

BBG Meeting 7/21/10 at Herrington Harbour ~ 24 in attendance

New Attendee/Member Introductions:

- Mike Fedorczyk– Dunkirk Chiropractic & Wellness Center
- Mary Kingsley – Infraguard Maryland Members Alliance
- _____ - Cut Sheets (printing/direct mail) off Skinners Turn
- Jim Dimiko – Calvert County Fire Dept.
- Frank Smith – Idea Solutions (Network Management and Computer Management.) Can help residential and businesses.

Featured Speakers:

Delegate Sue Kullen

- First woman ever to represent Calvert Co. in the House. She wants to be the elected official that she would elect. She sets a very high standard for herself. She was recently elected President of the Women’s Caucus (Bi-Partisan caucus.) They focused on 4 area: human trafficking, domestic abuse, womens health issues, and development disabilities. She has been elected a second time as President.
- Her advice: vote on the issues that effect you; not on the party affiliation. She is a ‘process’ expert, not a ‘content’ expert. She understands the process very well and can work hard to get bills passed. But she relies on YOU to keep her informed about the issues and how they effect you.

Harris, Jones and Malone

- A law firm that does Lobbying in Annapolis. They advocate for small business interests. (They will do a presentation at a later date.)

Mary Kingsley – Infraguard Maryland Members Alliance. (www.mdinfraguard.org)

- Most security infrastructure is privately owned. This alliance works closely with those businesses that could never afford to have the expertise to secure their businesses reduce risk from terrorism and aid with preparedness.
- Infraguard is free to join. Have grants for programs, but are time limited so contact her now.

George Mysior – Viridian Responsible Energy

- This program can save money on residential electricity bills if you are a BGE customer. (Can’t work with SMECO customers because they are a co-op.) BGE is about 8% green and they cost .11333 cents per kWh. Veridian is 20% green and is .0990 cents per kWh! Your bill will still come through BGE but your rates will be cheaper. It is a very simple process to change – 6 very easy steps! There are no contracts so you can terminate any time. You can save 17% during the summer and 10% during the winter. Go to www.veridian.com/818 or contact George at gmysior@yahoo.com.

Announcements:

- Jim Dimiko – Calvert County Fire Dept. – Recruitment and Retention Committee Chair. Their goal is to recruit good people – AND KEEP THEM. They can recruit, but retention is the difficult part. Calvert is an ALL volunteer staff – The only one in the state of Maryland. If the fire dept. were to go paid it would cost the county about \$20 million. Would like businesses to offer their volunteers discounts for fire department members as a retention program. If you would like more information or to participate, please contact Stephanie Cosby @ sb.cosby@comcast.net.
- Summer time is difficult for people to attend BBG meetings in the summer. The August meeting has been canceled and meetings will resume September 15th at 8:30am at Herrington Harbor.
- A Scholarship Committee has been set up to provide funds to high school students. If you would like to join this committee, please contact Linda Woods at lewoods@verizon.net.
- It was proposed that the BBG offer to its members sponsorship to attend meetings and seminars on items of special business interests (i.e. social networking, marketing, accounting for small businesses, etc.) at the College of Southern Maryland in Prince Frederick or online courses as well. Many members support this idea.
- Now is the time to lock in propane rates through United Propane. You can be residential or commercial. Call Frank at 410-320-0693.
- Chesapeake Beach is having a moonlight cruise leaving this Saturday 7/24 7:30pm on the Lady Hooker. Tickets are \$25.
- Commission for Women. “New Year, New You.” 7/27 at the Prince Frederick Library. Free seminar called “Building a Better Career” on resume writing and other tips to help with your career 7/27 at 6:45pm.
- Flicks on the Field is showing Babe on 7/30 at dusk at Kellam’s Field Parking Lot.
- Contact Pat Carpenter regarding Bayfest and to help work the booth at celebrate.now@hotmail.com
- American Legion will be having an event to support wounded warriors. Contact Russ Mogel for more details. fishonmaryloutoo@comcast.net for more information.

Committee Reports:

We would love to have you participate on a committee! Check out our website for a list of the committees (<http://www.baybusinessgroup.org/>). Please join today.

Treasurers Report, Russ Mogel:

- Checking: \$3,787.19
- Savings: \$17,189.39
- Paypal : \$2,437.58
- Petty cash: \$28.88

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