- Tuesday, April 14th**
CDCC Board Meeting
7:30am - 8:30am, Faw Casson
- Wednesday, April 15th**
Marketing Committee Meeting
2:30pm - 3:30pm, via Zoom
- Thursday, April 16th** 25th
Annual 55+ Expo 9:00am - 3:00pm,
Bally's Dover Casino Resort
- Tuesday, April 21st**
LCD Steering Committee Meeting
12:00pm - 1:00pm, CDCC Conference Room
- Wednesday, April 29th**
Ambassador Committee Meeting
4:30pm, Residence Inn Dover
- Wednesday, April 29th**
Sunset Business Mixer
5:00pm - 7:00pm, Residence Inn Dover
- April / May**
LCD Class of 2026 Invitational
5:00pm - 7:00pm, TBD

MAY

- Wednesday, May 6th**
Bluesuiters Golf Tournament 10:00am Reg.,
11:00am Start, Jonathan's Landing
- Thursday, May 7th**
Leadership Central Delaware 8:00am
- 5:00pm, Economic Development Day
- Thursday, May 7th**
Kent County Open for Business
8:30am - 10:00am, Kent County Levy Court
- Tuesday, May 12th**
CDCC Board Meeting
7:30am - 8:30am, Faw Casson
- Wednesday, May 13th**
Coffee Coaching
9:00am - 10:00am, via Zoom
- Thursday, May 14th**
Member Orientation
12:00pm - 1:30pm, via Zoom
- Monday, May 18th**
CDCC Executive Committee Meeting
8:00am - 10:00am, CDCC Conference Room
- Tuesday, May 19th**
LCD Steering Committee Meeting
12:00pm - 1:00pm, CDCC Conference Room
- Wednesday, May 20th**
Marketing Committee Meeting
2:30pm - 3:30pm, via Zoom
- Monday, May 25th**
Memorial Day Office Closed
- Wednesday, May 27th**
Ambassador Committee Meeting 3:30pm,
Tre Sorelle Dolce Ice Cream & Mini Golf
- Wednesday, May 27th**
The Chamber Mini Masters Mixer
4:00pm - 7:00pm, Tre Sorelle Dolce Ice
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Shine Among the Best: Build Your Business with Stars of Delaware

Once again, the *Daily State News* and BayToBayNews.com will recognize outstanding businesses, organizations, and individuals through our reader-driven Stars of Delaware contest. These Stars will be honored at an invitation-only awards celebration, featured in a special keepsake booklet, and earn the right to proudly display their status as a Star of Delaware.

Do you have what it takes to win? It all begins with a nomination. Your opinion matters, go to <https://delawarestatenews.secondstreetapp.com/2026-Stars-of-Delaware/> and nominate your business, as well as others. From there, businesses that actively engage their supporters and promote their participation through each phase of the contest greatly increase their chances of taking home the title. The more nominations you receive, the better your chances of advancing to the voting round and competing for the coveted Star of Delaware crown. Along the way, there are numerous marketing opportunities that allow you to gain visibility, celebrate your brand, and shine as a Star.

Local businesses have experienced firsthand the value of participating in the Stars of Delaware contest.



“The Stars of Delaware coverage, photos, and acknowledgment have helped shine a spotlight on our restaurant and celebrate the cultural richness of Caribbean cuisine within our community,” said Nicole Ali, owner of Trini Quizeen. “To receive Star recognition and be honored as the best Caribbean restaurant in Delaware for five years in a row is both humbling and motivating. It inspires us to continue striving for excellence while proudly representing Caribbean culinary traditions.”

“Now is the time to spread the word and encourage your supporters to nominate you,” Tonda Parks, Associate Publisher, Daily State News. “We offer several marketing packages designed to help increase your exposure during the nomination stage and maximize your chances of advancing. Our team



can help you select the option that best fits your goals.”

“To celebrate businesses of all sizes is absolutely amazing! A lot of times, small businesses get lost in all of the chaos of big business. But to feel seen and celebrated is amazing,” said Agape Body Piercing owner, Codi Lyn. “Since winning the Stars of Delaware, I get stopped regularly and congratulated on winning! The feeling we get every single time someone congratulates us, feels like we have won over and over and over again.”

Businesses that advance from the nomination round will move on to the public voting phase, where the community will cast votes to determine the top business in each category. Finalists and winners will be celebrated and featured in a commemorative

keepsake booklet distributed in the *Daily State News* print newspaper and featured online at BayToBayNews.com.

Winners will be honored at an event in the Fall as well as have the right to display the Stars of Delaware logo in their storefronts, marketing materials, and advertising.

“Winning Stars of Delaware for Best Jewelry Store multiple times has been an incredible honor for all of us at Knight’s Fine Jewelry,” said Beverly Knight, owner. “Knowing that the community continues to vote for and support our store means everything.

The recognition has strengthened our reputation and introduced many new customers to our business who may not have discovered us otherwise.”

Interested in taking your presence at the Stars of Delaware Awards Celebration to the next level? We offer a variety of unique sponsorship opportunities designed to increase your visibility at what is sure to become Downstate Delaware’s most talked-about event of the year. Our team would be happy to work with you to create a customized sponsorship package that puts your brand in the spotlight. **Contact ad support at adsupport@iniusa.org for more information.**

MINI MASTER MIXER

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as you putt-putt your way through a marvelous maze of mini-golf. We are sure that your team will make a lasting impression and start conversations as people notice your creative costumes! There is a prize for the team with the best costumes, so come dressed to impress and have fun with it.

Don’t forget that this is also a CDCC Sunset Business Mixer – the premier networking event of the Chamber. Always on the last Wednesday of the month, the Sunset Business Mixer is an enjoyable gathering, and when coupled with The Chamber Mini Masters, all attendees are in for a sweet treat at Tre Sorelle Dolce Ice Cream & Mini Golf. Eventgoers can expect all their



favorite CDCC mixer activities such as amazing networking opportunities, 50/50 cash raffle, door prizes, and important CDCC announcements. The CDCC Mixers are the number one way to regularly meet with like-minded individuals, connect with your local community, and always have fun while you’re there!

That’s not all - The CDCC will have food trucks, snacks, yard games, music, and of course, ice cream from Tre Sorelle Dolce. It is completely free to be a spectator at the tournament and attend the mixer, so take

advantage of this good time with your Central Delaware community as we welcome spring and build our community together!

Don’t delay – registration is now open! With two rounds of competition, there are plenty of team slots open for an afternoon of light-hearted competition and casual networking.

Thank you to owners Mike and Becky Marasco for welcoming the CDCC community into their magical venue for fun to be had and memories to be made – we couldn’t do it without them!

The CDCC would also like to thank this year’s sponsors (as of 3/23/26): BBSI, Chesapeake Utilities, Del-One Federal Credit Union, first tee Delaware, Holy Cross High School, and Kent County Tourism/ Visit Central Delaware. Thank you for your generous support of this event

and for bringing collaborative connections and delightful memories to the community!

The CDCC is still seeking sponsors for The Chamber Mini Masters Mixer, some sponsorship levels include a foursome of golfers, and all include plenty of exposure for your business. For more information on sponsorship opportunities, including sponsor tees on the course to proudly showcase your business, contact Cindy today by emailing her at cfries@cdcc.net.

For more information about The Chamber Mini Masters Mixer and to register your foursome today, please visit www.cdcc.net/events/chamber-events or give the office a call at (302)734-7513. The CDCC can’t wait to watch you sink a hole-in-one on the green at Tre Sorelle Dolce Ice Cream & Mini Golf on Wednesday, May 27th from 4 – 7 p.m.!



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Howell Wallace Reflects on Five Decades Leading Pratt Insurance

Howell Wallace has been with the prestigious Pratt Insurance since starting in the summer of 1974 and moving into his current position of President/CEO in 1976.

