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Save the Date to Celebrate the Holidays with YOUR CDCC!

How did 2026 pass by so quickly? It seems like we just rang in the New Year a few months ago and now here we are in November. But, before we all flip our calendar to 2027, YOUR Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) wants to take a moment to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our community this past year. And what better way to round out the year with your loyal network of business partners than by attending the CDCC's Annual Holiday Party? Please join us for the member-exclusive holiday festivities on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at Roma Italian Restaurant at 3 President Drive, Dover from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

This annual Holiday tradition, presented by the CDCC, is a perfect end-of-year celebration with the people who make Central Delaware the best place to live, work, and play. Join the party, and invite your co-workers, business associates, and friends to enjoy delicious food, celebratory drinks, a festive atmosphere, and live music by Delaware's one and only Joe Baione Viraphone Experience. Capture the holiday spirit by adding this festive event to your calendar. You'll want to be part of this Chamber tradition!

CDCC HOLIDAY PARTY

The CDCC community is so generous, especially to their employees during the holidays. We know that many business leaders love to find ways to thank their employees, and the CDCC Holiday Party is the perfect way to show your appreciation to them. Consider treating your team to an evening of holiday fun with us! We'll have everything set up and ready to go for you and your special guests. But be sure to secure your tickets today because space is limited, and tickets go fast.

Tickets for the CDCC Holiday Party are only $40 each and include an amazing menu of delicious Italian foods, a drink ticket for your choice of beer or wine, live music, and an evening filled with joyful fun, lively conversation, and plenty of laughs.

We'd like to thank our members who have chosen to sponsor this celebratory event (as of 10/23/2026): Thank you to the Holiday Cheer Sponsor – Weiner Benefits Group and the Holiday Feast Sponsor – Del-One Federal Credit Union. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available for this popular holiday event by contacting Cindy

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Early Date Set for November Sunset Business Mixer

The November Sunset Business Mixer is always a special one for our CDCC members. You all enjoy this opportunity to connect with fellow businesspeople, engage in conversations over delicious refreshments, and share the stories behind your businesses. In addition, the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday is a timely reminder of all the things to be thankful for, especially our CDCC community! The Chamber is so grateful to YOU, our members, for working together to make Central Delaware the best place to live, work, and play.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, it's important to note that the November Mixer is a week earlier than it typically is because of "turkey day."

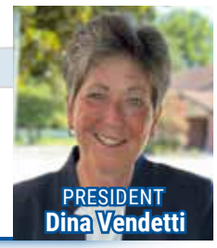
Sunset BUSINESS MIXER

So, mark your calendar now to attend the CDCC's premier networking event, the Sunset Business Mixer, on Wednesday, November 18th! On this date, CDCC Members and their guests will meet at the always welcoming Hilton Garden Inn at 1706 N. Dupont Hwy. in Dover, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The recently renovated Hilton Garden Inn Dover boasts 95 guestrooms and 1,600 square feet of flexible meeting and event space. Hotel amenities include a 24-hr fitness center, customizable catering, and a heated indoor pool. Their restaurant, the Hearth Bar and Grille, features seasonally changing menus and is open to the public for breakfast and dinner. The property is conveniently located right off RT 1 and Dupont Hwy. with easy access to Dover's Historic Downtown, and close to area corporations, government installations, and attractions including the DE Turf Sports Complex, Dover Motor Speedway and Bally's Dover Casino Resort. Please join the CDCC to experience just a glimpse of the

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Dina's Digest



Shop Your Hometown!

Well, once again, here we are... the Halloween candy has come and gone, the days are getting shorter and shorter, the wind is picking up, the trees are revealing their most glamorous display of color, our attention is on football, sweaters and hoodies, and what it might take to create a delectable Thanksgiving celebration! And we are all anticipating one of the biggest shopping weekends of the year kicking off the holiday shopping season and offering deals, deals, and more deals as we ponder "naughty or nice" and check items off our holiday shopping lists.

Holiday shopping is always a tightrope dividing big fun and immense pressure. We search for the perfect present that will convey our love and admiration to the receiver - something unique and meaningful that everyone else hasn't already seen, and something that the receiver hasn't already bought for him/herself. We imagine the opening of the gift with great anticipation for a happy surprise, wide-eyed excitement, and an overdone display of childlike glee!

Your Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce is here to remind you that the backbone of our local economy is small business. We are amazingly fortunate to have the most talented local artisans, along with shops and boutiques that offer unique items right here in our backyard. Shoppers will surely delight in the one-of-a-kind items that can be found in the small businesses throughout Kent County, from Harrington to Smyrna, from Milford to Marydel, and everywhere in between. Finding the best presents can easily rival an exciting treasure hunt, making close-to-home shopping for loved ones almost as much fun as receiving the presents!

As "your opportunity hub," YOUR Chamber, through its "Shop Your Hometown" campaign, is here to encourage you to patronize businesses that are right here. Studies and surveys show that, as we shop locally and support hometown independent retailers, we can find unique items, get incredibly personalized customer service, and impact the strength of our community. In fact, for every $100 spent shopping in small businesses close to home, nearly two-thirds of that money stays in the community.

Buying local products is an amazing way to support the community. When we shop locally, we create local jobs, we get to experience the joy of buying from sellers we know, lines are shorter, and we walk away with items that show the character of our hometown. Local shops are a bountiful source of creativity and charm where customers are likely to receive "a special touch" – and who doesn't like that?!

When you shop locally and find something amazing, don't forget to post about it online. Take some pictures and tag the shop where you discovered your items. Share the uniqueness of the experience (without giving away any surprises, of course!) with your friends, neighbors, and family members so that they, too, can experience the joy and adventure of finding hometown treasures!

Please don't read our enthusiasm for hometown shopping as an attack on the big box stores. There is no doubt that the big box stores and online shopping venues work diligently to make shopping easy. They offer benefits (like multiple ways to pay and lightning-speed delivery) that ease our minds (and sometime wallets). These kinds of experiences have a definite place in our shopping experience – and they bring a service to consumers that is wanted and needed.

All we ask is that you think about shopping your hometown FIRST. Go to the small businesses, seek out original and innovative ideas for gifts, support your community... FIRST. Give some local shop owners the FIRST shot at helping you find perfect presents. If, after that, you find yourself needing a few more items or suddenly need a gift at the last minute, then do whatever you need to do.

As we purchase items in one local hometown business after another, let's enjoy the notion we are not just buying gifts for our family members and friends, but we are also giving a priceless gift to every shop owner we encounter - and we are having a positive impact on our hometown community. Now get out there and "Shop Your Hometown!"

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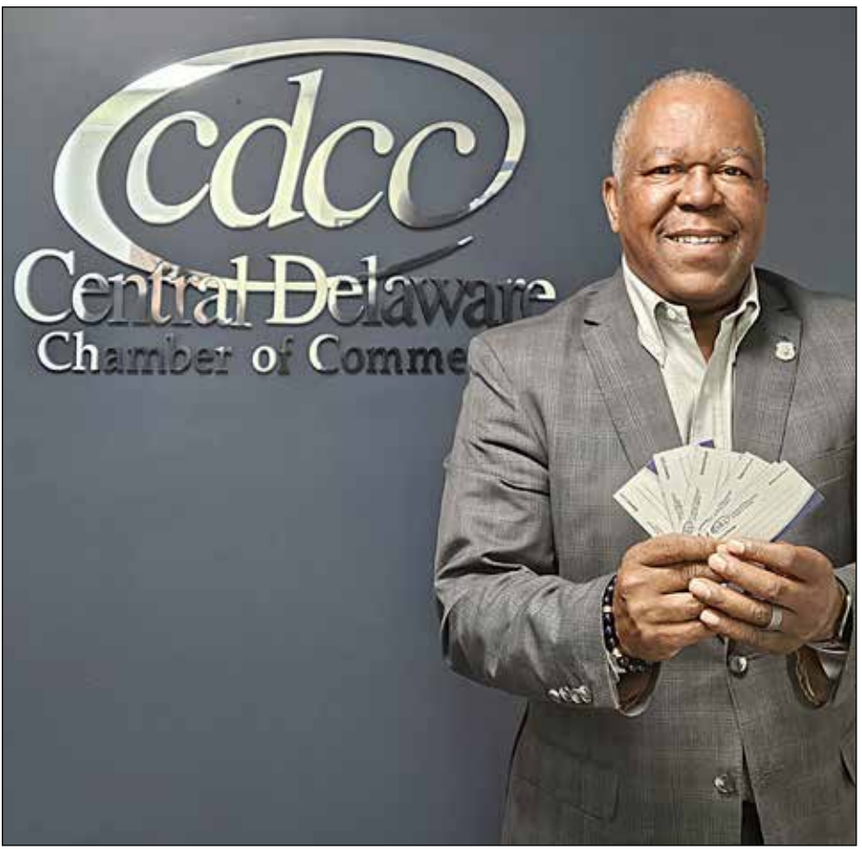
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Did you know that the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce offers a Member Referral Program, which provides our members with a direct way to lower their membership dues while helping the Chamber community grow?

That's correct, current Chamber members can secure a $50 savings on their upcoming membership dues for every non-member business they refer to the Chamber that subsequently joins the organization. This program is designed to reward loyal members for advocating for the CDCC, which provides education, legislation, networking, and marketing resources to the Central Delaware business community.

The financial incentives add up quickly. Members can accumulate these referral bonuses to receive a maximum discount of up to $200 each year off their membership dues. To qualify, the referring business simply needs to ensure the new applicant lists them as the referral source on their official Chamber application form.

We think our members are our best cheerleaders, and this program not only recognizes your efforts to strengthen our local business community but also puts money right back into your pockets.

