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UPDATE

Upcoming Events This Month

Monday, July 3-Tuesday, July 4

Chamber Office closed for
Independence Day

Wednesday, July 26

Business After Hours
Hosted by the University of Maryland
Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site
See flyer in this newsletter.

**New Chamber Board Chair
Pat Mudd**



At the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Dinner on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, Pat Mudd was welcomed as the Chair of the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Mr. Mudd is the owner of Mudd Engineering, LLC and has been a member of the Chamber Board since 2011. He replaces outgoing 2016-17 Chair Ernie Williams, Community Bank of the Chesapeake.

The Chamber also welcomes incoming Board members Kim Aus (Home2 Suites by Hilton), Chad Day (Servpro of St. Mary's & Calvert), Alan Mattingly (Cedar Point Federal Credit Union), Dr. Steven Michaels (Med-Star St. Mary's Hospital), and John Slaughter (AVIAN LLC).

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From the President's Desk



Summertime!

With kids out of school and warmer weather, this is the time of year for vacations. Don't forget that even if all you have is a day, there are plenty of things to see and do here in St. Mary's County. Chamber members like Sotterley Plantation, Historic St. Mary's City, the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum, Summerseat Farm, the Piney Point Lighthouse, St. Clement's Island Museum, and the Calvert Marine Museum are always worth a visit, and they have special programs and attractions.

If you are looking for other ideas, the St. Mary's County government maintains a website with attractions and events - <https://www.visitstmarysmd.com/>

And speaking of vacations – we have something coming up early next year. Save the dates of March 16–25, 2018. The Chamber is working with Travel Leaders and National Geographic to offer a trip to Peru and Machu Picchu. See page 5 in this newsletter for more information!

Mandatory Paid Leave – The Veto and a State Survey

House Bill No. 1, “Maryland Healthy Working Families Act,” would have required all employers with as few as 15 employees to provide up to five days of paid time off each year for those who work an average of 12 hours or more per week.

In late May Governor Larry Hogan vetoed HB-1, but that does not mean the battle is over. As part of his effort to sustain that veto, the Governor issued an executive order to collect data and information to understand the access workers in Maryland have to paid leave and what burdens and hardships imposing a one size fits all requirement places on businesses.

As part of Gov. Hogan's Executive Order, the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation has opened an eight-question survey to help shape policy on paid leave. You can take the survey here: <http://www.doit.state.md.us/selectsurvey/paidleave#>

The Executive Order also required the formation of a field study to help determine an approach that would be healthier for employers. The governor had proposed his own bill which, among other differences from HB- 1, pushed the minimum number of employees to 50 instead of 15. He plans to introduce emergency legislation at the beginning of the 2018 legislative session to address paid leave.

Beyond taking the survey, if you have any stories or information that might help on this question of mandatory leave please let me know and I will pass it on.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Paul Junge
President/CEO

Member's Press

Community Bank of the Chesapeake Supports Educational Institutions with "Casual For a Cause" Donations



Community Bank of the Chesapeake is excited to announce its support of local educational institutions throughout Annapolis, Southern Maryland and Fredericksburg, Virginia, with funds raised through their Annual Casual for a Cause initiative. Community Bank's Casual for a Cause offers employees a chance to dress business casual for the summer by making a donation. All proceeds raised this year will be donated to local educational organizations that serve Community Bank of the Chesapeake's communities.

"Our Casual for a Cause program is a beloved tradition that helps the bank give back to its community. The cause is supported entirely by contributions from employees, who embrace the spirit of giving year after year," said Diane Hicks, Vice President, Director of Marketing,

Community Bank of the Chesapeake. "We chose to donate to educational institutions this year, as a thank you for all they do for our community. We are honored to contribute to organizations who value education, knowledge and growth."

Casual for a Cause spans from May 1 through September 4, 2017. Employees participate by making a donation, which entitles them to dress business casual for the summer.

Casual for a Cause donations totaled over \$6,500 this year. The Bank will be donating to local educational institutions including Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's County Public Schools in Southern Maryland, the Arc Central Chesapeake Region in Annapolis, Maryland and Stafford Junction in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The selected organizations strive to provide equal opportunities for all to receive quality education, support and the possibility to achieve goals. Through their dedication they provide programs, services and activities that help connect others and build strong individual characters, in order to prepare one for life.