Pratt Insurance serves Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and New Jersey, and is also licensed in 37 states and in KY, TX, and CA as a provider of equine mortality insurance. Approximately 95 percent of their business is with commercial customers. Each one of those customers has unique needs, and they want to talk to someone directly to discuss their needs, have their questions answered and secure the specific services that they need. They don't want to do business via email or with a stranger over the phone. Pratt Insurance offers this personalized service, and that is why many of their customers have been with them for 50+ years.

Howell took some time to tell the CDCC what was on his mind when he started with the company more than 50 years ago:

Prior to my start date with Pratt Insurance, I was working at Campbell Soup Company in Sales working out of my home in Baltimore. My father was very close friends with then owner of Pratt, Verne McGrew, as they had worked together at General Motors. Dad called me and said that Verne would like to talk to me about joining Pratt because he was looking for someone with Sales Experience.

I accepted an interview and met with Verne who offered me far less than I was earning at Campbells, plus I had to buy my own car. But he offered me what I thought was a bright future. I thought about the offer all the way home and decided to accept it. My first

official day working at Pratt was July 8, 1974, and I was thinking to myself, "What have I done, and how am I gonna make this work." I had a lot to learn, not just about insurance, but about Delaware. I distinctly remember having an appointment one night when I was told to go down a certain road and turn left at the second crossroad. I was from a city where every road had a street name and was marked. So, I had a lot to learn



Howell Wallace

about navigating Smyrna's backroads. Thankfully, everyone was very kind to the kid from the city, and I learned my way around very quickly.

In 1976, Verne called his son Eric and me into his office and told us he was retiring and that each of us was going to buy 50% of the company. Talk about being shell shocked, we both were. But we were also very excited about the opportunity that had been presented to us. We managed to find a kind banker at the Bank of Delaware who worked with us, and we settled with Verne on April 1, 1976. Both of us had numerous new responsibilities,

but we were excited for the future. In just two short years, spring of 1978, my partner decided to move to Florida at which time I purchased his share of the company on April 1, 1978, to become the sole owner of Pratt Insurance.

In the early days there were certainly some hard moments and my accountant, Wes Bumpers, always seemed to be there for me with a handshake and a smile reminding me, "You can do this!" Wes was not only my accountant but became my best friend, and I miss him and his advice since his passing a few years ago.

When asked what piece of advice he received in his first 10 years with Pratt Insurance that still influence his decisions today, Howell replied, "Surround yourself with people that are more knowledgeable than you and learn from them." Even with his long career at Pratt, Howell directs all the praise for the company's success to the staff. "I am so proud of the entire staff. They are professional, hardworking and do what needs to be done to help our customers," Howell emphasized.

The staff, which he considers his second family, motivates him to go to work every day, "The majority of my staff has been with me more than 20 years. In addition to my own family, we have multiple members of various local families that work or have worked at Pratt. I know their spouses' names, their children's names, and what they enjoy doing in their spare time. It is pure joy for me to walk into my office every morning."

Some people might not be aware of the depth of Pratt Insurance's involvement in the community. Wallace explained, "We are very involved in our community, as we believe that it is our responsibility as good corporate citizens to pay it forward. They are supporters of plenty of community non-profits including the Duck Creek Library and Duck Unlimited. Several years ago, they worked closely with the Veterans community in Smyrna/Clayton, where they helped build a memorial monument honoring all branches of the military. This memorial park is the centerpiece of Smyrna's Memorial Day celebration. Pratt has continued to support the park by helping to secure funds for maintenance and management of the donated memorial bricks.

Pratt Insurance is still a "people business," just like it always has been. They are available to answer questions and share advice through email, phone or virtual meetings, but their favorite way to talk with their clients will always be face-to-face.

To learn more about Pratt Insurance, please visit their website at www.pratt-insurance.com or call them at 302-653-6681.

Prevention and Intervention: Keeping the Community Safe

The Leadership Central Delaware Class (CDCC) of 2026 recently experienced an insightful and eye-opening day focused on Public Safety & Criminal Justice. Held on March 6th, this immersive experience was designed to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the challenges, necessary leadership qualities, and responsibilities within these critical sectors – as well as a few surprises along the way. The day was guided by leadership traits of vision, competence, and the ability to teach and be taught.

The class began the day at the beautiful Delaware State Police Museum with a panel discussion on the victories and the challenges of current law enforcement. Panelists included Secretary Josh Bushweller (DE Dept. of Safety and Homeland Security), Chief William Thompson (Delaware Capitol Police), Chief Torrie James (Hartly Police Department), and Captain Joshua Creek and Captain Justin Viens (436th Security Forces). They shared insights on leadership, accountability, and decision-making in high-pressure situations.

Next to present, from the Attorney General's Office, was Prosecutor Dennis Kelleher. This session provided some insight into the role of the Attorney General and the processes there that ensure fair and reasonable litigation and protect the public's interests.

The group was then invited outside for a riveting and impressive K-9 demonstration by Corporal William Brennan. During this amazing demo, class members learned about the training and practice that police dogs undergo and about their role in providing safety and protection.

After a delicious and satisfying lunch by Select Pizza & Grill, Detective Chris Nicholson led the group in a striking discussion regarding incidents involving active shooters. He spoke in detail about what to look for and shared information about how to respond. He engaged the class in a brief preview of VIPR (Violent Intruder Preparedness & Response) training and encouraged them to make this part of their professional development and safety preparation.

Following an insightful time of presentations, discussions, and conversation around the topics of Public Safety & Criminal Justice, it was time to hit the road and experience public safety in person! The class's first stop of the afternoon was at the Kent County Emergency Operations Center. While there, Chief John Tinger and his team took groups on tours of the equipment and the building, including the 911 call center. This was an extremely enlightening time as the emergency team used their various experiences to share the technology, techniques, and practices that enable them to ensure the safety and appropriate treatment of people who are in distress.

The final tour of the day was at the Dover Fire Department, also known as Robbins Hose Company #1. Capt. Stephen Jones, the company's Fire Administration Manager, shared the history of the fire department, as well as what happens from the time the alarm sounds to when and how the company responds. The class was astounded to learn that the Dover Fire Department, a


100% volunteer organization, responds each year to more than 2,000 calls involving fire alarms, rescues, automobile and boating accidents.

The CDCC extends its gratitude to the public service officials who took time from their demanding schedules to share their knowledge and experiences. Special thanks go to the Public Safety Day co-chairs Denise Vendrick (Faw Casson) and Kathy Jordan (retired) for their leadership in organizing the event.

The class departed with a renewed appreciation for the leadership qualities essential in public safety roles. They gained valuable insights into the daily realities of first responders and the collective responsibility of community members to contribute to public safety. As leaders, it is imperative to stay informed, prepared, and proactive in fostering a secure community.

Thank you to all Delaware public safety leaders who dedicate themselves to protecting and serving our communities!





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review of the list of business leaders nominated by the members, the final award winners excelling in business are selected!

Nominees are chosen based upon their professionalism, performance, leadership capabilities, and their willingness to learn and grow. The Committee takes into consideration these factors when selecting the final nominees: positive interactions with the public, a demonstration of growth, a prevailing response to adversity, and a passion for service to the community. They look for nominees to be kind, driven, and community minded.

Nominees are heavily involved in the community and know all about the best business practices in Central Delaware. To be nominated means to be among the best of the best. This prestigious process is highly revered throughout the community, and the CDCC wants everyone to know it is a tremendous honor to be nominated. Thank you to everyone who nominated someone special - we rely on a commitment to excellence from you and your nominees!

However, there is still one more step in the process that needs to be completed. We need YOUR help in

selecting the winners in each category: Large Employer of the Year, Small Business of the Year, and Young Professional of the Year. It's time to reflect on the leadership actions of each of the three nominees for these three categories. Who will get your prized vote?

Voting will begin in May. In the May issue of the Chamber Connections, readers will see biographical and business information for nominees. It is important to have a good understanding of who you are voting for and what makes them shine. The CDCC asks you to take some time to study this information and be ready to vote!

