

BBG Meeting 11/16/11 at Herrington on the Bay - 26 in attendance

President Pat Carpenter opened the meeting with member introductions.

Start time changed to 8:00 am to allow members to get to their offices/stores for 10:00 am opening.

George Mysior Director of Membership reminded the group about the new membership drive policy.

When you sponsor three new businesses who join BBG, you get your next year free.

Sandy Walker Samler of Windows of Strength is hosting a Holiday Gift Extravaganza Sunday Nov 20th 11:00 am - 4:30 pm at the Dunkirk Fire Dept Banquet Hall.

Marci Kraemer of Calvert Hospice announced that the Hospice Concert will be held at the Mary D. Harrison Center this Saturday, Nov 19th at 8:00 pm. See the Hospice website for details.

Treasurer's Report from Bill Rowe:

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| • Money Market Account | \$4,600.95 |
| • Checking | \$ 211.07 |
| • Paypal Account | <u>\$ 2,011.26</u> |
| Total | \$6,823.28 |

Speakers: Cathy Wayson and Harry McConchie of Carter Information Solutions, Inc.

- CISI has a blog and a Facebook page for questions and problem solving for your in home or office computers
- Dec 14th will be their next free workshop on IT systems to help you maintain your own systems
- CISI has off-site capability to monitor, repair and fix your computer problems before a computer failure

REMINDER: eNews will now be sent on Tuesday evenings. Content is due to Hilary Dailey by Monday evening. Hilary will also send a meeting reminder email to members on Monday prior to our Wednesday morning meeting.

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Old Business:

- *Holiday Parade- there are 55 entries at this time. BBG is expecting around 100. The theme is "The 12 Days of Christmas."*
- *BBG float is "Five Golden Rings", BUT is in need of a truck or boat for the actual float.*
- *The BBG float will be assembled at 8906 Bay Avenue Dec 2nd and 3rd.*
- *Cathy Wayson offered the Young Marines to help Dec 2nd*
- *The Parade starts at noon Dec 3rd. Check in at the corner of 1st and Chesapeake. Line up at 11:00 am.*
- *Gary with Heavenly Chicken offered a large staging area behind his restaurant for float assembly.*
- *Convertibles are needed for the Parade VIPs.*

New Business

- *BBG Holiday Party will be Dec 21st 2011 at CalvArt Gallery in Prince Frederick from 6-9pm. Members may bring their spouse or a guest.*

- Crow Entertainment will provide music for the event
- Heavenly Chicken, Herrington Harbour and the Rod 'N' Reel have been asked to contribute appetizers for the event.
- We plan to have Santa, and will also invite local dignitaries
- Members will be asked to bring non-perishable food as a donation
- A meeting regarding Scholarships will be held Nov 21st Tom Keeley and Jennifer Armstrong will be attending as BBG representatives.

Respectfully Submitted by
Cindy Bliss, Secretary