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Dan Parker of Travel Leaders, a Chamber member and world traveler, will be personally escorting this small group adventure along with official G Adventure--National Geographic approved guides.

Save the Date--March 16-25, 2018

**Join us for a Group Presentation to learn more about
this exciting trip!**

Thursday, September 7, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

**Chamber Office
44200 Airport Rd.
California, MD**

**Please register for this presentation at <http://smcchamber.com>
or call 301-737-3001.**

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Chamber Holds 2017 Annual Meeting



The St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce held its 2017 Annual Meeting on June 13th to report to the membership on the accomplishments of the organization over the last 12 months. The 2016-2017 Chair of the Chamber Board of Directors, Ernie Williams (Community Bank of the Chesapeake) conducted the meeting at the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall.

During the course of the evening several individuals were recognized. This year's Chamber Scholarship recipient, Evan Broadhead, graduated from Leonardtown High School and has been accepted at Penn State University where he will study mechanical engineering.

Departing Board members Glen Ives (Sabre Systems, Inc.) and Maria Icaza (Dunkin' Donuts/The Java Group LLC) received certificates of appreciation for their service. This year's recipient of The Kim Cullins Tourism & Hospitality

Award was Carolyn Laray, retired director of the St. Mary's County Tourism Division. Ms. Laray now resides in Arizona and was unable to be present; her award was accepted on her behalf by Andrew Ponti of the Tourism Division.

George Erichsen (St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission), received the Public Servant Award in recognition of his many years of service to St. Mary's County as director of Public Works and Transportation. The Chamber's annual Business Person of the Year award was presented to Kim Oliver (Amelex) in honor of her success both in business and in service to our community.

The incoming Chair of the Board, Pat Mudd (Mudd Engineering, LLC) presented a plaque to departing Board Chair Ernie Williams and introduced the 2017-18 Executive Committee: Dr. Tracy Harris, Chair Elect (College of Southern Maryland); Robbie Loker, 1st Vice Chair (Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc.); Dan Dawson, 2nd Vice Chair (KBRwyle); Jenny Wamsley, Treasurer (Murray, Wamsley & Schrader, LLC); and Ernie Williams, Immediate Past Chair (Community Bank of the Chesapeake).

Thank you to our Corporate Event Sponsors: KBRwyle, Printing Press, Inc., St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development, and SMECO and to our Table Sponsors: Amelex, Cedar Point Federal Credit Union, and Community Bank of the Chesapeake. A special thanks as well to McKay's Fine Foods & Pharmacy for catering the desserts, and to the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary for hosting and catering the event.



From left: Pat Mudd, George Erichsen, Ernie Williams



From left: Paul Junge, Chamber President/CEO, Ernie Williams, Scholarship Recipient Evan Broadhead, Stephanie & LaMar Broadhead



From left: Pat Mudd, Kim Oliver, Ernie Williams

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Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland Holding 5K Fun Run/Walk, September 9th



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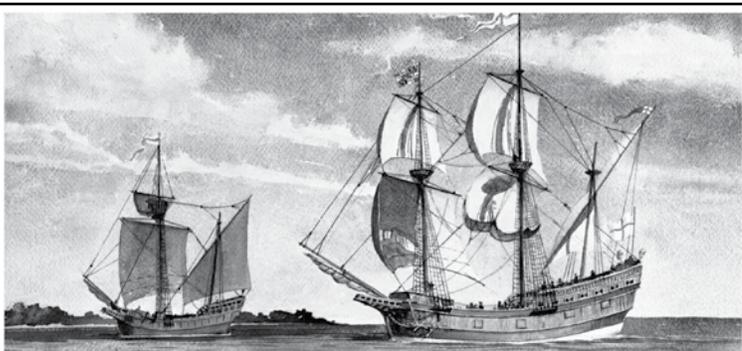
Help us Change Lives and Save Babies while promoting your business! Include your materials in our SWAG BAG for donations up to \$250. Additional opportunities are available.