Official ballots will be emailed through our Monday e-news and regular broadcast email messages to our CDCC members beginning May 1st. At that time our members are invited to cast one vote for each category and return them to us no later than May 28th. All nine nominees will be acknowledged and honored at our Annual Excellence in Business Awards Dinner in June where the winners will be announced. Thank you in advance for your participation. Your vote matters! We look forward to celebrating with you and all the award winners on Thursday, June 18th at Bally's Dover Casino Resort! It will once again be a great party!

And the Nominees Are...

Small Business of the Year

Eye Specialists of Delaware 	Corp1 	La Baguette French Bakery 
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Large Business of the Year

Bally's Dover Casino Resort 	Delaware Hospice 	Advantech 
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Young Professional of the Year

Jose Arroyo Senior Project Consultant Bright Side Roofing 	Catherine Jenkins Marketing & Communications Manager Kent County Tourism / Visit Central Delaware 	Saleana Watson Manager of Financial Planning & Analysis Bally's Dover Casino Resort 
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Last Year's Winners



2025 Young Professional of the Year
Codi Lyn Canasa, Agapé Body Piercings



Small Business of the Year
Forrest Avenue Animal Hospital



Large Employer of the Year
Century Engineering – A Kleinfelder Company

Member News

Jen-Mor Florist is Blooming Successful!



Sue Krabill

of 4 windows that surrounded the exhibit.

The group's hard work paid off, and they won a PHS Gold Medal in the Floral category. The competing exhibits in the Flower Show are scored, and awards are given based on quality of design, horticultural excellence, plantsmanship, construction and craftsmanship, and visitor experience. The exhibit that Sue worked on was also without a doubt one of the most-photographed displays at the show. In addition, they were presented with the Ron Mulray Memorial Award for exceptional creativity and boundary-pushing design.

Being a floral designer with AIFD credentials is an impressive achievement. Sue explained that you have to complete a test that includes presenting a portfolio of work followed by an on-site evaluation where the applicant creates 5 different designs in only 4 hours. There are specific points that each design is judged on. For 20 years, Sue was the only Delaware member of the AIFD. This credential allowed her to occasionally work at the White House creating floral displays for the Japanese State Dinner and for additional standard displays for throughout the property.

During a follow-up conversation with Sue about the Flower Show, she mentioned that Jen-Mor Florist is celebrating their 55th anniversary this



year. Wait! What? 55 years!?!? That's certainly something to get excited about. Jen-Mor Florist was opened on April 1, 1971, by Sue's late parents, Jane and John Zimmerman Jr. Today, the business is still family owned & operated by Sue and her siblings, John Zimmerman III, Michael Zimmerman, and Gina Fries. Sue explained that each person has their own area of expertise, and they all work together doing whatever need to be done to run the business.

When asked how the florist industry has changed in the last 55 years, Sue stated, "Same-day delivery and online orders have changed the industry." But she goes on to point out that Jen-Mor Florist offers high-quality designs and outstanding customer service that are unmatched by online companies. They regularly work directly with brides on customized wedding flowers including everything from a Harley Davidson themed bridal bouquet to

flower crowns for bridal showers. "It's always interesting to hear the customer's vision for their flowers. Plus, I'm inspired by the cut flowers, their scents and textures," Sue noted. In addition to weddings, sympathy flowers are often designed to represent the interests of the deceased. The Jen-Mor designers have created arrangements for funerals that include garden tools, ball caps, and other sentimental items.

"We are working to educate the younger generation on the benefits of shopping local for floral arrangements," Sue explained, "It's fine to pick up a quick arrangement at the grocery store, but if you have a special occasion like Prom, a wedding, or funeral, Jen-Mor Florist can help you put together unique arrangements to reflect your vision and deliver them to you on time and in excellent condition."

Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to congratulate Jen-Mor Florist on 55 years of blooming success!

For more information about Jen-Mor Florist, please visit them at 2109 S. Dupont Hwy. in Dover or online at www.jenmor.com. You can also call to place an order at 302-697-3273.



Member News

Dover Pools: Making a Splash for Half a Century

Siblings Chris and Nichole Anderson obviously love their jobs, and who wouldn't love owning an award-winning above-ground pool and hot tub dealership like Dover Pools? "Our customers always come in the door happy," Chris shared. No matter if they are buying their first pool, hot tub, spa or sauna, or stocking up on supplies to keep their current recreational outlet operating smoothly, their customers are happy because they immensely enjoy the outdoor oasis they have created in their own yard with the assistance of Dover Pools. And, they have 50 years of happy customers and a wall of awards to support this fact.

Dover Pools was started by their father, Randy Anderson, in 1976, when he travelled from Albany, New York to Delaware on a sales call for a pool construction company. After experiencing 80-degree weather in March, he decided to move to Delaware and open an in-ground pool construction company of his own. At that time the company focused solely on in-ground pool construction with only a few supplies offered for purchase.

Hot tubs hit the pool industry in the 80s and became a major category for Dover Pools in the 90s. In the 2000s, they added more cash & carry supplies to their inventory. Then in 2004, they stopped doing in-ground pools and switched their focus completely to above-ground pools, hot tubs, spas, saunas, supplies, service,



and consulting. Over the years, the business grew from their original Camden space for the construction company to 5 locations: north Dover, south Dover, Milford, Seaford and Salisbury.

When asked what contributed to the longevity of their business, Chris explained, "Our father built this business with no debt. He put the earnings back into the company and owned all the properties." In addition to avoiding debt, Chris said that they strive to hire people with excellent attitudes. "You can teach people to do just about any task, but you can't teach them to have a good attitude," Chris points out. Nichole added that their long-time employees have also contributed to the success of Dover Pools. "Our employees are ambassadors for the company. We like to keep a related attitude in the store. This is a great company to work for."

In looking to the future, Chris and Nichole agree that they have found a successful business plan and will stick to it – taking one season at a time. The next generation is beginning to be a part of the company, too. Chris' son works in the business, and Nichole's children



Dover Pools founder, Randy Anderson, (second from left) standing with Governor Ruth Ann Minner, and other nominees for the CDCC Small Businessperson of the Year, May 2002.

work at the stores during their summer breaks from school.

After 50 years in business, Chris says that he finds a lot of pride and joy in the legacy his father built. "People that put in their first pools in the 80s still come into the store," he said with a smile. Nichole added that she is most proud of their long-time success. "Our father built a great business."

Dover Pools has been active in supporting a number of fundraising events for local non-profit organizations over the years including Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, CenDel Foundation, Meals on Wheels, and the Food Bank of Delaware. They are an engaged and supportive member of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC), sponsoring and participating in numerous CDCC events, in addition to being nominated for Small Businessperson of the Year on several occasions.

With spring weather popping up in the Delmarva area for a few weeks now, Dover Pools will officially kick off the season with their Annual Spring Sale on April 6th through 19th. This is their largest sale of the year. Customers in the know often use this time to buy their pool chemicals in bulk, and replace filters, pumps, and vacuums. Don't miss this opportunity to get your shopping done, and why not check out a new addition to your backyard oasis while you're there?

Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to congratulate Dover Pools on 50 successful years of bringing splashing good fun to Delmarva!

For more information about Dover Pools including locations and hours or to try out their very cool "build your pool/hot tub/spa" interactive wish list, visit their website at <https://doverpools.com/>.



Member News

Tourism President Becomes a Full-Time Tourist

When Pete Bradley accepted the position of President for the Kent County Tourism Corporation (KCTC), the plan was for a 90-day stay. “That’s what Gary Camp (vice president of marketing and communications for Dover Motor Speedway and former chair of the board of KCTC) told me. They just needed someone to fill in for 90 days while they completed the search for a new president. Now, 6 plus years later, and I’m still here,” Pete said with a laugh.

Pete’s resume seems like he was preparing for the tourism position his whole career. He graduated from St. Joseph’s University in Pennsylvania with a dual degree in Accounting and Food Marketing. He spent the 80s and 90s in auditing positions in retail and then with Caesars Atlantic City working his way up to Casino Comptroller. In 2003, he moved from New Jersey to Delaware and a position at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino as the Vice President and General Manager. Pete was at Dover Downs for more than 15 years when it was acquired by Twin Rivers (now Bally’s), and the ensuant restructuring eliminated his position.