Whether you know a new startup in town or an established business looking to expand its reach, connecting them to the CDCC is mutually beneficial for everyone involved. ***For full program details or to submit a referral, please reach out to Membership Coordinator Jeff Spratley at 302-734-7513 or membership@cdcc.net. You can also stop by our office and pick up referral cards to share with your connections.***

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 5th
Leadership Central Delaware
8:00am - 5:00pm, Education Day

Thursday, November 5th
Kent County Open for Business
8:30am - 10:00am, Kent County Levy Court

Tuesday, November 10th
CDCC Board Meeting
7:30am - 8:30am, Delaware Technical Community College - CTC Building

Tuesday, November 10th
Coffee Coaching
9:00am - 10:00am, via Zoom

Thursday, November 12th
Member Orientation
12:00pm - 1:30pm, via Zoom

Thursday, November 12th
MAC Meeting
1:00pm - 2:00pm, CDCC Conference Room

Tuesday, November 17th
LCD Steering Committee Meeting
2:00pm - 3:00pm, CDCC Conference Room

Wednesday, November 18th
Marketing Committee Meeting
2:30pm - 3:30pm, CDCC Conference Room

Wednesday, November 18th
Ambassador Committee Meeting
4:30pm, Hilton Garden Inn - Dover

Wednesday, November 18th
Sunset Business Mixer
5:00pm - 7:00pm, Hilton Garden Inn - Dover

Monday, November 23rd
State of the Base Briefing
7:30am - 9:30am, Dover Air Force Base

Thursday-Friday, November 26th & 27th
Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed

Monday, November 30th
CDCC Executive Committee Meeting
8:00am - 10:00am, CDCC Conference Room

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 3rd
Leadership Central Delaware
8:00am - 5:00pm, Health and Human Services Day

Thursday, December 3rd
Kent County Open for Business
8:30am - 10:00am, Kent County Levy Court

Thursday, December 3rd
Capital Holiday Celebration 5:00pm - 8:00pm, Downtown Dover

Tuesday, December 8th
CDCC Board Meeting
7:30am - 8:30am, Delaware Technical Community College - CTC Building

Tuesday, December 8th
CDCC Holiday Party
5:00pm - 7:30pm, Roma Italian Restaurant

Thursday, December 10th
Member Orientation
8:30am - 10:00am, via Zoom

Thursday, December 10th
MAC Meeting 1:00pm - 2:00pm, CDCC Conference Room

Tuesday, December 15th
LCD Steering Committee Meeting
2:00pm - 3:00pm, CDCC Conference Room

December 21st - 31st
Christmas Holiday Office Closed



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Make Every Occasion Extraordinary at Royal Prime Events

From festive holiday celebrations and corporate gatherings to elegant weddings and milestone anniversaries, Royal Prime Events in Dover offers the perfect setting for moments worth celebrating.

There are occasions that deserve more than just a gathering. They deserve an experience. Whether it's bringing colleagues together to celebrate a successful year, exchanging wedding vows surrounded by family and friends, or commemorating a milestone anniversary, the right venue can turn a special occasion into an unforgettable memory.

At Royal Prime Events, located within Bally's Dover Casino Resort in Dover, Delaware, creating those memorable experiences is what they do best.

With an impressive selection of event spaces, exceptional culinary offerings, and a dedicated team of event professionals, Royal Prime Events brings elegance, versatility, and convenience together under one roof.

Celebrate the Holidays in Style

The holiday season is all about bringing people together, and Royal Prime Events provides a wonderful backdrop for celebrating with coworkers, friends, and family.

From festive company holiday parties and employee appreciation celebrations to elegant seasonal gatherings, Royal Prime offers a variety of spaces to accommodate groups of different sizes. Whether you envision an intimate dinner with colleagues or a grand holiday celebration filled with dining, dancing, and entertainment, there's a setting to match your vision.





And when it comes to holiday entertaining, the food should be just as memorable as the occasion. Royal Prime's culinary team offers thoughtfully prepared catering selections that help transform a traditional holiday party into a truly special evening.

Business Gatherings That Are Anything but Ordinary

Company parties aren't just about celebrating success. They're about recognizing employees, strengthening relationships, and creating connections beyond the everyday workplace.

Royal Prime Events offers an ideal setting for corporate celebrations, awards banquets, retirement parties, client appreciation events, conferences, and business meetings.

With spacious meeting rooms, modern audiovisual capabilities, and flexible configurations, the venue can accommodate everything from professional presentations to lively company celebrations.

And with Bally's Dover Casino Resort providing convenient access to overnight accommodation, dining, and entertainment, guests can extend their experience well beyond the event itself.



Weddings, Anniversaries, and Life's Special Moments

Some celebrations are simply too important to leave to chance.

For couples planning their wedding day, Royal Prime Events offers elegant surroundings, customizable layouts, and professional planning assistance to help bring their vision to life. From rehearsal dinners to wedding receptions, every detail can be thoughtfully coordinated to create an experience as unique as the couple themselves.

Anniversaries, milestone birthdays, family reunions, and other cherished occasions deserve the same attention. Whether celebrating 25 years of marriage or gathering generations of family for a special event, Royal Prime provides a welcoming and sophisticated atmosphere for making new memories.

Your Celebration, Your Space, Your Way

One of Royal Prime Events' greatest advantages is its versatility. With multiple event spaces available, hosts can select a setting that perfectly complements their guest list, style, and occasion.

The experienced event team works closely with clients on room arrangements, catering, audiovisual needs, and the many details that make an event successful.

It's an approach that allows hosts to spend less time worrying about logistics and more time enjoying the people they've brought together.

Start Planning Something Special

The best celebrations begin with the perfect setting. Whether you're organizing this year's company holiday party, planning an unforgettable wedding, or celebrating a milestone worth remembering, Royal Prime Events is ready to help make it extraordinary.

Explore the possibilities, discover the available event spaces, and let Royal Prime Events bring your vision to life.

Visit www.RoyalPrimeEvents.com to explore the venue, take a virtual tour, and contact the Royal Prime Events team to begin planning your next unforgettable occasion.

Delaware is a GROWING State!

The members of the Leadership Central Delaware (LCD) Class of 2027 came together for their first class session of the year and were treated to an informative and eye-opening day on the first Thursday of October as they learned all about Agriculture and Agri-Tourism in the first state. They had the opportunity to hear directly from the people who work in the industry, whose shared passion is the science and art of cultivating plants and livestock. With 2,158 farms (that's about 520,000 acres, 30% of which are permanently preserved for agriculture), 42% of Delaware's land is devoted to farming. Responsible for 30,000 jobs and an economic impact of $8 billion per year, Agriculture is a huge industry and a major economic driver in Delaware. Class members learned that, when it comes to farming, Delaware truly is an expert at the root of the matter – growing stuff is one of the things we do best!

The state's top crop is field corn, used to feed livestock and make ethanol, which covers two fifths of Delaware's cultivated land, whose expected annual revenue is well over $100 million. Wheat, soybeans, peaches, and other fruits and vegetables play a major role as well. It is no surprise to any Delawarean that poultry is the number one agricultural product. The First State is, in fact, a global leader in the broiler industry. Delaware's chicken production began in 1923 with Cecile Steele who mistakenly received 500 chickens when she had only ordered 50... She chose to keep them and nurture them – and the poultry industry in Delaware was born! Who could have known that the Delaware poultry industry would grow to be the largest broiler chicken industry in the world, yielding $946 million annually? Delaware is also the #1 lima producing state in the United States. LCD class members learned, without a doubt, that agriculture is a BIG DEAL in Delaware.

Harrington Raceway & Casino served as our gathering place for the first part of the day. Our Co-Chair for the day, Amber Startt of Dover Federal Credit Union (Class of 2017), introduced the topic of agriculture by sharing her family's experience of farming, growing corn, wheat, and soybeans on a farm that was established in 1922 in the Clayton/Smyrna area. After farming the land for more than 100 years, this farm was inducted into the Delaware Century Farm Program in the Spring of 2025. Amber's dad, who the class would meet later in the day, is a well-known racehorse owner. Amber's passion for agriculture and her introduction of the day really set the class up for a day that would exceed expectations!

Our first incredible speaker was Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jimmy Kroon. In his time with the class, he shared information about the agriculture industry and what it means to the state. He spent time discussing the work being done to preserve farmland here in the first state. He shared many of the various tasks and operations that are part of the Department of Agriculture including compliance, weights and measures, inspections, the forest service, pesticide management, nutri-management, and more. He also shared a bit about the improvements and new technologies that have been integrated into the tradition of farming.

Deputy Sec. Kroon also shared his insights into what makes a good leader. In his tenure in the field of agriculture, he had many opportunities to serve in a variety of capacities. In each of those areas, he worked diligently to know and understand each of those roles to the best of his ability. That practice gave him a rich palette of experiences that have served him well in his leadership position. In his leadership role, he places a high priority on learning, critical thinking, and problem solving. He also acknowledged that patience is incredibly important when making decisions. "The more you learn and know, the less anxiety you feel in your leadership," he shared.

The class also had the opportunity to hear from two farmers who are experts on the topic of agriculture: Bobbi Jo Webber of Webber Family Farms, and Georgie Cartanza, UD Cooperative Extension, Statewide Poultry Agent. Georgie and Bobbi Jo enlightened the group on a variety of issues related to agriculture and farming. They emphasized the importance of educating the community about the industry, especially the youth. They spoke about their concern regarding succession and who will follow in their footsteps to keep the industry alive as well as the expense of getting started in the industry. They also talked a bit about the natural tension that exists between the importance of development and the necessity of farming. The class was amazed as they shared cutting-edge technologies that are having a significant positive impact on farming.

In addition, they shared words of wisdom and advice regarding effective leadership. "It's not about you – it's about the people you serve," Georgie offered. "The best leadership comes from a genuine concern for people. You will find that spending your time building other people really helps you build yourself."

Bobbi Jo talked about the importance of learning as a leader. "Be sure that a large part of your leadership is educating your followers. Give them the tools they need to be effective – even when you're not around." She added, "Your motivation comes from meeting a critical need. See that need, put yourself out there, and always be ready to improve and grow."