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland announces the 5th Annual Baby Steps 5K Fun Run/Walk on September 9th 2017. Registration is available now! The race will begin at 9 am at St. Mary's Ryken High School and all activities will conclude by 12 noon. The morning will include activities for children, a "Diaper Dash" children's race, a BBQ lunch and other family fun. The 5K Course begins at St. Mary's Ryken and follows a route down to Leonardtown Wharf and back to the high school. For those who wish to walk on level ground, the high school's track will also be available.

The cost of early registration is \$30 for the 5K or \$10 to walk the track. Registration and additional information can be found online at <http://friendsofncpsm.org/babysteps.php> . Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Organizations wishing to support the event with donations of funds, or goods and services should contact Chrissy Cooney at communicationdir@carenetsomd.org or 301-737-4604 ext. 16 to receive a sponsorship packet.



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The 50/50 raffle was won by Sean Hawk, *Rock Bay, LLC.*

July Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 26

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Hosted by the University of Maryland
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See flyer in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events Next Month

Wednesday, August 23

Business After Hours

Hosted by Holiday Inn Express

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A Taste of St. Mary's

SATURDAY, September 16, 2017

On the Square in Historic Leonardtown



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St. Mary's CDC Completes First Public Art Project in Lexington Park



At the corner of Great Mills Road and Shangri-La Drive/Willows Road the winning "Lexington Park Alive!" mural is complete. This first public art project produced by the St. Mary's County Community Development Corporation follows the corporation's inaugural ArtsPark Cherry Blossom Festival in April.

The CDC's ArtsPark committee, in a juried contest, selected Lyn Wescoe's design from 10 submissions. Three additional submissions have also found homes. Ms. Wescoe's design depicts everything from an Amish buggy, crabs, and jelly fish to the cutting-edge aircraft from Pax River and the sweeping Thomas Johnson Bridge connecting St. Mary's and Calvert counties. The mural follows her design's dramatic black and white portrayal of Lexington Park and its surrounds.

A two-week flurry of activity by local artists and a wide array of community volunteers reproduced the design on the rear of Bank Square Building, beginning with the nighttime projection and tracing of the design on the prepped cinderblock wall.

The 15-foot by 50-foot mural is visible from the busy Great Mills Road intersection, two blocks south of NAS Patuxent River's Gate 2. But already it has drawn patrons off the road and into Mr. Tire's parking lot to take a closer look and to take pictures with the mural as backdrop.

St. Mary's College Professor Carrie Patterson's Public Art Class both opened the flurry of activity with the tracing and helped put the finishes touches on the mural two weeks later. Roz Racanello, CDC's ArtsPark project manager, was the primary artist transferring the design into the mural. She received help from many others, including former St. Mary's County Commissioner President Jack Russell with the painting assistance of Tim Dixon, St. Mary's Arts Council Executive Director Nell Elder, and even a few brush strokes from Lexington Park's County Commissioner Todd Morgan.

In addition to support from St. Mary's CDC, the mural was generously funded by grants from the St. Mary's Arts Council and the Southern Maryland Heritage Area.

The Lexington Park library is additionally supporting two of the design submissions. One appears on the recently opened Little Free Pantry sponsored by the MOMS Club of St. Mary's County and located at the Lexington Park library. A second submission will become a public art display inside the library.

Leonardtowntown's Benjamin Moore, Dyson's Building Center, and Lexington Park Sherwin Williams stores donated the necessary supplies. Cooperation and support from Stevens Construction, Essex South, Earley Properties, and Mr. Tire made production of the mural possible.

In its efforts to bring art into Lexington Park as a revitalization tool, St. Mary's CDC continues to seek additional public art productions and is working to create an ArtsPark from a vacant 35 acres next to the Lexington Park Post Office on Coral Drive.

For more information on public art in Lexington Park contact Viki Volk, President, St. Mary's CDC, viki.volk@md.metrocast.net or voice mail at 301-863-7700.

Member's Press

CSM Partners With Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship New Associate Degree in Maritime Operations Technology Now Offered

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) has established a new partnership with the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship (SHLSS) in Piney Point. Representatives from both of the educational institutions signed a memorandum of understanding about the new relationship at the Piney Point facility June 5.