Pete was putting together his next career move, when Gary called him about the “fill-in job.” “We were incredibly fortunate that Pete raised his hand and stepped forward at a time when strong, steady leadership was needed at KCTC. What started as an interim role turned into a full-time one and he has helped move KCTC forward in so many ways,” said Gary, “His extensive experience in the gaming industry,



combined with his deep roots in the local community, made him uniquely qualified to guide our tourism efforts. Pete understands both the economic drivers that power visitation and the local partnerships and attractions that make Kent County special.”

Six years later, Pete couldn’t be happier with his decision. “It has been a wonderful experience, and the staff is wonderful, too.” Pete exclaimed, “I have met and interacted with great people from the Downtown Dover Partnership (DDP), DE Turf, Delaware State Tourism, Southern Delaware Tourism and Greater Wilmington Tourism. Central is a great place to work, visit, and live.” Diane Laird, Executive Director of the DDP, had this to say about him, “Pete Bradley has been a remarkable benefit to the nonprofit network in Kent County and has been a close colleague and a very engaged member of the DDP during his tenure at Visit Central Delaware.”



When asked about what he is most proud of from his work at KCTC, Pete talked about the rebranding from “Quaint Villages” to “Visit Central Delaware.” Pete reflected, “It was a heavy lift, but it made sense to do it. It was a big project.” He is also proud of the addition of several entrepreneurs to the KCTC board. “It’s been inspiring to hear their insights on marketing and our mission,” Pete explained.

Pete feels confident success will continue for the tourism industry in Central Delaware. He sees local strategic strengths in the events and festivals produced by Dover Motor Speedway, Bally’s Dover Casino Resort, DE Turf, and the area attractions including the Air Mobility

Command Museum and Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge. Plus, he feels that a competitive strength in this market is that people who live here are genuinely nice and friendly. “After board meetings, the members will linger and interact, developing relationships. It’s great to watch. I’ve been blessed to work with wonderful staff, too. They support each other and work with passion,” Pete boasted.

What are his plans for retirement? Pete has visited 49 of the 50 United States, so he plans to visit the last one on his list, Alaska, for both a cruise and a land tour. Plus, he already has travel plans booked for Ireland, Italy and the Kentucky Derby. He plans on continuing his education and will also do some volunteering for the nonprofit Autism Delaware.

But, what about that first day of retirement on Monday, May 25th? With a smile, Pete replied, “Maybe I’ll just get up, walk the dog and stop at a local coffee shop.”

CDCC President Dina Vendetti, summed up the feelings of the CDCC community by saying, “Pete has been a terrific community partner and building neighbor! He’s always ready to work together and has been a great support for Central Delaware. The team at the CDCC wishes him all the best as he makes his retirement an adventure!”

Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to congratulate Pete Bradley on his retirement!

For more information on Kent County Tourism, please visit their website at <https://visitcentraldelaware.com/>. To say farewell to Pete, please call the office at 302-734-4888.



Special Feature

Central Delaware Business Voices Heard in Meeting with Lt. Governor

Delaware Lt. Governor Kyle Evans Gay hosted a business roundtable in Dover on March 17, 2026, for the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) to identify new opportunities for cross-sector collaboration to strengthen Delaware's economy and communities at-large. Lt. Governor Gay held a roundtable in each of Delaware's counties in partnership with local Chambers. The conversations covered top-of-mind issues for small business owners such as accessing funding opportunities, workforce recruitment and retention, regulatory barriers, and childcare and education needs across the state.

Members of the CDCC who participated in the Kent County meeting included more than a dozen small and large businesses from a variety of categories including small retail, hospitality, banking, real estate & law, construction, insurance, and healthcare. The conversation started with many of the participants sharing success stories including growth supported by EDGE grants and Tourism Funding, connections made with supportive business partners, milestone anniversaries, large scale expansions, and encouraging growth investments coming from both the public and private sectors. Most everyone in the room had a success story to share.

Even though the group had many positive things to share, they also understood the importance of voicing concerns with the Lt. Governor while they had the opportunity to talk face-to-face with her. Frustrations were voiced in regard to the expanding homeless population, panhandling on the median strips, prostitution, the opioid crisis, and the perceived lack of support from the Dover City Council, State Legislators and the Delaware Attorney General's office in handling these challenges. Some business members voiced concerns that the planned revitalization of downtown Dover will be challenged by the vagrancy and crime that appear to have grown significantly in the past few years. Additional members of the group that have their businesses outside of the downtown area shared that they are also affected by the challenges of downtown because those challenges reflect poorly on the whole city.

The consensus was that there is more than one thing that needs to be done to address these challenges. The Lt. Governor agreed and added that there needs to be coordination between the cities/towns, Kent County and the State.

Another topic that came up is workforce, including challenges with a low-quality pool of job applicants that don't have the basic skills needed for employment. The belief is that this is

tied to Delaware's low literacy skills and poor student performance. The group also voiced concerns that unemployment payments are going to individuals who didn't qualify for them. It was also pointed out that workforce challenges are tied to the visibility of crime and homelessness which tarnish the quality of life in the central Delaware market.

A third area of concern is the challenges facing businesses that are trying to expand or relocate to the market. The "Ready in Six" initiative still isn't happening, and complicated and/or slow permitting process are believed to be behind some of this hold-up. "Ready in Six" is an initiative launched by the Delaware Business Roundtable to slash state commercial permitting and approval timelines from up to 24 months down to six months. It aims to make Delaware more competitive in attracting business investment by streamlining regulations, reducing paperwork, and accelerating infrastructure approvals.

The gathering closed out by returning to some positive comments. One attendee shared a snippet of their business journey to emphasize how small capital loans could be a great help to get businesses started. Others shared their aspirations that the Capital City 2030 master plan will draw more people into downtown Dover, which in turn will discourage some of the troublemakers

from remaining in the area. It was stated that although the construction for the Capital City 2030 master plan has just recently started, growth and optimism must go hand in hand.

Dina Vendetti, President of the CDCC and moderator for the round table, shared her thoughts acknowledging the strong commitment of the businesses gathered in the room and recognizing that their efforts need the backing of someone at a higher level in order to accomplish their business goals. She added, "We need a partner to help us make something happen. This is why the conversation with Lt. Governor Gay was a great step in fostering relationships that can and, I believe will expand opportunities not just for Kent County business leaders, but for all Delawareans."

After these county gatherings, Lt. Governor Gay concluded, "Through these roundtables I learned more about how the State can better support our small business owners. Across counties and sectors, there is much to celebrate, but certain barriers to success demonstrate that there is still much to be done. We will build from these conversations — connecting partners, expanding resources, and creating solutions to enhance the small business experience and ultimately drive Delaware forward."



Special Feature



Legislative Luncheon Connects Policy and Commerce

The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) recently held its 24th Annual Legislative Luncheon on Thursday, March 12, 2026. Held at the Bally's Dover Casino Resort – Rollins Center, the event brought together over 200 guests, including state legislators and local leaders. The afternoon served as a collaborative forum for attendees to share insights and address the most pressing business and governmental issues currently facing Central Delaware.

The event included a networking opportunity with table-top displays from local businesses and organizations, followed by a buffet lunch, and then the much-anticipated Q&A session with the on-stage panel of legislators. They each answered questions presented by the members of the CDCC's Legislative Affairs Committee with a focus on maintaining Delaware's reputation as a business-friendly state.

Topics highlighted by the questions included: Cost of Energy, Personal Income Tax, and Affordable Housing. In response to the first question, the legislators agreed that the solution to rising energy costs is to diversify our energy sources. Even so, they don't all agree on the types of energy that should be considered, so we should anticipate much discussion about this in the future.