In addition to an emphasis on Agriculture, the class also took a close look at the related industry of Agritourism. A relatively new term, "agritourism" refers to an increasingly popular and growing opportunity for agricultural producers which links agriculture and tourism. Agritourism is generally marked by activities that include visiting a working farm, ranch, or other agricultural business to enjoy the rural setting, be educated, or be involved in a special activity. Agritourism brings agricultural awareness to individuals while generating another source of income for the agricultural location.

The class's first Agritourism stop was an educational tour at the Delaware Agricultural Museum and Village. The tour was led by the museum's executive director, Sara Busker – also a member of the LCD Class of 2027. Sara's family operates one of the 13 remaining dairy farms in the state. She proudly shared her passion for the history of agriculture and highlighted several key exhibits inside the museum. The class was then taken outdoors to the area of the 1890's village located on the museum's property. They got to meet two resident pot-belly pigs – and walk the grounds. Class members were excited to see the area where one of their Community Impact projects will come to life. They will be working over the next several months to build raised garden beds that will enable the museum to display crop production in real-time!

Before departing, the LCD Class of 2027 took advantage of the museum's beautifully appointed classroom for their book discussion. "It's Your Ship" by Capt. Michael Abrashoff is required reading for the year and tells a wonderful story about the impact that effective leadership can have on building a healthy climate and maintaining excellence and success. Caitlin Rozell (Delaware Advisory on Career & Technical Education), Shauna McCullough (DAFB 436th Airlift Wing), and Whitney Walker (Bally's Dover Casino Resort) led the class in a discussion of the author's note and introduction which served as a great support for the focused leadership traits of the day, entrepreneurship and succeeding as a business owner.

The next stop of the day was Fifer's Orchards where the class had a wonderful lunch made with many ingredients from the farm. Next, they hopped aboard a wagon and took a tour. Tour guide and CSA Coordinator and Marketing Director, Jessica Yocum, and Karissa Mann, Fifer's U-Pick and U-Play Manager, spent time with the group talking about the wide

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variety of fruits and vegetables in Fifer's inventory. Jessica described Fifer's as a "family" business and explained that, regardless of the scope of their reach, they wish to always be known as a "family" business. Jessica spoke at length about the critical partnerships that exist between Fifer's and other members of the business and farming community. She stressed the importance of sharing one's story as a vehicle for remaining connected to the community. Karissa explained the scope of Fifer's growing season and identified various fields and crops along the route. The class also had an opportunity to experience the Fall Fest You-Play area and shop in the Farm Store.

The end of this exciting hands-on day of learning brought the class back to Harrington Raceway & Casino for a visit to the paddock and an introduction to the world of harness racing. Class members were thrilled to see the paddock up close and very excited to meet two racehorses! Matt Sparacino, Harrington's Public Relations Director and Assistant General Manager of Racing, explained a bit about the multi-million-dollar industry of horse racing. In hearing about the industry, meeting racehorse owner Jeff Startt and trainer Martin Davis, and spending time with the horses, participants learned about the importance of communication and trust. From the connection between the horse and its trainer, to the partnership between the trainer and the owner, to the relationship between the owner and the staff at the track and the local community, clear and open communication is a key factor in building the vital component of trust.

At the end of their presentation, Jeff took the racehorses around the track to demonstrate the two different gaits that are used in harness racing. This was a thrilling demonstration for the class and a first for our LCD program! Jeff invited any members of the class who might be interested in seeing a working family horse farm first-hand to arrange for a visit to their farm. Several class members are planning to make that trip together in the near future – another first for the program!

A special thanks goes out to all who were involved in making this day a success – hosts, tour guides, speakers – and to this year's sponsors. Thank you all for your support and for everything you do to making Leadership Central Delaware the Chamber's "Diamond Program."

Class members left the day with a new understanding and pride in the importance of Agriculture & Agritourism in the State of Delaware. They are eagerly anticipating our next stop on this leadership journey in November when we take a deep dive into the world of education. In the meantime, they will be noticing every field or horse or piece of farm equipment they pass on Route 1 and feeling deep gratitude for the people behind those operations and what they bring to the First State.
















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LCD Masters in the Making – Cohort 2 is Underway!

The second cohort of LCD Mastery began on Friday, September 11th. This group of 8 would-be masters gathered in the conference room at the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce ready and excited to begin honing in on their leadership strengths, envisioning their own leadership styles, and building the toolbox needed to make a positive impact. Your Chamber's 10-week experience called "LCD Mastery" promises class members an opportunity to take a comprehensive look within, in order to maximize their strengths and discover strategies for overcoming their personal challenges.

This next step after graduation from Leadership Central Delaware is designed to bring several leadership experts to the group to cover various topics and strategies related to effective leadership. According to research, employing a broad base of facilitators helps cohort members to glean the tips and tricks that really resonate with them from each of the facilitators and assemble them in a way that allows their own unique leadership style to emerge. This strategy promises to assist in helping each member of the cohort to unlock the leader within and use the skills necessary to make a positive impact.

During the first session, led by CDCC president, Dina Vendetti, and CDCC board member, Tim Bayes of Kleinfelder, cohort members got to know each other and had the opportunity to talk a bit about their motivation for signing up for this opportunity. In this beginning session, Tim worked to help cohort members to assess their current situations through a discussion that focused on "knowing where you are so that you can know where you're going."

In sessions 2 and 3, we welcomed Skip Ford of BBSI. Skip was a member of the very first ever LCD graduating class in 2001! Skip led the class through an informative and interactive session on Effective Communication, followed by a session valuable to any leader on having "Difficult Conversations."

Tim Bayes was back for session 4 as together we explored the topic of Emotional Intelligence and how we deal with the emotional element of all humans as we maintain the necessary structures that motivate businesses to grow and prosper.

Participants were then introduced to a wonderful assessment tool entitled "StrengthsFinder 2.0." StrengthsFinder helps professionals to identify their top five strengths and focus on them in order to help them grow in effectiveness and impact. The author of StrengthsFinder takes issue with the "misguided maxim" that people "can be anything you want to be if they just try hard enough." While those words can be motivational, they do not always hold true. Success isn't always about working hard enough – it's more often about capitalizing on one's strengths and figuring out how to create a team whose members offer the strengths that you, the leader, may not have. StrengthsFinder's author chooses to revise that adage and instead offers this: "You cannot be anything you want to be – but you can be a lot more of who you already are."

Dr. Kathy Kennedy – Ratajack was with us for sessions 5 & 6 and provided a helpful understanding of how to use the results of the StrengthsFinder assessment in creating an effective team, as well as sharing an analysis of each of the participants strengths, blind spots, and challenges.

In the coming weeks, the group will turn to a variety of topics that promise to assist them in building the skills they'll need as their leadership journey unfolds. We will welcome Janell Upton, CEO of Dover Federal Credit Union, as she focusses on the art of Servant Leadership and its effectiveness. Mark O'Donnell of Entrepreneurial Operating System (EOS) will facilitate a session on casting a vision and creating goals to support that vision.

We will also welcome Dawne Nickerson (Air Force Medical Examiners System – LCD 2020), Laura Garofoli (Lean on Me Caregiving, LLC – LCD 2022), and Dennis Spence (Kleinfelder – LCD 2022) as they participate in a panel discussion about the importance of networking as a leader. During this time, they will also share their experiences and some strategies for effective networking.

This cohort will end on Dec. 4th with a graduation and breakfast – and some parting comments from the team of facilitators.

The CDCC is very pleased with the way this pilot program has unfolded. Cohort members have entered this experience with a deep desire to learn and improve; the topics have been relevant and immediately applicable, and the conversations have been enriching for all involved. If you are an LCD grad, this program is definitely worth your consideration!

The CDCC is now ready to make LCD Mastery an official program of the chamber and will host Cohort 3 beginning in January. This level-2 opportunity is open to all LCD graduates who are employed by a CDCC member business. The tuition for this incredible program is $1,000 for all 10 sessions. Stay tuned for more information and announcements. In order to foster active participation from each participant and a high level of trust, this pilot is designed to accommodate no more than 10 participants.

For more information or to apply for LCD Mastery, contact Dina Vendetti at the CDCC Office by phone (302)734-7513 or email at dvendetti@cdcc.net. The CDCC is pleased to be able to bring this transformational program to its members as, together, we work to "be the leaders we wish we had" (Simon Sinek).







Member News

Artists of All Ages Joined 8th Annual Paint Dover

Paint Dover! plein air (outdoor) painting event has returned to downtown Dover, Delaware for the eighth consecutive year. From October 7-10, artists from around the region came together to capture the historic architecture and natural beauty of the state's capital.

The boundaries of the competition were "within the City of Dover" with a preference for Loockerman street to highlight the local small businesses within downtown Dover.

On Saturday October 10th, 15 artists competed in a "Quick Draw" competition where they were challenged to complete, frame, and display an artistic rendition of downtown Dover in just two hours. Artists were required to set up within the boundaries of the Schwartz Center for the Arts and two blocks out in all directions. These works were then displayed in a "wet paint" exhibit allowing artists and attendees to see the fresh and vibrant paintings, many still shining from paint not yet dried.

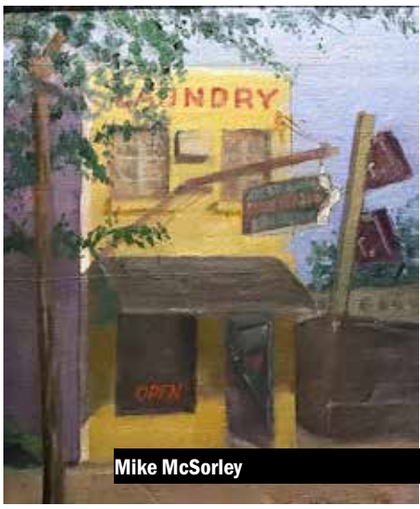
Those unable to attend in person may now view a virtual exhibition. Furthermore, the "Paint Dover! Through the Years" exhibition is currently open at the Biggs Museum of American Art, showcasing a comprehensive collection of present and past works through November 8.