Students in the one-year apprenticeship program at the SHLSS are training for entry-level positions in the U.S. merchant marine. Starting this fall semester, the partnership with CSM will enable those students to also earn college credit and work toward an associate of applied science degree in Maritime Operations Technology, with an option of a degree in either nautical science or marine engineering. Under this new partnership, CSM will provide the general education courses and SHLSS will provide the technical courses.

"I thank CSM for providing the opportunity for our members and your prospective students. This program is going to be a benefit for our membership," said SHLSS Vice President Tom Orzechowski. "It will enhance their ability to work toward their degree."

"I'd like to second your feelings. This is important for the college," said CSM President Dr. Bradley Gottfried at the signing. "It's all about workforce development ... working with the community. This is such an important facility in Southern Maryland, and for us to be able to work with you on this partnership means so much for our students." The partnership expands CSM's student population and establishes a valued community connection. Initially, the program will begin with CSM faculty teaching Composition and Rhetoric (ENG 1010) for three credits and Math for Technologies (MTH 1011) for four credits at the Piney Point facility. In addition, tutoring will be offered to assist students in those classes.

Representatives from SHLSS and CSM have discussed the possibility of a partnership for 18 months. "They were very interested in having more options for the students," said CSM Vice President/Leonardtown Campus Dean Dr. Tracy Harris. "It's developed into a customer-friendly, student-friendly program. I think it will be something very special ... It's a wonderful opportunity for both them and us."

Harris noted that the partnership between the college and the seafaring school will also help area residents be more aware of the programs offered at the Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship. "It will open eyes," he said.

The Seafarers Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship is affiliated with the Seafarers International Union of North America, Atlantic, Gulf, Lakes and Inland Waters, AFL-CIO (SIU). It is a vocational school that for the past 50 years has been dedicated to preparing students for careers at sea. The SHLSS provides entry-level training for individuals who wish to begin a seafaring career as well as classes for experienced seafarers to permit them to upgrade their skills.

The SHLSS is located on the campus of the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, which consists of more than 60 acres on the waterfront in Piney Point.

CSM is a regional community college serving Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties. CSM serves more than 25,000 credit and continuing education students at its campuses in Leonardtown, La Plata and Prince Frederick, and at its new Regional Hughesville Campus. For information about CSM's associate of applied science degree in Maritime Operations Technology, visit <http://bit.ly/2r2Vq5A>.



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Members of the Cedar Point Federal Credit Union Team Celebrate Their Win

Second Place: Old Line Bank

Brenda Lowe, Joann Moreland, Margaret Sawyer, Holley Zippi

Men's Closest to the Pin:

Scott Cleary

Ladies Closest to the Pin:

Donna Bowling

Men's Longest Drive:

Shawn Salta

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AVIAN, CSM Partner to Provide Workforce Training beginning Fall 2017

AVIAN LLC and the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) marked a new partnership at a ceremonial signing at the CSM Leonardtown Campus May 22.

CSM signed a collaborative training agreement with AVIAN's commercial training group, AVIAN Institute (AI), to offer three new workforce development and training courses at CSM's Leonardtown Campus beginning fall 2017.

"At AVIAN, we believe that knowledge is power and that knowledge can be achieved with targeted, meaningful training," AVIAN LLC President Kevin G. Switick said. "It's really exciting when we have opportunities like this to share that power with more people."

"This is an exciting partnership and we are looking forward to working with AVIAN to provide valuable training," said CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried. "CSM's Corporate Center is known for being the provider of choice for professional career training and workforce development in Southern Maryland, and this partnership is a win-win training opportunity for everyone. These three courses expand the offerings of CSM's Corporate Center, which has been a training provider for NAVAIR for many years, while also expanding AVIAN's reach into the community beyond the gates of NAVAIR."

The courses were developed to bring immediate value to the Southern Maryland community, corporate peers and service members in the fleet. The three course offerings available at CSM this fall include "NAVAIR, Simplified;" and "Cyber Awakening and Flight Test: The Discipline." These courses provide the 'so-what' and 'why' of naval aviation acquisition, a look at the realities of the modern cybercriminal and the basics tenets of flight test.

All course developers and instructors are retired U.S. Navy test pilots, flight-test engineers, contracting officers, and NAVAIR program managers and team leads.