In response to the question on personal income tax, several of the legislators feel that the state budget will continue to grow, so in addition to a review of current government spending plan with reductions in mind, income taxes will need to be raised in future years. The idea of raising only certain income levels was brought up, as well as the idea of a sales tax which some felt will allow all citizens and visitors to "share the load."

On the third topic of affordable housing, the legislators seemed to be in agreement that rent control is not the answer to lowering housing costs. Instead, it was suggested that there needs to be more emphasis on developing affordable housing options.

In addition to the questions presented by the Legislative Affairs Committee, through a random drawing three attendees of the event were handed the microphone to each pose a business-related question to the legislators. Questions from this passionate group of CDCC members focused on the challenges associated with Delaware Paid Leave, the Opioid Addiction Problem, and Personal Injury Insurance Payments. The panel of legislators shared knowledgeable views on each of the questions

and evidence to back their stances, all of which were well received by the attendees.

At the end of the Q&A session, Sen. David Lawson and Rep. Charles Postles were both recognized by the panel of their colleagues, the CDCC members and the event guests for their years of service. Both are retiring at the end of the session.

The CDCC hopes this gathering will encourage our local business leaders to remain engaged and optimistic about the future of our state and its residents. The CDCC's goal is for the Annual Legislative Luncheon to present a welcoming space for open dialogue that benefits the business community, and thanks to all who attended, this goal was accomplished.

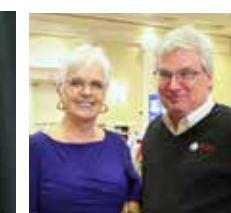
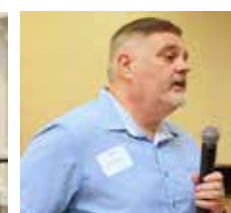
The CDCC would like to thank all in attendance at the 2026 Legislative Luncheon. Thank you to our Signature Sponsor, B.I.G. Investment Services, for supporting this event. The CDCC also thanks General Assembly Sponsors: Allen Insurance Group, C.S. Kidner Associates/Capitol Strategies, Comcast Business, Delaware Crime Stoppers, Delaware Electric Municipal Corporation (DEMEC), Delmarva Power – An Exelon Company, Dover Motor Speedway, Dowding Resource Group, Energize Delaware, George & Lynch, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware, Pepsi Bottling Ventures, PNC Bank, The Malmberg Firm, LLC, and The Willis Group, LLC.

The CDCC sends an additional thank you to Platinum Sponsors: B.I.G. Investment Services, Century Engineering – A Kleinfelder Company, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Daily State News, Dover Federal Credit Union, G. Fedale, Harrington Raceway & Casino, Kraft Heinz, Pratt Insurance, R&R Commercial Realty, and Royal Prime Events & Steakhouse.

We also send a thank you to our Kent County Representatives and Senators: Sen. Eric Buckson, Rep. Bill Bush, Rep. William Carson, Rep. Kerri Evelyn Harris, Sen. Kyra Hoffner, Sen. David Lawson, Sen. Trey Paradee, Rep. Charles Postles, Rep. Jeff Spiegelman, and Rep. Lyndon Yearick for their time and expertise.

Lastly, the CDCC extends a thank you to Bally's Dover Casino Resort for hosting this luncheon in their beautiful Rollins Center, and thank you to Royale Prime Events & Steakhouse for preparing the delicious lunch.

This was a productive and successful event! The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce could not do it without you! Together we will continue to make Central Delaware THE place to live, work, and play!



Special Feature



Sunset BUSINESS MIXER

Great people, great atmosphere, great food, and prizes! What more could you want for a fabulous evening? Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) members and guests socialized well into the evening at our Sunset Business Mixer on Wednesday, March 25th, at Jerry Longo's Meatballs and Martinis located in Bally's Dover Casino Resort. As regular attendees know, the Sunset Business Mixer is the premier networking event from YOUR Chamber. It is a great opportunity to exchange business cards and make new connections with other local businesses, all while building your company's name recognition.

Members arrived early to collect their name tags and drop their business cards in the infamous silver bowl for the prize drawings before heading into the authentic Italian restaurant and bar at Jerry Longo's. The energized eatery came to life as our guests filled the room with engaging conversations, laughs, and hugs all throughout the evening. New and familiar faces united in discussion over a delicious selection of passed hors d'oeuvres and an outstanding specialty drink menu from the soon-to-open Circulo Lounge.

The evening also included an exclusive sneak-peek tour of the Circulo Lounge's amazing space that is positioned directly across from Jerry Longo's. It features Delaware's first and only revolving bar in the center of the elegant space filled with a gathering of round tables, and lusciously upholstered half-round and barrel chairs. The lighting also reflects the circular design elements and creates a warm and comfortable spot for a drink with friends. Watch for a ribbon cutting at the Circulo Lounge, soon!

Mixing Business with Pleasure at Bally's

The CDCC staff was excited to pin two new 5-Star Members. The 5-Star member program is designed to help our members get the most from their CDCC membership by encouraging them to be engaged and take advantage of the many benefits offered by the Chamber. This pinning recognition sets these CDCC members apart from other businesses by showing their commitment to growing their business. Those who complete their journey to 5-Star status will be recognized in several publications throughout the year in addition to a photo and mention in the Chamber Connections newspaper. Congratulations to our new 5-Star Members, Pete Bradley from Kent County Tourism Corporation and Jessica Jackson from M&T Bank. We appreciate both of these individuals for their dedicated involvement with the CDCC!

To finish the evening strong, CDCC President, Dina Vendetti, drew the business card door prize winners. Our members were so excited to receive the generous door prize gifts donated by our members. The winners always pose for pictures and excitedly cheer for each other! Also, congratulations to Anne Williams from Delaware Public Media for winning Member of the Month for May! Stay tuned for the May edition of the Chamber Connections newspaper to read her feature!

The CDCC would like to thank everyone in attendance at March's Sunset Business Mixer hosted by Jerry Longo's Meatballs and Martinis in Bally's Dover Casino Resort. Thank you to the attentive servers and staff who also made the night a great success! Thank you to everyone for a making this a great evening filled with community and enjoyment. The CDCC hopes to see you at an upcoming event very soon, including the April Sunset Business Mixer at Residence Inn - Dover! [Visit www.cdcc.net/events for our event calendar or give us a call at \(302\)734-7513 for more event info.](http://www.cdcc.net/events)



Special Feature

Is Your Administrative Professional the “Best of the Best”?

Administrative Professionals are an important part of every business. They always greet everyone with a smile. They are the essential backbone of a business, driving operational efficiency, anticipating needs, solving problems, and fostering a positive company culture through their dedication and organization. We know how important their work is for keeping your business or organization running smoothly.

For close to 20 years, the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) has honored the wonderful, resourceful and creative people that are our Admin-

istrative Professionals! Help the CDCC celebrate your company’s “BEST” on Administrative Professionals Day, Wednesday, April 22nd, by nominating them to win a package of great prizes!

These nominees can be administrative assistants, receptionists, secretaries, office coordinators, and other administrative professional positions. All you have to do is fill out the nomination form and send it to the CDCC office by Wednesday, April 15 at noon. You can complete the nomination form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CDCCAdminAward>. If you prefer to complete a printed nomination

form, just email Martha at adminassistant@cdcc.net or call 302-734-7513, and we’ll send you one.

Once the nomination deadline passes, the CDCC’s Administrative Assistant, Martha Lehman, will review the nominations and select three winners who will be highlighted in the Chamber Connections newspaper and receive a prize package filled with an impressive collection of gifts donated by our generous Chamber Members.

We send a big “THANK YOU” to the following members for providing the gift items: Caribbean Bush Tea, European

Wax Center, Fifer Farm Store & Kitchen, Jen-Mor Florist, Special Touch Card Creations, and Texas Roadhouse.

Do you have an Administrative Professional that you would like to nominate? Then, don’t miss this chance! Complete the nomination form and submit it to the CDCC office by noon on April 15th. Please call Martha at 302-734-7513 if you have questions or need assistance.

We look forward to celebrating the valued Administrative Professional on YOUR TEAM!

