



BBG Meeting Highlights October 17, 2007 Herrington on the Bay

President Lynda Striegel opened the meeting with gratitude to Susan Ward and Herrington on the Bay for hosting our meetings.

Treasurer's Report from Russ Mogel:

Balances:	Autumn Mixer Report
Checking: \$915.55	Expenses: \$1417.96
Savings: \$9472.15	Receipts: \$1232.00
Petty Cash: \$41.66	Cost to BBG: \$185.96

Thank you to Joe Magnolia for his donation of the 50/50 raffle winnings at the Mixer back to the BBG!

Total received from raffle: \$105.00 – **Net cost for the Mixer to the BBG: \$80.96**

Introduction of New Members & Guests

Judy Harger of North Beach and her business, Squeals on Wheels (<http://www.squealsonwheels.us>), which can create petting zoos and pony ride for events such as children's birthday parties, community festivals, business events, live nativity scenes and more. Animals available include alpacas, tiny horses (including Lucky, who is just 20 inches tall at the shoulder), angora bunnies (like Velveteen rabbits), pot bellied pigs, llamas, mini-donkeys, ducks and birds, and a hissing cockroach! Contact Judy on her cell at 202-320-7362 for rates and availability.

Joe Reynolds of Chesapeake Beach who explained that after a toxic exposure in their home involving one of their infant sons, he and his wife Aimee began using, then selling, safe and natural Melaleuca products (<http://www.project-safe-home.com/>). Many are made with the wonder ingredient, tea tree oil. For more information, including a home presentation and catalogue, contact Joe at 800-648-8262.

Peter Davis, North Beach resident and new Long & Foster Realtor was also introduced to the group and welcomed.

Committee Updates

Lyn Striegel noted that one of the main reasons for the BBG is to give small businesses in our area a collective voice to speak out to local governments, county government and state government. As a group, we can make a statement that is heard! We can and must make a difference as our towns develop their comprehensive plans. We need to stress that we need:

- More business
- More landscaping
- Improved aesthetics and architectural guidelines

To help the BBG meet these goals, Lyn is asking Joe Magnolia to lead an economic development committee, to talk to fellow business people and attract new ones. At the same time, the BBG needs more support at the committee level. Lyn called a meeting of all committee leaders for October 31 at 8:30a at Herrington on the Bay.

Heritage Loop Trail Map Update: SuperBob Munro gave a presentation to the group on the Heritage Loop Trail Map and brochure, which will be printed in large quantities and distributed to tourists at Welcome Centers throughout Maryland and the Beaches. In order to have your business listed under various categories, ***you must be an active BBG member.*** Please consider joining the BBG ASAP because our low dues make this one major advertising benefit worth it! Membership application link: <http://www.beachbusinessgroup.org/application.htm> - print and send in your check today!

Guest Speaker: Long & Foster Realtor Michael Parrish gave a presentation on *Kenya Care for Them*, a group he is leading to help people in Africa, especially women and children, who are widowed and orphaned because of AIDS. The goal is to provide nutrition, education, medical care, and resources so they can raise food for their villages and to sell at local markets. To donate, contact Michael at 410-610-7879 (cell).

Announcements

Bay Arts Center needs our help; autumn is the most financially challenging time for them. They have \$5,000 in tax credits that expire at the end of the year. Local businesses can benefit by making a minimum donation of \$500 to their programs, or by making other donations of cash or art supplies. Also, please join as a member! Go to <http://www.bayartscenter.org/enroll.html> for more information.

Our next BBG meeting will be Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at Herrington on the Bay from 8:30a to 10:00a.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Burr, BBG Secretary