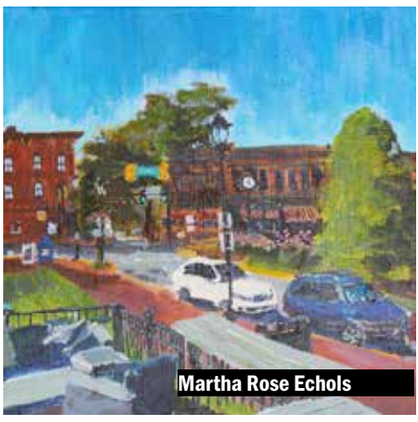
Visual art wasn't the only highlight of the week. The Fig Tree Band provided a lively jazz-fusion backdrop for attendees and painters alike. Featuring Elijah August on bass guitar, Luis Figueroa on electric guitar, Jeremiah August on keyboard, and Joshua August on drums, the quartet kept guests swaying to the rhythm throughout the wet paint exhibit, reception, and awards ceremony.

The festival brought together a wide mix of styles, mediums, and experience levels, ranging from oils, watercolors, and acrylics to detailed pen and pencil sketches. Artists of all ages participated, including middle school student Benjamin Martinez. Artist Judge, Siobhan Duggan, awarded $2,000 in cash and prizes across seven categories: "Best in Show" (Cheryl Wisbrock), "Runner Up" (JT Takas), "Mayor's Choice" (Judith Loeber), "THIS is Dover" (Mike McSorley), "Iconic Loockerman" (Martha Rose Echols), "Quick Draw" (Maryna Novohorodska), and "Small Works" (Queena Mast). There is also a "People's Choice" Award allowing the public to vote on their favorite piece. You can cast your vote through November 8th here: https://forms.gle/zxD-E1YHt7TJpZsAQA

While the value of this event to the community is priceless, viewing the exhibition is completely free to the entire community through November 8th. Special thanks to partners and sponsors including the Delaware Division of Arts, Jerry's Artarama, Affordable Business Systems, and the City of Dover.

Paint Dover! is a part of DDP's commitment to providing high quality arts programming in downtown Dover. The event highlights the creative arts and placemaking priority within the Capital City 2030: Transforming Downtown Dover! Master Plan. ***To learn more about the downtown Dover master plan visit https://downtowndoverpartnership.com/.***


Mike McSorley


Martha Rose Echols


Queena Mast


Frank Burns


Judith Loeber


Cheryl Wisbrock

Member News

Save Money with the Downtown Dover Dollars

The Downtown Dover Partnership is excited to bring back the "Dover Dollars" Yiftee BOGO promotion following its past success! How it works: Shoppers who purchase a $50 Yiftee gift card will receive a $50 price match giving them $100 total to spend exclusively at participating downtown Dover businesses. This promotion begins November 21, 2026 and continues while supplies last, so don't wait to purchase your card.

You can give the card as a gift or keep it for yourself. You have a whole year to use it. What a great way to stretch your shopping dollars this holiday season while shopping local!

To purchase gift cards, review the card guidelines, and see the list of participating businesses check out this website https://dover-de.yiftee.com/explore-businesses once the card sale goes live on November 21st! Then, let the shopping begin!



Special Feature

Welcome Kelsi Kiper!



The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome our newest team member, Kelsi Kiper. Kelsi has joined us to serve as our Coordinator of Legislative Affairs. She will serve alongside lobbyists, Scott Kidner (VP Legislative Affairs) and Dina Vendetti (Chamber Presidents) to ensure that the Central Delaware Business Community remains at the forefront of conversations surrounding legislation. Kelsi will be working part-time to help with coordinating meetings of the Legislative Affairs Committee, sending emails to keep businesses in the loop, updating our Legislation Tracker, and preparing statements for hearings and other meetings with legislators.

Originally from Texas, Kelsi brings a contagious positive energy and her experiences in advocacy, public leadership, and education will serve her well in this new role. While awaiting approval for this position, Kelsi assisted the Chamber as an amazing volunteer at several events. Through these experiences she has learned a great deal about our mission and has gotten to know several of our members. Now, we are thrilled to have her officially on board!

Outside of work, Kelsi is a military spouse. Her husband, Noah Coger works in Public Affairs at the Air Force Medical Examiner's System. Noah, Kelsi, and their son, Wyatt love traveling and stand ready to experience whatever family adventures await them!

We are excited to get to know Kelsi and her family more as she joins our team and we are excited for all that is to come. Kelsi, too, has shared, "I'm so excited to learn more and dive into advocating for businesses in our community!"

Please join the CDCC to welcome Kelsi to the team!

Member News

CDCC Members Put on the Glitz with Galas

Throughout the year, the dedicated businesses and organizations of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) host a vibrant lineup of gatherings that honor local achievements and strengthen the fabric of our community. This past October was no exception. These shared experiences do more than just mark a date on the calendar. They build lasting connections, raise funds to support community giving, and spotlight the hard work behind every local success story.

Here's a behind the scenes look at a few of these celebrations...

NEIGHBORGOOD PARTNERS – 50th Anniversary Celebration

On October 8, 2026, NeighborGood Partners celebrated 50 years of impact across Delmarva with a memorable anniversary gala at King Cole Farm in Dover.

The evening brought together nearly 250 community leaders, partners, supporters, staff, and friends to reflect on five decades of service and the organization's continued commitment to affordable housing, economic opportunity, and community development.

Guests enjoyed an evening of reflection, inspiring stories, and celebration, featuring keynote speaker Stuart Comstock-Gay, President and CEO of the Delaware Community Foundation, and special guest Lissa Brutus, Ms. Black Delaware USA 2026. Heartfelt customer stories highlighted the real impact of NeighborGood Partners' programs, while the Joe Baione Vibraphone Experience provided live entertainment throughout the evening.

The celebration also honored the organization's journey from its beginnings as National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor Research Fund, Inc. (NCALL) in 1976 to the NeighborGood Partners of today, recognizing the dedicated individuals, partnerships, and communities that have shaped its legacy.

As NeighborGood Partners looks toward its next 50 years, its mission remains rooted in helping families, businesses, and neighborhoods thrive. Here's to 50 years of impact and the many possibilities still ahead!

Explore our 50-year history at www.neighborgoodpartners.org/history.

BIGGS MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART - Cirque du Surreal: An Evening of Art, Imagination, and Community

On Saturday, October 17, 2026 the Biggs Museum of American Art transformed into a world of wonder for Cirque du Surreal, a major fundraising celebration bringing together art, imagination, and community in the heart of Downtown Dover.

Inspired by the fantastical imagery and circus motifs featured in the Museum's current exhibition, Before Words: The Art of Peter Paone, the evening invited guests to step inside the artist's extraordinary imagination. Attendees embraced the surreal through bold, creative attire while enjoying an immersive atmosphere filled with whimsical characters, unexpected encounters, and captivating performances.

A highlight of the evening was a spectacular collaboration between the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts and the Circus Opera Company. Through breathtaking acrobatics and theatrical artistry, performers brought the imaginative figures and playful spirit of Paone's work to life.

Beyond the spectacle, Cirque du Surreal celebrated the community whose generosity makes the Museum's mission possible. Proceeds from the event support ongoing operations, exhibitions, and educational programming, helping The Biggs remain a vibrant destination for creativity and connection.

The Biggs extends its heartfelt gratitude to its sponsors, supporters, and guests for making this unforgettable evening possible and for championing the arts in Downtown Dover.

For more information about exhibits, events and programs at The Biggs, please visit their website at www.thebiggsmuseum.org.

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Jeanine Kleimo, NeighborGood Partners' first Executive Director, joins current CEO Karen Speakman during the organization's 50th Anniversary Celebration, honoring five decades of leadership and community impact.



Stuart Comstock-Gay, President and CEO of the Delaware Community Foundation, delivers the keynote address during NeighborGood Partners' 50th Anniversary Celebration at King Cole Farm in Dover.



Event attendees of the Biggs Museum Gala enjoy dinner under a circus tent.



Lissa Brutus, Ms. Black Delaware USA 2026, addresses guests as a special guest speaker during NeighborGood Partners' 50th Anniversary Celebration.



Nearly 250 community leaders, partners, supporters, staff, and friends gathered at King Cole Farm in Dover on October 8, 2026, to celebrate NeighborGood Partners' 50th Anniversary and five decades of strengthening communities across Delmarva.



Creative attire was encouraged for the Biggs Museum Gala.

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DELAWARE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Gourmet Gala

Delaware Technical Community College's premier fundraising event, the Gourmet Gala, took place Saturday, October 24, 2026 welcoming more than 300 guests to the Terry Campus in Dover.

True to the event's "Sip, Savor, and Stroll" theme, guests explored a variety of food and beverage offerings throughout the Terry Campus, including culinary demonstrations and delicious dishes prepared by Delaware Tech's talented Culinary Arts team. Local sponsors added to the evening's experience by showcasing handcrafted cocktails, local brews, and specialty bites.

The evening also featured live entertainment by The Creative Jazz Ensemble, Mike Hines & the Look, and local guitarist, Nancy Curry, along with exciting live and silent auctions.

The Gourmet Gala brought together local businesses, sponsors, alumni, and friends of the College for a memorable celebration in support of Delaware Tech students. Proceeds will help fund scholarships, educational opportunities, and additional financial assistance that make a difference in students' lives. Delaware Tech extends its sincere thanks to the many supporters and volunteers who made this year's event possible.

Save the Date! The 2027 Gourmet Gala will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2027, at Delaware Tech's Terry Campus in Dover. They look forward to welcoming the community back for another special evening celebrating student success!

Stay in touch with Delaware Tech by visiting them online at www.dtcc.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Autism Delaware Snowflake Soirée

Friday, December 2, 2026, 7 – 11 p.m., Rehoboth Beach Convention Center

Embrace the season at this Autism Delaware at their enchanting Snowflake Soirée. Step into a winter wonderland filled with lively music, delicious local flavors, and magical moments – all while supporting individuals and families touched by autism. More information at www.autismdelaware.org/ways-to-give/snowflake-soiree.