2025 Winners of the Administrative Professionals Award.



Tina Bailey - Century Engineering, A Kleinfelder Company



La Ronda Moore - NeighborGood Partners



Lorri Tanaka - Kent County Levy Court

2025 Honorable Mentions (in alpha order by last name): Diane Brinker from King Cole Farm, Cassidy Jenny from Accurate Tint and Graphics, Cynthia Liverpool from The Elizabeth W. Murphey School, Nancy McCoy from Bally’s Dover Casino Resort, Sarah McGarity from Keller Williams Realty Central Delaware, Deborah Moore from Lean on Me Caregiving, Anna Morgan from Lifestyle Document Management Inc., Dalia Rodriguez from Delaware Prosperity Partnership, and Anna Touchard from Merrill Lynch.

BLUESUITERS GOLF

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resonates long after the last team finishes the course. We anticipate that with YOUR continued support and participation, this year will be the best tournament, yet.

This collaborative tournament pairs two civilians with two DAFB Airmen to form teams of four, exemplifying TEAM Dover! Now is the time to reach out to prospective teammates who have the winning swing – or someone you’d like to get to know better or someone you’d like to join you for a fun golf outing. The Bluesuiters Golf Tournament is an amazing way to build camaraderie, solidify business relationships, meet new people, and learn about the DAFB mission and the service members who carry it out. This golf tournament is open to golfers of all



skill levels – the CDCC does not judge your par score (but your team might!).

Golfers and spectators can look forward to pre-tournament time to warm up on the driving range. The meticulously maintained greens and fairways provide an ideal setting for participants to engage in friendly competition and enjoy the beauty of Central Delaware’s landscape at Jonathan’s Landing – whose staff does a wonderful job of accommodating our guests from shotgun start to the closing ball drop.

Although the CDCC understands there can only be one winning scorecard, everyone is a winner in our hearts at this special event. Each golfer will receive an opportunity to take home a unique door prize and a goody bag. Delicious snacks and beverages provided by generous CDCC member businesses will be placed along the course to keep golfers performing and feeling their best. Once everyone has completed the course, all golfers are invited to enjoy dinner in Jonathan’s Landing Clubhouse, where the winning team will be announced, and guests will receive their prizes!

Mark your calendar now, put together your team, begin practicing and spreading the word! Cross your fingers for a comfortable, partly sunny, spring day, perfect for looking down the fairway, enjoying a walk and the peaceful nature of Jonathan

Landing at the CDCC’s 2026 Bluesuiters Golf Tournament.

The tournament cost is \$90 per golfer which includes a bag lunch, snacks and beverages on the course, and the dinner. Please consider thanking the DAFB Airmen for their service by sponsoring their golf for the price of \$90 as well. This thoughtful gesture goes a long way to show your gratitude.

If you would like to participate in the tournament by golfing, sponsoring, or donating a door prize (all great ways to showcase your business) please contact Crista at the CDCC office at 302-734-7513 or cbreneman@cdcc.net. The CDCC is excited to have you join us on May 6th to see TEAM Dover tee off at Jonathan’s Landing. Check-in time is 10 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:50 a.m. ~ Welcome to the 25th Annual 55 Plus Expo Ceremony

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. ~ The **Wellness Center**, sponsored by **Bayhealth**, can be easily found in the hallway outside the ballroom where attendees will find Education and Resources by the Cancer Institute and Heart & Vascular Institute, as well as information and opportunities to ask questions regarding bariatrics, diabetes and nutrition, stroke, orthopedics and more.

Free health screenings include blood pressure, balance, and more. Visit the Wellness Center to learn more up-to-date information that can help you improve your health and well-being!

Throughout the Rollins Center some exhibitors will have a special **Caregiver's Support Exhibitor** sign. Visit them to gather the tools and resources you need to take care of your loved ones. There will be valuable information and guidance on how to handle stress and solve common problems that caregivers face when providing for those in their lives that need extra help.

9 a.m. - ? ~ Visit The **Master Gardeners** in the Rollins Center, where they will be giving away tomato plants and herbs, while supplies last!

12 - 1 p.m. ~ Join Chef Carl from Macau Kitchen for a fun **Cooking Demonstration** near the stage in the Rollins Center. He will be making and sharing samples of a Chickpeas Tuna snack.

1 - 1:30 p.m. ~ Steppin' Seniors of the Modern Maturity Center (MMC) will perform several dance routines **on the stage in the Rollins Center**. They are the unofficial ambassadors for Dover's MMC and promote line dancing as a fun way to stay active and healthy by performing throughout the community. The Steppin' Seniors repertoire includes 100+ pieces of music with a different dance for each.

Special Feature

Mix, Mingle, & Watch the Sunset: Residence Inn Hosts Premier Business Event

On Wednesday, April 29th, from 5 -7 p.m., members and guests of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) will enjoy a local getaway at the Residence Inn by Marriott, 600 Jefferic Blvd. in Dover (1706 N. Dupont Highway) for the monthly Sunset Business Mixer. This premier networking event is known for bringing the business community together to make valuable connections, build relationships, support local business, and enjoy so much fun!

The CDCC staff, their members, and soon-to-be members are excited to visit our local Residence Inn, meet their accommodating staff, and learn about the amenities and premium rooms/suites offered by this

extended-stay hotel known as a great spot to stay for relocations, training retreats, corporate travel, temporary housing or vacations.



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other members and learning about how their businesses can work together to grow and strengthen Central Delaware. We are delighted to present this successful business mixer every month. The CDCC would like to thank the accommodating and welcoming staff at the Residence Inn by Marriott Dover in advance for supporting this month's Sunset Business Mixer and offering a space for the business community to connect, relax, and enjoy an evening together.

Mark your calendar now for this month's Sunset Business Mixer on Wednesday, April 29th from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Residence Inn. Members are encouraged to bring a non-member business guest with you so they can learn about the CDCC and all the amazing benefits they can receive with their membership. Did you know that when your guest becomes a CDCC member, you receive \$50 off your membership fee? Plus, did you know that you can collect this discount four times in one year? Nice!

Also, donating a door prize to be awarded to a lucky winner is a great way to get some extra exposure for your business at the Sunset Business Mixer. Just let us know when you register to attend that you will be bringing a door prize with you on the night of the event. There's always lots of excitement and cheering when the door prizes are awarded.

For more information or to register for this Mixer, please visit the events calendar at www.cdcc.net/events or call (302)734-7513. We can't wait to see you there!

Who doesn't love a hotel stay that feels like your home away from home? Guess what – all you need to pack for your stay at this Sunset Business Mixer is plenty of business cards, a friendly smile, a welcoming handshake, and cash to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets! You don't even need a toothbrush. Trust that the Residence Inn will take great care of you for your brief stay at the Mixer! There will be delicious refreshments and beverages. Plus, you will be able to tour some of their rooms to see their impressive offerings firsthand.

Be sure to drop your business card in the silver bowl when you check in at the CDCC registration table for a chance to be our next Member of the Month or win a fabulous door prize donated by our members. Don't forget, you have to stay until the end of the event to collect your prize. You don't want your prize to go home with someone else! Prizes have been known to include some impressive, high-ticket items.

At the Sunset Business Mixers, the CDCC loves to see the room filled with like-minded local professionals engaging with

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Ribbon Cuttings

CDCC Celebrates 9th Anniversary of La Baguette French Bakery

DOVER, DE – The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) hosted a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for La Baguette French Bakery on Saturday, March 14th to celebrate the 9th anniversary of their downtown Dover location at 323 S. Governors Avenue. Chamber members, local dignitaries, and friends joined the owners, Chef Ludovic, and Anita Bezy, for an anniversary celebration and Customer Appreciation Day which included live music by local musician Jim Rezac, door prizes, complimentary coffee, cookies, cupcakes, pigs in a blanket and other pastries, and of course, cake.