AVIAN has offered Workforce Development and Training services to the Department of Defense and commercial clients since 2009. Since then, AVIAN has created more than 60 customer unique training courses and instructed over 200 classes to over 10,000 students at 16 client sites throughout the United States.

"Whether our clients are looking for a catalog of training classes, or a focused, one-time training event, we've got a team of experts who know how to build information into a useful teaching tool," Switick said. "We offer a proven and unique training approach that students embrace and like truly enjoy."

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CSM Trustees Appoint Ted Harwood as Board Chair, Brad Bates as Board Vice Chair



Ted Harwood

The College of Southern Maryland Board of Trustees at its June 15 meeting appointed Theodore L. Harwood of St. Mary's County as the board's chair and Bradley O. Bates of St. Mary's County as vice chair, effective July 1.

Harwood was appointed to the board in 2010 and has served as the trustee representative to the CSM Foundation and two terms as the board's vice-chair. He received his bachelor of science degree in naval science from the United States Naval Academy in 1974. He continued his career for 28 years as a member of the active duty and reserve contingents of the naval aviation community, beginning as an F-14 radar intercept officer and culminating at the Pentagon in OPNAV as head of budgets for naval platforms. Harwood is a lead engineer with Wyle and has more than 36 years of engineering experience. He is nationally and internationally recognized for his technical expertise in electromagnetic environmental effects, lightning and aviation matters. Harwood co-owns two patents and is an assignee of two others. He is a retired U.S. Navy Reserve captain. Harwood and his wife Nancy have lived in Hollywood since 1997.



Brad Bates

Bates, of Tanner Creek, retired in June 2017 from the Defense Acquisition University where he was a professor of program management. Previously he served as a program manager at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. While at JHU/APL, Bates taught project management and program planning for the Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering Technical Management Department. He holds a master of science degree in technical management from the Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor of science degree in vocational education studies from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale. He is married with two grown children.

CSM's Board of Trustees is the governing body providing leadership and oversight of the college's mission and policies. Members are appointed by the governor for five-year terms. The board consists of nine members, with Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties equally represented. The chair and vice chair are selected by the trustees among themselves annually.

CSM's trustees in addition to Harwood and Bates include Margaret C. Dunkle, Samuel C. Jones and Jay W. Webster of Calvert County; Lois E. DiNatale, Michael L. Middleton and Dorothea Holt Smith of Charles County; and Dr. John W. Roache of St. Mary's County. Serving as secretary/treasurer to the board is CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried. Newly appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to serve CSM as trustees with his term to begin in July is James Di Misa of Charles County. He will replace Middleton whose term expires June 30.

At their June 15 board meeting, the trustees honored outgoing trustee Middleton, a life-long resident of Charles County, for his service with board emeritus status. Middleton served as CSM trustee since 2007, and was chair of the trustees 2013-15 and vice chair, 2012-13. Referencing his service as a trustee, Board Chair Dorothea Smith said, "During his tenure, Trustee Middleton has been diligent in promoting the mission of the board of trustees in its responsibilities to proactively govern the College of Southern Maryland, ensure institutional integrity and promote excellence of post-secondary education in meeting the needs of the Southern Maryland community."

Also at the June 15 meeting, the board granted president emeritus status to CSM President Dr. Brad Gottfried upon his retirement June 30, for his distinguished service to the college and serving as the college's fourth president, from 2006 to 2017. "As president of CSM for 11 years, Dr. Gottfried has provided extraordinary service to the college," Smith said. "His vision, leadership and community involvement has made a lasting impact on the growth of CSM and the Southern Maryland region. Under his leadership, there have been expansions in not only educational opportunities for all students but also funds for scholarships through the CSM Foundation's two campaigns of which he has been a staunch contributor. His vision and understanding of the needs of the community have resulted in the regional campus located in Hughesville which is lauded by all segments of the population. Being an active participant in his community, Dr. Gottfried also initiated three institutes – the Nonprofit, Diversity and the Entrepreneur and Innovation institutes – to better serve the community. He has demonstrated love for education and his legacy of building for the future will continue on at the college."

Upon Gottfried's retirement, incoming CSM President Dr. Maureen Murphy will assume the role of secretary/treasurer to the board, effective July 1.



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