• 13th Annual Friends of Delaware Veterans Fundraising Dinner

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 6 – 9 p.m., Modern Maturity Center, Dover

The evening will begin with local high school Junior ROTC color guard, national anthem, opening prayer by a three-time Purple Heart recipient, welcoming remarks by host, DJ, and comradery with veterans and guests. Dinner will include a wonderful meal and dessert, specially selected entertainment, a keynote speaker raised in a divided Berlin, with Russian socialism imposed on East Germany. Net proceeds will benefit the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, administered by the Delaware Office of Veterans Services. Contact Dave Skocik for tickets at 414-208-4028 or dskocik@aol.com.

Additional event information can be found on the CDCC Calendar of Events at www.cdcc.net/events.



Performers from the Philadelphia School of Circus Acts and the Circus Opera Company wowed the crowd at the Biggs Gala.



Guests of the Delaware Tech Gourmet Gala enjoy a cocktail making demonstration in the Terry Building.



Delaware Tech Culinary Arts students serve guests under the Tasting Tent.



Mike Hines & the Look gets the crowd up and dancing in the Del-One Conference Center for the Delaware Tech Gourmet Gala.

Special Feature

The Holiday Shopping Season is Off & Running!

On the evening of Friday, October 16, 2026, the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) presented its 23rd Annual Holiday Gift Auction. CDCC members, friends, guests, and Central Delaware's public were invited to celebrate this merry kick-off to the holiday shopping season by placing their bids on more than 100 unique items donated by our always-generous members. The Friday night event was a sensational success bringing in a large and spirited crowd to enjoy the festive vibe, casual networking, and friendly competitive bidding on the auction items.

This mixer-style event was hosted by the gracious staff of the Delaware Agricultural Museum. We thank them so much for once again opening this beautifully expansive venue for this event, not to mention all the advance setup and closing teardown that they took care of. Guests had baskets full of fun browsing and bidding on the unique collection of silent auction items to get their holiday shopping season off to a successful start. Then, they had even MORE fun watching and raising their paddles during the 3 live auctions. It's always exciting to see the friendly competition that goes on between the bidders.

All proceeds from this event go to help support YOUR local chamber as we offer events and programs to aid in the business development of CDCC members and Central Delaware as a whole. Through the funds raised with your help, the CDCC can continue to provide programs, networking events, educational activities, and many other services that members can rely on to help them grow their businesses here in Central Delaware. To that we say, "Thank YOU!" Thank you for showing up, donating, sharing, bidding, and enjoying yourselves with us. We hope you had a wonderful time connecting with your local community and felt encouraged to continue shopping small this holiday season!

The CDCC would like to thank our 2026 Holiday Gift Auction donors, who make this event possible. Silent auction item donors include: A to Z Insurance, A-FAB Property Professionals, Artisans' Bank, Bally's Dover Casino Resort, Barbara & Paul Steele, BBSI, Brian & Heather Stetina, Bright Side Roofing, Caribbean Bush Tea, CenDel Foundation, Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity, Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, Chick's Saddlery, City of Dover - Mayor Robin Christiansen, CNU Fit LLC, Crumbl Dover, DASEF - Delaware Aero Space Education Foundation, Delaware Agricultural Museum, Delaware Hospice, Inc., Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation – DEMEC, Delaware Shoppes, Delaware State Parks – DNREC, Delaware State Police Museum, Delaware Technical Community College, Del-One Federal Credit Union, Dover/Kent MPO, Dover Federal Credit Union, Dover Motor Speedway, Dover Pools, Dover Skating Center, Energize Delaware, Faw Casson, FCCB - First Citizens Community Bank, Fifer's Farm Store & Kitchen, First State Webfooters Walking Club, Forrest Avenue Animal Hospital, G. Fedale Roofing & Siding, Hampton Inn – Milford, Harrington Raceway & Casino, Hearth Bar & Grille in the Hilton Garden Inn Dover, Holy Cross High School, Home Instead 179 (RRW, Inc.), i.g. Burton Auto Group, Jonathan's Landing, Kent County Levy Court, Kivioja, Shockley &

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Live auction donors include: Avelo Airlines, Daily State News, B.I.G. Investment Services, Dean and Terry Blaha (LCD Class of 2004), Brighton Suites Hotel, Eye Specialists of Delaware, Harvest Ridge Winery, Janie Libby, Roma Italian Restaurant, Sayers Jewelers & Gemologists, Don Sloan, Colonel, USAF Reserve (retired), Dr. Rachael Speaking, Training, Coaching LLC, and Dr. Dina Vendetti.

The CDCC would like to especially thank our Premier Sponsors: the City of Dover and M&T Bank, for their impactful support in bringing this event to the community. Thank you to "Going, Going, Gone" Check-out Sponsor Artisans' Bank. Live Auction Sponsor Shore United Bank, and "Let's Make a Deal" Sponsors Del-One Federal Credit Union and Hilton Garden Inn. Your support helped to bring this festive gathering to life.

In addition, a big "thank you" to Bob and Diane Laird for donating the "Cottage by the Bay" Rock Hall Maryland Getaway prize for this year's Holiday Gift Auction Special Raffle.

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Special thanks also go out to auctioneer Steve Harrell for his professional and playful management of the live auction, Top Spin Productions for their impressive job spinning our favorite tunes and providing sound support throughout the evening, and to culinary experts from The Catering Company for the delicious and beautifully presented cuisine. Plus, we appreciate all the extra help we received from these volunteers: Angela Ceballos, Amy Muchenberger and Ericka Thomas with Wattay Accounting, Judy Diogo, Kate Greene from IMD4, Kathy Jordan, and the Leadership Central Delaware Class of 2027.

Lastly, thank you to all our attendees this year. It was so fulfilling to be together with the community we love the most – YOU! This event is special because of you and your dedicated engagement and support of the CDCC. We can't wait to see what next year's event brings – Happy Holiday Season Everyone! Cheers to many more years of shopping/supporting local at the CDCC's Annual Holiday Gift Auction!

















Special Feature

Capital Holiday Celebration Welcomes Santa with Song

Yes, Santa Claus is coming to town, and we can't wait to greet him at the highly anticipated Annual Capital Holiday Celebration! This festive, fun-filled event for the whole family is taking place on Thursday evening, December 3rd, from 5 to 8 p.m., on Loockerman Street in Downtown Dover. The City of Dover is always excited to offer an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate the holidays with their loved ones. All are invited to join in the fun! This free event is open to the public, no registration required.

This joyful community gathering marks the beginning of the City's seasonal activities by filling everyone with the holiday spirit. The evening's festivities will include local school groups from the Dover High School Select Ensemble, Salvation Army Youth Timbrels, South Dover Elementary School Chorus, Towne Point Chorus, and Wesley Preschool & Playcare, who will perform special holiday musical selections. Local dignitaries and the community will be invited to sing along for "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." In addition to the musical performances and caroling, a special ceremony led by Mayor Christiansen will light up Loockerman Street and the City's tree.

Expect a variety of activities and treats for the kids and adults to bring smiles to many chilly faces including free and delicious cookies provided by Hilton Garden Inn Dover and yummy hot chocolate provided by the Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity (both while supplies last).

The Dover Public Library will offer clever make & take holiday-themed kids' crafts. Plus, two exciting Nutcracker Ballet dance demonstrations presented by The Delaware Ballet (5:15 p.m.) and the Conservatory Ballet Theatre of Dover Dancers (5:40 p.m.) will take place in the reading circle in front of the Library. Don't miss this sneak peek of everyone's favorite holiday dance performance!

Across Loockerman Street from the Library, Wesley United Methodist Church will bring the Christmas story to life with their annual living nativity. Visitors will be transported back in time, witnessing the humble scene of Jesus's birth in a stable made vivid by the presence of dedicated volunteer performers and the nativity animals. This simple performance provides a moment of quiet reflection, drawing community members away from the bustle of the holidays to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Kent County Tourism will bring their Explorer Van to the merry gathering to inform everyone of all the amazing holiday and year-round activities that are happening right here in Kent County. Check it out, and let's all make a New Year's resolution to be a tourist in our own community in 2027!