La Baguette is well-known and loved throughout downstate Delaware for their authentic French breads, decadent pastries, and flavorful savory menu items. Their patrons love their fresh baked goods free of high fructose corn syrup, additives, and preservatives. They use only non-GMO flour and are known as a “healthy bakery.”

Those “in the know” faithfully watch their Facebook page to find out the flavor of the day for their



cruffins. Will the day's over-the-top delicious cross between a croissant and a muffin be Boston Cream, Strawberry, Peanut Butter Banana, or one of their many other imaginative, mouth-watering options? They also post their soup du jour on their social media channel in the mornings so you can plan your lunch for the day. Will you pair your soup with your favorite sandwich or a tempting slice of Quiche Lorraine? The tantalizing options are numerous!

The La Baguette team puts together specialty food items for all the traditional holidays throughout the year, whether it's a piled-high corned beef and cabbage sandwich for St. Patrick's Day, Beignets for Mardi Gras, chocolate covered strawberries for Valentine's Day, or a Buche de Noel for Christmas, you will always find something delicious



waiting for you when you walk in the door at La Baguette French Bakery.

As they move into their tenth year, Anita shared their plans to expand their food selections even more with the addition of artisanal macarons made locally by Brooke's Macarons of Dover. Plus, they will be adding new specialty sandwiches to their savory menu. Their regulars will have a hard time waiting to hear about these tasty new bites!

In addition to their Dover location, La Baguette French Bakery enjoyed

a welcome reception when they opened their second location in Lewes in December 2023.

Anyone interested in learning more about La Baguette French Bakery should visit their website at www.labaguettede.com or call (302) 741-0180.

Please join La Baguette French Bakery and the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the 9th Anniversary of their Dover location!

CDCC Celebrates New Ownership of Sheridan's Irish Pub

SMYRNA, DE – The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) hosted a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Sheridan's Irish Pub on Friday, March 20th to congratulate new owners and cousins Jen Sutter and Rob Duffy. The warm spring weather welcomed Chamber members and many friends to the pub at the corner of Commerce and Market streets in downtown Smyrna. The celebration included a round of drinks on the house for all the attendees, a sampling of traditional Irish boxty potato pancakes with a variety of fillings, and everyone's favorite tunes spun by DJ Chino from Top Spin Productions.

Sheridan's has been a popular meeting spot in central Delaware for more than 20 years, and Jen and Rob are continuing to welcome the community with open arms. Walking inside the pub is like jumping “across the pond” into a traditional Irish pub atmosphere where you'll find a variety of Irish and American food on the menu, and a large selection of craft beers, high-end whiskey, and classic cocktails at the bar. The décor also



reflects the Irish pub vibe and will keep your head turning as you take in all the interesting curios on display.

Rob and Jen have both lived in Delaware for more than 25 years, with Jen spending the last 18 years in Smyrna. She has a strong connection to the community and has served it well with past careers at both Bayhealth and most recently at the CDCC. The duo is excited to continue their support of Smyrna by spearheading plenty of upcoming community events and celebrations.

As the season picks up, the upstairs deck and outdoor dining spots at Sheridan's Irish Pub will open up to



accommodate large groups or intimate meals. The Pub offers an atmosphere welcoming to both adults and families. For this year's St. Patrick's Day celebrations, they hosted a traditional Irish breakfast and then continued the day-long fun with a community Block Party featuring live music, food, celebratory drinks, and other merry making. It was a party fit for all sizes of leprechauns!

Anyone interested in learning more about Sheridan's Irish Pub should follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SheridansIrishPub or call (302) 223-6527.

Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to raise a glass and congratulate the new owners of Sheridan's Irish Pub and welcome them to the Chamber! Cheers!

Ribbon Cutting

CDCC Welcomes IQ Fiber to Delaware with Ribbon Cutting

DOVER, DE – On the spring afternoon of Monday, March 30, 2026, the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the official launch of IQ Fiber’s fiber-optic internet Engineering, Technical Support and Sales Center in Delaware. This marks the beginning of their long-term local investment to deliver faster, more reliable internet experience to residents and businesses throughout Delaware. The ribbon cutting was held at their Dover Support Center at 631 Ridgely Street. Chamber members, friends, and local dignitaries including Delaware Gov. Matt Meyer, Rep. Lyndon Yearick and Sen. Eric Buckson joined CEO Ted Schremp and the IQ Fiber team to cut the ribbon and officially welcome this fiber optic internet network to Delaware.



Because the internet is now the heartbeat of homes and an essential tool for business, IQ Fiber believes it should run without interruption or stress. They offer 100% fiber-optic fast internet, business fiber solutions designed for scalability and reliability, transparent pricing, and attentive 24/7 customer service to deliver a smarter internet experience. Their 10-gig capable fiber network offers the bandwidth capacity required for today’s connected homes and growing businesses.

When asked what brought their business to Central Delaware, Ted

explained, “Delaware is a growing, vibrant region with strong local businesses, expanding neighborhoods, and a clear need for modern internet infrastructure. We saw an opportunity to invest in a community that values connection, economic development, and quality of life. We are not simply entering the market — we are building infrastructure, hiring locally, partnering with community organizations, and committing to long-term growth in the region. Our goal is to be a trusted local provider that supports Delaware’s continued progress.”

Looking ahead, they plan to sponsor local community events and youth programs, partner with schools and nonprofit organizations to support digital access initiatives, participate in community festivals, HOA meetings, and business networking events, and offer educational resources around internet safety and digital literacy. Ted shared, “Our goal is simple: invest in the community, show up consistently, and create lasting relationships that extend far beyond installation day.”

Ribbon-cutting guests enjoyed an impressive spread of refreshments, picked up

fun and useful IQ Fiber branded swag, and entered to win a locally sourced Delaware gift bag filled with an assortment of gift items. IQ Fiber’s day-long celebration continued with a kid-friendly Launch Party at Cool Springs Fish Bar & Restaurant featuring live music, games, door prizes, food and drinks. Bring your neighbors with you – and bring your questions!

For more information about IQ Fiber, call 800-495-4775. Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to welcome IQ Fiber to Delaware and as a member of the CDCC!

Special Feature



Delaware Governor Matt Meyer recently spoke to the Coalition for a Sound Economy (C.A.S.E.). The focus of his presentation was the anticipated impact of Executive Order 18 which was signed in late February 2026 with the hope to make Delaware more business friendly. The executive order is written to streamline permitting regulations across Delaware, making it easier to build affordable and workforce-focused homes, develop much-needed sustainable energy generation, expand access to broadband, and integrate public water and wastewater, while still protecting public safety and the environment.



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New Member Spotlight

Welcome to New Member, Patti Bishop Watercolors

Patti Bishop is a Delaware-based artist and designer with over 30 years of professional creative experience, and founder of Patti Bishop Watercolors. She served as Visual Communications Chair at Delaware Technical Community College for 21 years, mentoring emerging designers and leading creative programs while continuing to build a distinguished career as a professional artist. Since retiring, she now focuses full-time on commissioned watercolor portraits, original fine art, licensed home décor collections, and collaborative mural projects. Her work blends artistic craftsmanship with strategic design thinking to create meaningful visual experiences for clients locally and nationally.

Patti recently announced her expanded focus on commissioned artwork for homeowners, businesses, and community organizations. With more than 30 years of experience solving creative challenges for businesses in innovative and meaningful ways, Patti combines fine art, design strategy, and storytelling to create custom watercolor pieces that elevate spaces and celebrate place. Her work reflects a deep understanding of branding, visual identity, and emotional connection—skills developed through decades of professional design leadership and artistic practice.

In addition to her commissioned and original work, Patti has recently signed a licensing agent contract with



AD Lines, expanding the reach of her artwork into national retail markets. Through this partnership, her home décor images are now becoming available in large chain stores such as Michaels and Lowe's, bringing her distinctive watercolor style to a broader audience across the country. This milestone reflects both the commercial appeal and versatility of her designs within the home décor marketplace.

A signature offering of Patti Bishop Watercolors is her custom home and business portrait commissions. These highly detailed watercolor portraits capture the architectural character and personality of a property, making them timeless keepsakes for homeowners and entrepreneurs alike.

