

BBG Meeting 5/19/10 at Herrington Harbour ~ 35 in attendance

New Member/Guest Introductions:

- Craig Petticourt, Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa.
- Mayor Mike Bojokles, Town of North Beach.
- Rick Stearns, Baynet.com – online news and events website serving St. Marys Co.
- Kelly Crick, Jiffy Plumbing, Heating and Air. Partner with United Propane and is expanding to St. Leonard.
- Jeff Wyvill, Beach Front Limo Taxi Service by Flynn Executive Limo.

Featured Speaker: Hon. Senator Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Maryland Senate.

- He shared memories of his teen years spending time in the Beaches. Gave an update on major issues in the Maryland government.
 - Education: Maryland used to be 37th in the country, now some rank it as #1.
 - Environment: The Bay and rivers have come along way; still a lot of work to do. Brought back the rockfish, crabs, and working to bring back the oysters. Sometimes people don't like the rules made (no she-crabs to be taken) but it helps the regeneration in the long run. Encouraging clean energy as well (solar and wind.)
 - Public Safety: Have increased mandatory sentences for sexual predators and gang crimes.
 - Economy: Have worked hard to help businesses. Credit to hire unemployed individuals. This year they've not increased the budget. There will likely be a half cent tax increase on gas for the transportation trust fund. It hasn't been increased since 1992, but need to keep the roads and bridges in good working order.
- He tries to get at least \$500,000 to come back to the beaches area each year. He will continue to work to make that happen as long as he's in office. But local officials need your help. The Trolley is a perfect example of the Renaissance of the Beaches.

Announcements:

- Chesapeake Current Advertising: 26 weeks business card sized ad IN COLOR on full (center page) of paper under "Buy Local – Buy BBG" headline. The BBG will help defray the cost of the ads. Cost to members is only \$38 per ad. Give us your business card and pay for your ad using [Paypal](#) or mail checks to Russ Mogel, BBG Treasurer at PO Box 858, North Beach, MD 20714.
- 2010 BBG membership decals with slogan "Buy Local – Buy BBG" have been mailed. Let [Lyn Striegel](#) know if you didn't receive yours.
- Friends of the Trolley: Your help is solicited as a friend of the trolley. Any donations are welcome. Trolley kick-off event will be May 28th at 12pm in Dunkirk in front of Heavenly Chicken. Email [Pat Carpenter](#) for more details.
- The Arts Council of Calvert Co. Board of Directors is having an open house, Tuesday 5/25 from 3pm to 7pm at the CalvART Gallery at the Prince Frederick Center, 110 S. Solomons Island Rd.
- **If you've not paid you dues, please pay them asap. Dues are \$150 and checks can be made out to the Bay Business Group. Go to www.BeachBusinessGroup.com and go to**

“membership” to pay your dues on line. Others, mail to: PO Box 858, North Beach, MD 20714. Only full members get to enjoy all the benefits of membership.

- [Norma Robertson](#) announced that Bank of America is doing loan modifications for \$35!!! Contact Norma for more information.
- [Jen Armstrong](#) - Relay for Life is June 18th and Heavenly Chicken is helping out 2 groups. Contact Jen for upcoming events to raise funds. Also, the end of June they celebrate the anniversary of opening Heavenly Chicken. They are having an event that will benefit “End Hunger in Calvert Co.” The Dunkirk Festival will be June 26 from 12 – 6 in front of Heavenly Chicken. At the Bay Healing Arts Center will also be there.

Treasurers Report, Russ Mogel:

- Checking: \$3,403.08
- Savings: \$17,192.53
- Paypal : \$1,943.58
- Petty cash: \$28.88

Committee Reports:

- “Buy Local – Buy BBG” Directory Committee, [Brian Crow](#): Please send your photos and information form recently sent by Stephanie Cosby. ***They need to be returned no later than July 1 to be included in the written directory.***
- Cost Savings, [Gary Armstrong](#): Met recently with PNC Bank and they will offer \$1000 if they can’t beat your current rates. Contact Gary to get more info and lower your banking costs. Also, Frank from United Propane is working to offer co-oping propane to decrease costs. Contact Gary for more information. You can also attend the Cost Saving committee meetings on Monday nights at Heavenly Chicken.

Next meeting at Friday’s Creek Winery on June 16th at 7 pm.