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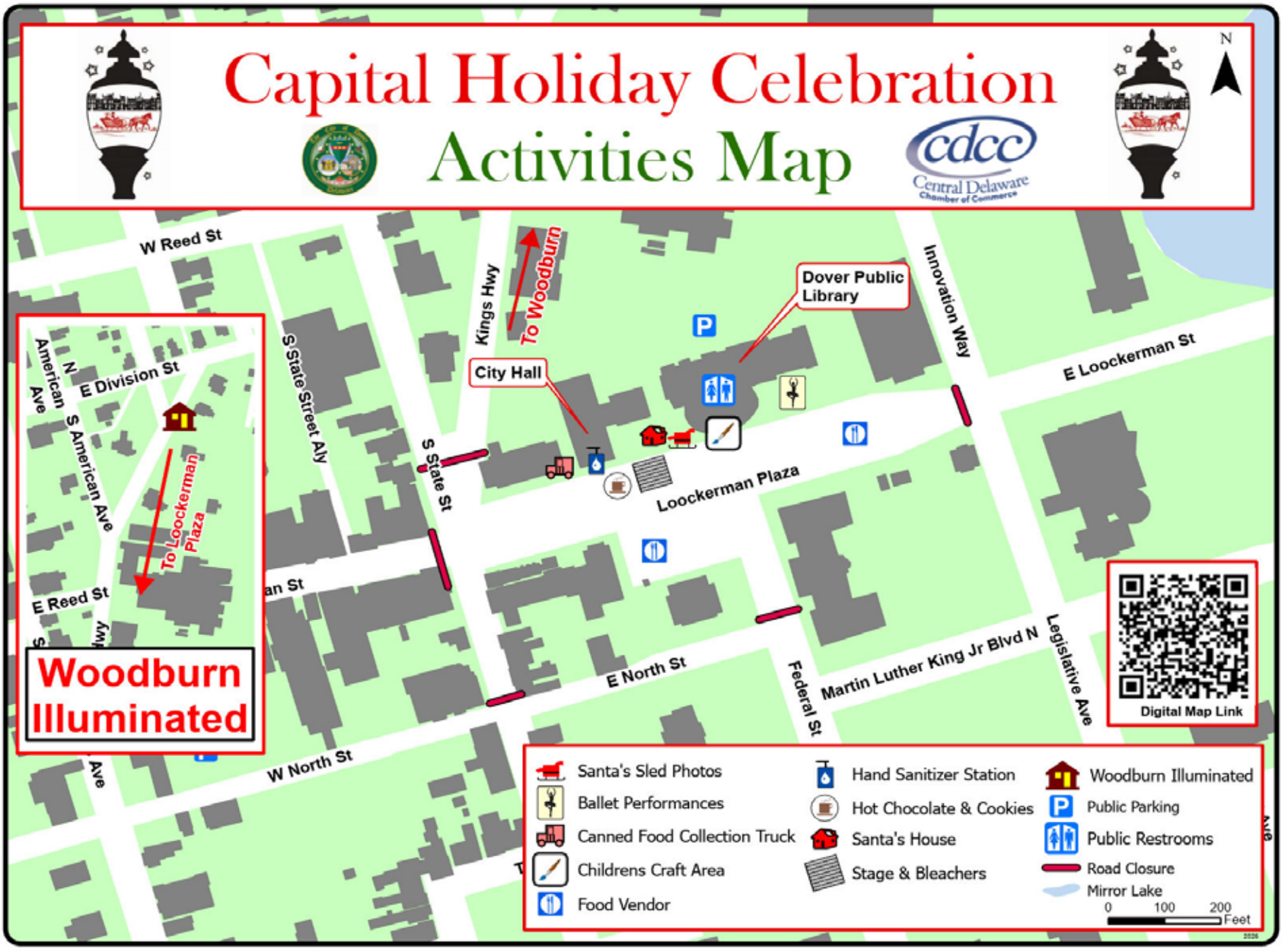








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Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the Wesley United Methodist Church Christmas Café located in the Grace Fellowship Hall, the House of Coffi, or from a selection of participating food trucks including Southern Bowl, Travelin' Tom's Coffee of Dover, and Woody's on Wheels. You'll be able to enjoy a hot drink, grab a snack or even take dinner home with you. Yummy!

Be sure to keep your eyes, ears, and cameras ready for a visit from everyone's favorite jolly elf, Santa! He will arrive by fire truck when he hears everyone singing his favorite song, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Good girls and boys are invited to write and bring their letters addressed to Santa with them to the celebration. There will be a special mailbox in the Dover Library to drop off your letter that will be delivered directly to the North Pole well ahead of the big day.

In addition to getting some special pics of Santa's appearance, there will be a festive wooden Christmas sleigh displayed as the perfect photo op for the evening. These sleigh snapshots are an annual family tradition for many, so don't miss your chance to start your own collection.

Community members are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the event for the food drive to benefit local pantries. There will be a truck in front of the Dover City Hall to accept all donations. This year has been especially challenging for our local food pantries, so please pick up some extra non-perishable food items and bring them with you to help provide food for our neighbors in need this holiday season.

Mark your calendars today to gather your family and friends and bundle up with your local community as we celebrate the start of the joyful season of giving here in the heart of the First State – Downtown Dover!

Be sure to grab the Bay to the Beach Holiday publication provided by the Daily State News that includes the schedule and carols for the evening, plus plenty of other local holiday happenings. You'll find it in front of City Hall.

This event would not be possible without the team effort of several important organizations: The City of Dover, City of Dover Parks & Recreation, Daily State News, Dover Public Library, Downtown Dover Partnership, and of course, your CDCC. Thank you to them all for helping make this event a success again this year and showing support for the community!

Note that Loockerman Street will be closed from 4 to 8 p.m., from Legislative Avenue to State Street, creating a "safe zone" for pedestrians. This amazing event is just the beginning of the festive fun season in Central Delaware. Be sure to check out the CDCC's events calendar at www.cdcc.net for more events to keep you in the holiday spirit all month long. We will be excited to see all of you at this merry, family-friendly, opener to the holiday season – Happy Holidays!

Special Feature

Economic Forecast Breakfast Save the Date – January 13th

Did you know that we will be saying "goodbye" to 2026 in less than 60 days?!?! The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) is grateful for all the great days that we have spent with you so far this year, but we are also excited to see what 2027 will bring to us all.

With our eyes on the next year and beyond, the CDCC will welcome the new year with our Annual Economic Forecast Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th, from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. at The Looking Glass at Polytech, 823 Walnut Shade Rd., Woodside, Delaware. This event, brought to you by B.I.G. Investment Services, is a must-attend for business professionals, entrepreneurs, and community leaders who want to navigate the changing tides of Central Delaware's market. Join us for an insightful morning as we unveil the economic projections that could shape Central Delaware's future. This is an amazing way to start your 2027 business calendar!

Guests can expect to hear from a panel of experts whose expertise is economic endeavors. They will each focus on one economic area: the local community, the state, or the nation. These knowledgeable specialists will provide valuable insights into economic trends, challenges, and opportunities that affect our region. During the program, there will be time to ask questions of the speakers. Make time now to begin thinking about your 2027 New Year financial resolutions and the questions you might have for this team of experts. They can share valuable insight to help set up your business for a successful year. Watch for more details, as the list of speakers is confirmed.

Prior to the program, guests will be able to meet with fellow prominent leaders of the Central Delaware and State of Delaware community. You'll be able to connect with fellow business professionals, industry leaders, and potential partners who share your vision for Central Delaware's economic success. This event is a superb networking event for all business professionals looking to make 2027 the best economic year for themselves, both personally and professionally, so don't forget to bring plenty of business cards.

In addition to the wealth of knowledge that you'll receive at the Economic Forecast, you'll enjoy a delectable breakfast prepared by Skyline Catering to energize you for the day.

We all understand that economic forecasts are predictions and there is room for error even with the most educated assumptions. They can, however, demonstrate for us the general direction in which the economy is moving – and that can be very helpful. We look forward to seeing you at this event where we can all learn pertinent information about our region's financial health which will help to inform our fiscal decisions for the year to come!

Mark your calendar today and be part of the conversation that will shape the way we approach business in the New Year. Registration is now open. Tickets are $30 each for CDCC members, and $40 each for non-members. Register now for Wednesday, January 13th from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. for the CDCC's Annual Economic Forecast Breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information or to register, visit www.cdcc.net/events or call 302-734-7513.









Special Feature

Bayhealth Residents Tour the Gems of Kent County

On September 25th, Dr. Vendetti had the unique pleasure of spending the day with the newest Bayhealth Internal Medicine Residents. They met early in the morning at La Baguette French Bakery to begin a special day of touring around Kent County and visiting some of the unique gems of Kent County.

Each year, Bayhealth welcomes new arrivals into their Graduate Medical Education program. These residents come from all over the country and the world to study medicine here in the First State. Some come to the area alone; others bring their families. While they are here, they are very much a part of our community.

As the "opportunity hub" of the Central Delaware business community, we very much want to get these newest members of our community connected to all we have to offer. We want them to enjoy their time here in the mid-Atlantic – and we want them to feel at home here. In fact, we'd love it if, at the end of their residency experience, they would consider making this their home!

After enjoying some breakfast goodies, our residents had the opportunity to meet Anita Wheeler-Bezy, owner and operator of La Baguette, and hear all about the bakery business and the story of this hot-spot on Governor's Avenue. They were really engaged in the story of La Baguette and happy to know that all those tasty treats are just around the corner from the hospital!

With full bellies and broad smiles, the residents boarded a school bus and headed for Dover's Air Mobility Command Museum. We learned upon arrival at the museum that this was the very first school bus ride ever for about 6 of the residents. They happily marked this momentous occasion with a photo!

The residents were warmly greeted at the museum by Mike Hulbert, the AMC Museum's Operations Manager. Mike took them through a brief Air Mobility Command 101 and shared a video outlining the mission of Dover Air Force Base. As they walked through the museum and heard the stories, they were astonished at this collection of American history and its significance. They had the opportunity to board a C-5 and actually feel the size of that incredible machine and learn more about its capabilities; They were also given a chance to experience the museum's 9/11 Memorial Garden. Our distinguished visitors left the museum with wide eyes and promises to return to this Kent County gem soon with their families!

The next adventure of the day was a stop at Fifer's Farm Store & Kitchen for some Fall fun. They enjoyed a wagon tour of the farm guided by Jessica Doran, the farm's CSA Director and Events Coordinator, and Karissa Mann, Fifer's U-Pick and U-Play manager. They had a delicious farm to table lunch, got a chance to shop in the farm store, and even had some fun trying out activities in the Fall Fest U-Play area!

From Fifer's, our school bus made the quick trip to Tre Sorelle Dolce Ice Cream & Mini Golf, where owner, Mike Marasco greeted the group, talked about all the activities that happen at the parlor and on the golf course, and treated the residents to a fun round of miniature golf – a fun first-time activity for many! The visit to Tre Sorelle Dolce ended, of course, with a delicious ice cream treat!

The last stop on our tour this year was at Legislative Hall for a special tour of the building by Senator Eric Buckson. Sen. Buckson did a great job of helping the residents experience "The People's House." They learned a good bit about what goes on in that impressive building – and got a taste of some of the history that resides there as well. As always, Sen. Buckson took time to learn about the residents as well as he encouraged them to consider making a life right here in Central Delaware.

This tour day was a wonderful experience for all involved! The residents had an opportunity to learn more about what's available in our beautiful county, had time to have some fun with each other and get to know each other even better, and consider what life is like here in Central Delaware. Our tour guides and hosts had a great time getting to know this group of bright, inquisitive, passionate doctors from all over the world. And Central Delaware enjoyed an opportunity to shine as light was shed on just a few of the many gems that call this region home.