For real estate professionals, builders, and developers, Patti's custom home portraits provide a distinctive and memorable closing gift for new homeowners. Presented at settlement, these personalized works of art offer clients a meaningful way to commemorate one of life's most



significant milestones. Similarly, business portraits serve as thoughtful grand opening gifts, milestone celebrations, or anniversary commemorations for business owners—strengthening client relationships through a one-of-a-kind artistic touch.

In addition to private commissions and licensed collections, Patti continues to contribute to public art initiatives. Most recently, she collaborated with Duck Creek Regional Library in Smyrna, Delaware on the creation of three murals in the children's area, enhancing the community space with engaging, visually rich artwork that celebrates imagination and local identity.

"I've always believed that art can solve problems in ways that are both beautiful and strategic," said Patti. "Whether it's helping a builder elevate their client experience, supporting a business with a

meaningful visual statement, creating artwork for national retail collections, or enriching a community space, I approach every project with thoughtful design and artistic integrity."

Patti's original framed Delaware-inspired watercolors, prints, licensed home décor collections, and commissioned works are available through her website at www.pattibishopwatercolors.com.

To learn more or to schedule an appointment to discuss your next project, contact Patti Bishop directly through her website. Discover how custom watercolor artwork can bring lasting impact to your home, business, or community space.

Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to welcome Patti Bishop Watercolors as a new member!

Congratulations - You're a 10!

"Congratulations – You're a 10!" is designed to recognize, congratulate and highlight recently renewed members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in increments of 10.



Member of the Month



NAME: Michael J. Harrington Jr. - President / Michael J. Harrington Sr. – Vice President
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Tell us about your business/organization.

We were part of the ERA Real Estate franchise for 30 years and now are a CENTURY 21 (C21) franchise. We are a full Real Estate company, and have done it all from mortgages, and property management, to sales of residential and commercial properties. We presently own more than 200 rental units and manage more than 100 units for other people.

Tell us about your role in the business/organization.

With my father, Michael Harrington Sr., I manage all the Real Estate sales, while my father looks after all of our properties. We share property management.

Tell us something that makes your business/organization unique.

C21 Harrington Realty, Inc. is a family-owned Real Estate office and has been open since 1979. We have been a full-service Real Estate company since our inception. We offer property management services, and residential and commercial Real Estate sales.

What do you see for the future of your business/organization?

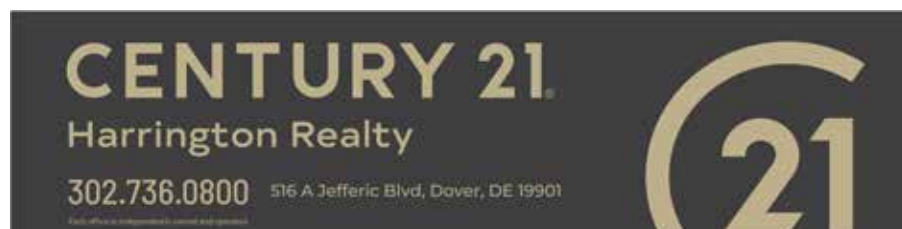
We are always looking for new growth opportunities and to merge with other companies to grow our market share.

How has the Chamber helped your business/organization grow?

Over the span of 50 years, we have supported the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce and watched their growth. We have always enjoyed working with the Chamber.

What is your best advice to other businesses/organizations?

Get involved with the Chamber. Go to their functions and events, serve on their Board of Directors, and network with follow businesses.



Ambassador's Corner

Chrissy Kyriss



Chrissy Kyriss was born and raised in Chester County Pennsylvania. From 2001-2015, she was a military wife. Chrissy came to Delaware from her previous home in Washington State. After a short time in Delaware, Chrissy and her children (Hannah, Jacob, and Adam) fell in love with the area and decided to settle down and establish roots here. Chrissy has a giving heart and enjoys helping

her community with activities such as volunteering at local churches, Girl Scouts and Boy scouts. Chrissy and her children are happy to call Delaware "home."

Chrissy is in her tenth year of service to Kent County, Delaware, residents at Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity. She began as an event volunteer, where she quickly embraced the spirit of service and community. Shortly after, she began her employment with CDHFH as a ReStore Associate. A natural leader, Chrissy was quickly promoted to ReStore Director. She is currently the Chief Operating Officer, a

position in which she manages a staff of 21 and oversees the daily operations of Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity.

Chrissy has been a CDCC member for a few years and loves the Chamber's efforts to bring the community together. She adores the CDCC staff and loves the Networking benefits. The CDCC is very supportive of Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, where Chrissy is currently employed. Chrissy explains that "being a Chamber Ambassador is my way of giving back to the CDCC and thanking them for all their support through the years."

RENEWALS FOR FEBRUARY 2026 - THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWAL!

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POLYTECH School District	40	AARP Delaware	8
Kent County Association of REALTORS®	38	Ingleside Homes Inc.	8
Fifer's Farm Store & Kitchen	37	The Brick-Wood Fired Eats	8
Lessard Builders, Inc.	29	Central Delaware Speech Language Pathology	7
Lighthouse Construction, Inc.	28	Hook PR & Marketing	7
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First State Manufactured Housing Assoc.	23	G. Fedale - Wilmington	6
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Keller Williams Realty Central Delaware	22	Delaware Imaging Network	5
GoGlass	20	Mr. Brett Emmons	5
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Affinity Energy Management	16	Skyline Catering LLC	5
Decorating Den Interiors-Deanna Kovach & Janice Hinzman	16	Milford Wellness Village	4
State Farm Insurance - Bennett Ins. Agency Inc.	16	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Delaware	3
ShureLine Electrical	14	Energize Delaware	3
Delaware Health Information Network	13	Garner Group Financial, LLC	3
Delaware Public Media	13	NEW DAY Pregnancy Care Center	3
Americare Home Solutions	12	Pierce Fence Company, Inc.	3
Law Offices of Bonnie M. Benson	12	Biddle's Home Solutions LLC	2
Affordable Business Systems, Inc.	10	Clean Eatz of Dover	2
Comfort Suites - Dover	10	GOGO Charters Dover	2
Delaware Transit Corp/DART First State	10	Passanantes Home Food Service	2
KRM Development Corporation	10	Bureau of Chronic Disease	1
Secure Data Computer Solutions, Inc.	10	Coral Health	1
		Hillis-Carnes Engineering Associates	1

NEW MEMBERS

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First State Community Action Agency	Elizabeth Kennedy	308 N. Railroad Avenue	Georgetown	DE	19947	302-249-4360
IQ Fiber	Mark Wagner	631 Ridgely Street	Dover	DE	19904	800-495-4775
Patti Bishop Watercolors	Patti Bishop	713 West South Street	Smyrna	DE	19977	302-423-3688
Social B Hive	Thomas Malkiewicz	220 Market St.	Frederica	DE	19946	302-279-8303
Solomon's Doggie Treats-An Artisan Bakery	KKF & KM Wheatie	448 Walton Ave Unit 242	Hummelstown	PA	17036	908-300-4862
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Coffee On Us!

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The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce would love to connect you with something delicious! The photograph on our front pageheader changes each month, depicting picturesque and unique locations right here in Central Delaware. These photos are the subject of our monthly "Coffee On Us" contest. If you recognize the location of the header picture on our front page, be the FIRST PERSON to CALL the CDCC Office (302-734-7513) with the correct answer and you will win a \$10 gift card to:



You'll also see your picture and your company name on our Facebook page - and, of course, you'll win bragging rights for the month!

The winner of the March "Coffee On Us" Contest was Amy Zook from Chesapeake Utilities who correctly identified the photo on the front page as the Air Mobility Command Museum, the location of the 2026 Military Affaire. Congratulations, Amy, and thank you for playing our game!

Please note that the same person is qualified to win the Coffee on Us Contest only twice per calendar year.



Dover Celebrates St. Patrick's Day with Parade

