



Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

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SCAM ALERT – HEADS UP

Once again, accommodations are receiving incoming calls requesting connection to a guest and providing a name or room number, and sometimes both. When a guest answers the call, they are told it is the front desk and are requested to provide credit card information.

JANUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

January Business After Hours-Wednesday, January 18, 5:00-7:00 PM- Crooked Hammock Brewery, Lewes. See you there!

AWARDS CEREMONY & INSTALLATION OF CHAMBER OFFICERS

An evening of recognizing volunteers, sponsors, and special award winners. Chamber Board of Directors will be installed, including new Board Member, Carrie Lingo, of Jack Lingo Realtor and Board Representative, Vince DiFonzo, of Hyatt Place-Dewey Beach. This sell-out event will take place on **February 16, 2017** at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in downtown Rehoboth Beach. Cocktails at 5PM; dinner/program begin at 6PM – dinner menu to include Roasted Tomato Basil Bisque, Spinach Salad, London Broil Sliced Medium Rare with Wild Mushroom DemiGlace & Frizzled Leeks, Vegetarian 3- Cheese Lasagna with Fresh Vegetables, Ricotta and Mozzarella Cheeses Baked in Sauce Alfredo, Chicken Chesapeake with Lump Crab meat & Fresh Herbs finished with a Creamy Beurre Blanc, Whipped Cheddar Chive Yukon’s, Seasonal Vegetables, Warm Rolls/Butter, Chef’s Choice Assorted Desserts. \$40 dinner fee includes Photo Booth pictures and one balloon for Balloon Pop prize opportunity -- to RSVP, contact Joy at 302-227-2233, ext. 14 or joy@beach-fun.com.

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

FROM CHAMBER MEMBER DELAWARE BREAST CANCER COALITION

The Shining Light Award deadline for nominations has been extended to January 12, 2017! Nominees can be individuals, businesses and healthcare institutions from the Greater Delaware Region who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of early detection and treatment of breast cancer, and have motivated and inspired others to be champions of the cause. Nomination categories are: Spotlight on Philanthropy, Spotlight on Survivorship, Spotlight on Healthcare Delivery and Research and Spotlight on Business. For more information, click here.

SUSSEX COUNTY’S ‘OPEN FOR BUSINESS’ ANNOUNCES FREE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE FOR 2017

Are you an entrepreneur with an idea to start or expand your business? Do you need help navigating through the red tape to get you on the path to success? The Sussex Economic Development Action Committee (SEDAC) invites you to attend a free “Open for Business” workshop any third Thursday of the month, beginning Thursday, January 19 through December 21, 2017 - 8:30 - 10:30 AM at the Sussex County Emergency Operations Center, Delaware Coastal Airport, 21911 Rudder Lane in Georgetown. 2017 marks the sixth year that SEDAC has hosted these free “one stop” business development events. More than 15 professionals from County and State agencies, colleges, etc.attend each week to provide Free business development consultations; Information on State and County licensing and permitting; Financial resources and business coaching; Networking with other business start-ups; Brainstorming with experts. There is no advance reservation required; if you have questions, please contact Bill Pfaff at the Small Business Development Center, 302-856-1555; visit the website at www.sedac-de.org/open.

FROM THE STATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AWARENESS, HUMAN TRAFFICKING COORDINATING COUNCIL

The month of January has been designated to raise awareness of human trafficking in the state of Delaware – the nation’s second fastest growing criminal activity, trailing only drug trafficking. The Chamber will be providing flyers and information to members, and the State Committee on Public Awareness plans to distribute flyers and stickers at Delaware colleges/schools, healthcare facilities, retail establishments, transportation depots and other venues. The public is encouraged to be involved and aware of this lightly quantified and somewhat unknown crime. If you see something, say something – call 888-373-7888.

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