We'd like to express a big thank you to all our tour guides, hosts, and everyone else who worked hard to welcome this year's group of first-year internal medicine residents.





















Special Feature

CDCC Announces List of Specials for Holiday Shopping Promo

The Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) kicks off the holiday shopping season every year with our Holiday Gift Auction. As you will read in this edition of the Chamber Connections newspaper, this year's Auction was another huge success. Now, it's time to kick the holiday shopping season up another notch!

The CDCC is again partnering this year with a group of our retail members for a special promotion, "Shop Your Hometown." This promotion is designed to encourage our community to visit local businesses first while shopping during the holiday season, and even all year long.

We are excited to share that both the City of Dover and the Delaware Division of Small Business (DSB) have jumped onboard as sponsors for this year's promotion. "Small businesses are the heart of our communities, creating jobs, supporting local families, and strengthening Delaware's economy," DSB Deputy Director Jaimie Watts shared. "As we celebrate the holiday season, we encourage everyone to shop small and support the local entrepreneurs who help make Delaware a great place to live, work, and do business."

The CDCC's "Shop Your Hometown" promotion starts on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, when many people start their holiday shopping and are on the hunt for big savings. It will continue through the holiday season based on the dates of their individual holiday promotions and sales events.

Here's the list of the participating retailers and their special offers:

Shop Your Hometown Central Delaware

• Caribbean Bush Tea - 15% off your purchase Black Friday through December 19th.

• Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity ReStore - "12 Days of Christmas discounts" start in December!

• Chick's Saddlery - Black Friday Weekend Only: 20-40% off! Pick an Ornament to Reveal your discount! Savings continue through Christmas.

• Delaware Shoppes – Weekly specials start Nov. 27th and run through December. 10% Discount for CDCC Members.

• Fifer's Farm Store & Kitchen - Shop the Farm Store for local gifts, apples, apple cider, fall veggies & more. Saturday events include farm animals, horseback rides, bonfires, apple cannons, and Donuts with Santa (reservations required).

• Harvest Ridge Winery - Black Friday: Buy 2 bottles, get select bottle for $1. Saturday: Harvest Ridge Bucks: Spend $50, get $10 to use in January. Black Friday to New Years: Bring in a nonperishable item, get glass of wine for $5.

• Jen-Mor Florist - Gift with Purchase for all in-store purchases Black Friday through December, while supplies last.

• Knights Fine Jewelry Ltd. - December 5th - Free battery day. One per person. Free gift wrap all season long.

• La Baguette French Bakery - Specialty breads, sandwiches, pastries, and coffee! Ask for the "C'est Si Bon" discount & receive a FREE baguette with any purchase while supplies last – Black Friday and every Saturday until Christmas!

• Sayers Jewelers & Gemologists, Inc. - Every purchase through Dec. 24th enters you to win a weekly gift card. Complimentary gift wrapping all season long.

• Sha Scrubz & Apparel - 20% off Scrubs and $10 surgical caps through Dec. 19th!

• The House of Coffi - Door prizes and holiday drink discounts from Black Friday throughout December

In addition to these special, each business will have a limited supply of branded kraft shopping bags and stickers available for their customers.

The CDCC sends a big thanks to the participating retailers for their enthusiasm and holiday spirit. Also, thank you to again to our "Shop Your Hometown" sponsors: the City of Dover and the Division of Small Business, and media sponsors: the Daily State News and Southern Delaware Explorer. Their support of this holiday promotion allows us to expand the promotional marketing and boost sales for our local retail community.

Stay tuned to our website at www.cdcc.net, our weekly e-newsletters and social media channels or call the Chamber office at 302-734-7513 for more details on this promotion. You can also find an extensive list of local businesses to shop anytime of the year on our website under the "Find a Business" link.





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The City of Dover Delaware









HOLIDAY PARTY

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Friese at 302-734-7513 or cfriese@cdcc.net.

A special thank you to Joe and Kristin Garramone and the whole Roma team for their warm hospitality and for serving as our hosts for the evening. Be sure to share a hearty holiday wish with them.

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and we look forward to celebrating the holidays with you on Tuesday, December 8th, at Roma Italian Restaurant from 5 - 7:30 p.m.! *For more information or to register for the Holiday Party, please call the CDCC today at 302-734-7513 or register online at www.cdcc.net/events under the Calendar of Events section.*

SUNSET BUSINESS MIXER

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welcoming accommodations that await you at the Hilton Garden Inn Dover and their amazing restaurant and bar.

As many of you know, the Sunset Business Mixers provide a great opportunity for you and your guests to spend time together at the end of a workday in a casual setting, collecting qualified leads, and making business partnerships and connections to last long after the night is over. Be sure to bring your business cards to share with other attendees and to enter to win door prizes and the Member of the Month drawing! Also, don't forget to bring cash for the 50/50 raffle and hopefully leave with more cash than was in your pocket when you walked in the door!

The CDCC cannot wait to see our Central Delaware community mixing and mingling with like-minded individuals to grow Central Delaware and have fun while doing it! One truly never knows who you might meet at a CDCC Sunset Business Mixer. Let this mixer be your opportunity to get off your computer, out from behind your desk and make some new business connections.

Large and small employers – don't forget to invite your employees to attend this mixer, as your membership includes your entire team! Plus, feel free to bring a business guest that you think might be interested in becoming a member. We would love to talk to them and share the long list of benefits available to our members! Plus, if your guest signs up to become a member, you'll receive a $50 discount on your membership dues for a total of $200 in one year! Woo hoo!

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 18th, from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Dover for the November Sunset Business Mixer! *To register for the Sunset Business Mixer, please contact the CDCC office at 302-734-7513. You can also sign up online at www.cdcc.net by clicking on the Calendar of Events.*

CDCC Savings CLUB

With a variety of discounts offered by Chamber members, this card goes right on your key fob, so you'll always have it with you. It features discounts on everything from automotive to retail to personal services and more. As a business member, offer a discount and increase your foot traffic with fellow Chamber members! Your participation also includes a NEW sticker to put at your register or on your door to alert shoppers to be sure to use their card when shopping with your business. Contact us today to add your discount to the list: 302-734-7513.



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Ribbon Cuttings

CDCC Hosts Ribbon Cutting for Dover Federal Credit Union

DOVER, DE – On Friday, October 23, 2026, the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) hosted a Ribbon-Cutting Celebration for the Grand Opening of the new Dover Federal Credit Union (DFCU) Financial Center located at 225 Saulsbury Road in Dover. Chamber members, local dignitaries and clients joined CEO Janell Upton, and the DFCU Board of Directors, their Executive Team, and the entire Branch team to cut the ceremonial red ribbon and open their newly transformed branch featuring a new, state-of-the-art Financial Center. Event attendees enjoyed a beautifully catered brunch with live music, tours of the impressive Financial Center, and a take-home boxed gift of clever and useful branded swag.

While this branch location has been a staple in the community, DFCU has transformed it into a modern Financial Center featuring expanded access to Commercial Services, Real Estate, Financial Planning, and Investment Services, while still supporting the everyday banking and lending needs of the community. A new community room will also host their popular financial education seminars, as well as other events.



For over half a century, Dover Federal Credit Union has been a premier financial partner, providing economic empowerment for Delaware residents and businesses. As a not-for-profit financial cooperative, they are committed to empowering our community through affordable checking, savings, and lending solutions. This includes providing comprehensive financial education for all age groups and ensuring accessible financial services for individuals and small businesses.

Recognized as the Best Credit Union by the Stars of Delaware and the Community's Choice First State Favorite Awards programs, DFCU contributes to providing financial strength and stability for the residents within the state, reflected in their efforts to educate and inspire members along their financial journeys through equitable financial services.

The DFCU is extremely involved in the Central Delaware community and believes that together we can do more. When asked about their community involvement, AVP of Marketing Deb Jewell replied, "We are thrilled to support non-profits, our schools, charities, and organizations that empower the well-being of those who live, work and worship in Central Delaware and throughout the state. It's not about a handout, but a hand up."

Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to celebrate their Cornerstone Partner Dover Federal Credit Union and their continued success in the community!

Anyone interested in learning more about Dover Federal Credit Union, their new Financial Center, and the services they offer can visit their Saulsbury Road branch, find them online at www.doverfcu.com, or call 302-678-8000.

CDCC Celebrates Dover YMCA with Ribbon Cutting

DOVER, DE – On Tuesday, October 27, 2026, the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce (CDCC) was energized to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Dover YMCA to celebrate the completion of their newly renovated fitness floor, the latest in a series of facility improvements designed to enhance member experience and strengthen their impact in the community. Community Executive Director John Rice, members of the YMCA Delaware Senior Leadership team and Board Members, and the Dover YMCA members and staff were joined by community partners, local dignitaries, and Chamber members to cut the ceremonial red ribbon at their 1137 South State Street location in Dover.

In addition to the ribbon cutting, event attendees enjoyed light refreshments, guest passes, giveaways, plus they were offered a tour of the renovated fitness space to see the new equipment in action. The day also included a community potluck lunch known as "Crocktoberfest" which offered everyone the chance to share a meal and enjoy fellowship with their Central Delaware neighbors.

The Dover YMCA is a vital part of the Kent County community, strengthening families and creating opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to thrive. Through youth development programs, childcare, summer camp, swimming lessons, healthy living initiatives and financial assistance, the Y helps children build confidence, families access essential resources, and individuals improve their health and well-being. By bringing people together, fostering connections, and ensuring cost is not a barrier to participation, the Dover YMCA continues to make a lasting impact across Kent County, helping build a stronger, healthier, and more connected community for all.



The renovated wellness floor is more than an updated fitness space, this renovation represents an investment in the YMCA's broader mission of strengthening community through healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility. While the new space provides members with modern amenities and state-of-the-art equipment, it also supports the YMCA's ongoing work to address critical community challenges, including chronic disease, social isolation, and gaps in access to opportunities for health and well-being.

