

## BBG MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Date: May 17, 2006

Location: Bayhill Market

1. **President Lyn Striegel** (*Law Office of Lynda J. Striegel*) welcomed our group to the meeting. Lyn offered our group's gratitude to Chuck Ruttkay for hosting our meeting at Bayhill Market. Lyn gave the Treasurer's Report in **Russ Mogel's** (*Chesapeake Bay Fishing*) absence. **Secretary Cathy Ropiski** (*Tidewater Computer Solutions, LLC*) was given a Bayhill Market gift card in appreciation for her work on the new BBG Brochures.
2. Having a Springtime Mixer at Herrington On The Bay was discussed and **Norma Robertson** (*REMAX 100--Beach Real Estate*) volunteered to head a committee to explore this topic further. It was agreed that a nominal \$10.00 fee per person would be charged for this event, plus each person would bring a gift from their business.
3. New members and guests were introduced. Member **John Day** (*LPL Financial Services*) was introduced and he spoke briefly about his services. Guests **Dale Lyons** who has a bookkeeping business and **Linda Draper**, Project Manager for a telecom company in Howard County who is looking for work closer to home in the Beaches, were also introduced.
4. **Lisa Payne** of *SeaScapes* announced her Grand Opening on Friday May 26, 2006 at 11AM. Everyone is encouraged to join Lisa to celebrate the birth of her new business!
5. It was also announced that the *Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum* will host a Vintage Swimsuit Show on July 1, 2006. This is a charity event to raise funds for the museum. Admission is \$25.00.
6. This month's speaker was **Luz Bullock**, the Business Services Representative from Southern Maryland WorkSource. Luz shared details about her office's website, [www.somdworks.org](http://www.somdworks.org), which offers a wealth of information for employers as well as employees. There are also job training funds available through her office for incumbent positions as well as new hires. Luz announced that the 2006 Regional Workforce & Economic Development Summit will take place on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 from 9AM-3PM at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, MD. A job fair will also be held next spring. For more information about any of these topics, contact Luz at (301) 645-8712 x313.
7. **Eleanor Nelson** of *Coach on Call* led us in our work on the BBG Strategic Plan. We divided into three groups, each with one of the following topics to discuss: Attract New Business, Share Knowledge, and Community Outreach. Each group discussed which specific area to work on in this 10 minute session. Much was accomplished as each group shared their results. Eleanor collected each group's results and further work will be done on these topics in future meetings.

8. **Norma Robertson** (*REMAX 100--Beach Real Estate*) suggested that a Commercial Space Report be added to our monthly agenda as this space is limited in the area and this information can be shared in this forum and passed on to those in need.
9. At the meeting's end **Cathy Ropiski** announced that new BBG Brochures were available for pick up after the meeting.
10. Our next meeting will be held at the Bayhill Market on June 21, 2006 at 8:30AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ropiski, Secretary