Kent County is a critical place for the YMCA to serve, connecting families and individuals to essential resources, enriching programs, and opportunities to thrive. As the community continues to grow and evolve, the Dover YMCA helps ensure residents have access to affordable childcare, youth development, healthy living programs, and meaningful connections that strengthen the entire community.

John said it best, "At the Dover YMCA, we are more than a gym. We are a place where people build relationships, find belonging, improve their health, and access opportunities that strengthen both individuals and the community as a whole."

Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to celebrate Dover YMCA and their newly renovated fitness floor and their amazing work in the community!

Anyone interested in learning more about the Dover YMCA can call 302-346-9622 or visit them online at www.ymcade.org.

Member Spotlight

Say, "Hello!" to Mello's Tax Preparation

For Briana Henriquez, entrepreneurship has always been about more than building a successful business. It is about creating opportunities, educating others, and helping people feel confident about their finances and their future.

Briana is the Founder and CEO of Mello's Tax Preparation LLC, a growing tax and financial services company serving individuals, families, and business owners in Delaware and virtually across all 50 states. Since launching her business in 2019, Briana has worked to create an environment where clients receive professional services while still feeling like they are being taken care of by someone who genuinely knows and cares about them.

Helping people has always come naturally to Briana. Whether she is assisting a family with their tax return, helping an entrepreneur establish a new business, working with someone to improve their credit, or simply answering a question that has been causing a client stress, she finds fulfillment in being a resource for others.

That passion for service extends beyond tax season. Briana believes that building a business also means building relationships. She strives to educate her clients, remain accessible throughout the year, and provide resources that can help individuals and business owners continue moving forward.

Mello's Tax Preparation has continued to expand beyond traditional income tax preparation to better serve the needs of its clients. Services include: Individual & Business Tax Preparation, Federal & State Tax Filing, Tax Preparation in All 50 States, Virtual & In-Person Tax Services, Tax Refund Advance Options, Tax Planning & Consultations, IRS Assistance & Amended Returns, W-4 Assistance, Audit Protection, Credit Repair Services, Business Formation & Startup Assistance, Business Consulting, Bookkeeping Services, Payroll Services, Financial & Business Education, and Year-Round Client Support.

Briana's goal is to continue transforming Mello's Tax Preparation into a year-round resource where individuals and entrepreneurs can access multiple services under one trusted brand.

While entrepreneurship is a major part of Briana's life, she believes it is equally important to make time for the things that allow her to recharge.

On her days off, you may find her reading a good book, painting, relaxing at the beach, or traveling and vacationing whenever she gets the opportunity. She enjoys experiences that allow her to slow down, be creative, spend time with the people she loves, and return to her work feeling refreshed and inspired.

Briana's vision for Mello's Tax Preparation continues to grow. She hopes to expand the company's physical presence, strengthen its year-round financial and business services, grow her team, and continue creating opportunities for other professionals who share her commitment to helping people. Most importantly, she wants Mello's to remain a business where clients never feel like just another number.

For Briana Henriquez, business is personal. Every client served, every relationship built, and every new opportunity represents another step toward the larger vision: building a successful business while helping others build successful futures of their own.



Please join the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce to welcome Mello's Tax Preparation as a new member of the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce!

To learn more about Mello's Tax Preparation visit them online at https://mellowstaxprep.com, or reach out to Briana at 302-569-7749 or bhenriquez.mellostax-prep@gmail.com during regular office hours: M-F 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or S-S 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Hey, New Members!

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Has YOUR BUSINESS been featured in a Spotlight article for the Chamber Connections?

It's easy to do: Answer a few questions, send us your logo and a photo. That's all! We'll take care of the rest!

Email Heather at marketing@cdcc.net to get more details, and the list of questions so you can be featured, too!

Member of the Month



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Del-One Federal Credit Union

Tell us a little about your business/organization: how did it begin; what are your services/products, etc.

Del-One was founded in 1960 and serves the great state of Delaware across 15 different branches and all three counties. We currently employ 209 employees from all walks of life who offer their unique talents and skills to create a culture that makes you proud to wear your Del-One T-shirt as we say. We offer a wide variety of products, from savings and checking accounts, youth accounts, share certificates, mortgages, business accounts, treasury management and a large range of different loan products to meet each member's needs. We pride ourselves on our dedication to our local community through the Del-One foundation where we can continue our long legacy of not only building but giving back.

Tell us about your role in the business/organization:

As a branch manager, I take pride in the opportunity to be my members "person" whether it's daily transactions, a loan application, financial planning for the future or simply an ear to listen, I enjoy the relationships I build with my members and getting to know them and their families. I also have the responsibility of leading my team in our oldest standing branch right in downtown Dover, where we serve some of our longest memberships. I enjoy working with my team to fulfill operational duties, striving to meet goals, and growing together as a team.

Tell us something that makes your business unique:

Our youth membership program is my favorite unique product that Del-One provides to its youngest members. You can be 5 years old coming in with your piggy bank to deposit your birthday money or 16 and getting a debit card for your checking account because you got your first job. It's a program that helps our youth see the value and excitement of savings.

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

For Del-One's future I see a company that will continue to grow by leaps in bounds not just in members but also in products while still holding on to that "small town feel." I believe that no matter how big we get, we will hold tight to our foundation values such as community, integrity, hard work, and above all caring most about how we make others feel.

How has the Chamber helped your business grow?

Del-One and the CDCC has worked hand in hand for over 20 years... way before I started. Del-One is a proud sponsor of many events each year where Chamber members, teammates, and business owners can meet. We provide custom benefit flyers to the Chamber that can be shared via email blast and newsletter, all Chamber members and employees are able to join Del-One, and many Del-One teammates have completed the LCD program.

What is your best advice to other businesses/organizations?

Invest in your people. To see how many resources, time, energy, and money goes into each Del-One teammate is something that I can't honestly put into words, you really have to see it to believe it. At Del-One we are given so many opportunities for growth. Community events, trainings, networking, licensing, mentorship, Ambassadors, all staff training days, and all staff community day are just some of the many opportunities Del-One offers to help better it's teammates. As I said earlier at Del-One "it's how we make other's feel that counts" I take pride in representing a company that invests in its employees, foster professional growth, and continues to support a culture where teammates and members feel valued, supported, and inspired to succeed.

Ambassador's Corner

Jennifer Jurczak



DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Hello, my name is Jennifer Jurczak, and I'm a Business Relations Specialist with the Delaware Department of Labor.

For nearly 25 years, I've worked with Delaware businesses to help them grow and succeed by connecting them with great people and practical workforce solutions. I support employers with services designed to meet their staffing and development goals—whether they're expanding, hiring, or strengthening their teams. We also offer hiring and training incentives on a case-by-case basis, which can help offset costs and support long-term success.

We work with job seekers from all walks of life, with a wide range of skills and education levels—from recent graduates to professionals. Whether a business is hiring for entry-level roles or seeking specialized skills, we help match them with strong candidates and provide tools to support onboarding and retention.

I'm passionate about helping businesses build strong, effective teams. I also enjoy making connections that benefit both employers and job seekers. Even if a solution falls outside what the Department of Labor offers, I'll do my best to point you in the right direction.

As a Chamber ambassador, I love helping new members feel welcome and confident as they get involved. I'm always happy to make introductions, spark conversations, and help people find the connections that matter. If you're seeking support, resources, or introductions, feel free to reach out—I'd love to be part of your success story.

Chamber membership is one of the best ways to grow a business. The relationships, resources, and opportunities it creates are truly valuable—and I'm proud to be part of it.

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RENEWALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 - *THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWAL!*

Company Name	YRS	Company Name	YRS
Jen-Mor Florist	54	Friends of the Duck Creek Regional Library	14
Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Delaware	47	Hampton Inn - Milford	9
Teal Construction, Inc.	42	Delaware Technical Community College - Terry Campus	8
512th Airlift Wing	37	Brighton Suites Hotel	7
Comcast	37	Smyrna School District	7
Del-One Federal Credit Union	33	Delaware Shoppes	6
POLYTECH Adult Education	31	Scouting America - Del-Mar-Va Council	4
C.S. Kidner Associates/Capitol Strategies	26	KenCrest	3
Payroll Management Assistance	23	Club Fitness Dover	2
Taylor & Messick, Inc.	23	Esperanza Events & Consulting LLC	2
WSFS Bank - Camden Branch	21	Meineke Car Care - Smyrna	2
The Emory Hill Companies	19	EOS Worldwide	1
Blue Hen Apts LLC	16	Pole Buildings Unlimited Inc	1
JAYRO INC dba Merry Maids	16	Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers	1
JDM No. 1 Plumbing, LLC	15	S&S Playful Palace	1
Westside Family Healthcare	15	Celtic Legacy Inc dba Sheridan's Irish Pub	1
Delmarva Digital	14		

NEW MEMBERS

Delaware Air National Guard	Joseph Brown	250 S. Main Street	Newark	DE	19711	302-547-0758
SIMON - Dover Mall	Cindy Dunn	1365 N. DuPont Hwy, Ste 5061	Dover	DE	19901	302-579-3717
DPC Emergency Equipment	Richard Strauss	335 Strauss Ave.	Marydel	DE	19964	302-492-1245
Mello's Tax Preparation	Briana Henriquez	435 N DuPont Hwy	Dover	DE	19901	302-569-7749
Prestwick House	Jason Scott	58 Artisan Dr.	Smyrna	DE	19977	800-932-4593
Reins of Honor	Elena Fierro Wise	1699 Harvey Straughn Rd	Townsend	DE	19734	302-218-1463

Congratulations - You're a 10!

We don't have any "10s" this month, but we are proud to share that 16 CDCC members are celebrating 15 or more years of membership in September... all the way up to 54 years!

Woo hoo!

Coffee On Us!

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Tre Sorelle Dolce

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:

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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 October "Coffee on Us" Contest was Jay Davis from the Smyrna School District who correctly identified the photo on the front page the Dover High School Senators Band playing on The Green in Dover. Congratulations, Jay, 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.