Welcome New Members

Join us in welcoming these new Chamber members. For the most current member directory, visit www.HamptonRoadsChamber.com.

As a member, you increase your visibility by submitting a “Chamber Voices” essay for inclusion on the Chamber’s website and monthly electronic newsletter, eConnect. Launched in 2008, the “Chamber Voices” section of the Chamber’s website and eConnect is a platform for members to share their knowledge on a business-related topic, while schedules Chamber events on her calendar first, so that she gets a head start planning. Exploring all the fun and volunteering with the Chamber, Janet said, “I am meeting many new people, and it’s rewarding to share with them my knowledge and experience as a strategic partner, so that I can be a good resource.” Janet’s involvement in promoting Chamber events and activities, as well as her ability to help set up and remove Members only continuously, helps her enjoy volunteering with the Chamber.

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Chair-Elect

Maurice Jones is President of Pilot Media, a software company that is a leading provider of digital marketing, direct mail, and direct mail promotions. Pilot Media’s expertise includes in-house sales representation, commercial development, mergers and acquisitions, and operational management. The company’s initiatives focus on technology and business development for the company’s brokerage and property management operations. Pilot is active in the community and serves on the Board of the Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Treasurer

Deborah Stabler, CPA, CMA, SFSA, is Senior Vice President at Harbour Lindsey Commercial Real Estate. Her experience includes office sales and leasing, commercial development, mergers and acquisitions, and operational management. She is focused on technology and business development for the company’s brokerage and property management operations. Deborah is active in the community and serves on the Board of the Regional Planning and Development Commission.

On behalf of its membership, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to President Obama on August 20, 2010, expressing its disappointment in the proposed JRTC closure. The letter urged the President to reconsider and have the JRTC continue its operations.

In October, the Chamber held a Legislative Issues Luncheon on October 25 in Norfolk, attracting more than 150 attendees from the local government and business communities.

How do we stand on legislative issues?

The next General Assembly session is scheduled to begin on January 11, 2011. We encourage you to visit the official website of the General Assembly and review the 2011 Senate Legislative Package on the “Advocacy Page” at www.HamptonRoadsChamber.com.
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CHAMBER BRINGS TOGETHER MEMBERS AND LEGISLATORS

On October 20, more than 190 Chamber members and 41 elected officials attended the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce’s 7th Annual Legislative Reception at the TownePlace Suites by Marriott® in Virginia Beach. This event gives the business community the opportunity to meet legislators prior to the General Assembly Session while enjoying a relaxed atmosphere. The Chamber presented its 2011 legislative priorities for the upcoming General Assembly session.

Thank you to sponsors Ben Parson’s Virginia Health System (Presenting), KT302 Fiber Optics, Signal 88 Security and Virginia Natural Gas (Silver), and Virginia Beach Convention Center & DistinctiveGourmet(Bronze). In addition, the Chamber thanks its 2010 Legislative Partners: EBAT, Clark Nexsen, Architecture & Engineering, Gwaltney & G. (Silver) and Weisner Communications (Bronze).

11th Annual State of the Region Draws Large Crowds

The Chesapeake Division of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce held its 2011 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on September 28. This annual event brought together more than 550 business leaders and elected officials from the region. Chesapeake Mayor Alan Kropf provided remarks.

The interfaith Faye W. Mitchell, Clerk of the Circuit Court, received the 2011 Mayor’s Women in Leadership Award. Mitchell was elected as Clerk of the Circuit Court in 2006 and is the volunteer with the Chesapeake Rotary Club and American Cancer Society. Marie Hagan of Dale Carnegie Training, was honored with the Chesapeake Division’s Chairman’s Award. The Chesapeake Division’s 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Keenan Gorr, Esq. of Hunter & Williams LLP. Thanks to Presenting Sponsor TowneBank.

Military Citizen of the Year Named

A luncheon held on October 14 at the Norfolk Hilton Hotel and Towers recognized Mass Communications Specialist 1st Class Blue Morris as the 2011 Military Citizen of the Year. Morris is the leading petty officer in the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

The award is named in honor of Samuel T. Norcross, a local veteran who devoted most of his life to strengthening the relationship between the local community and the military. The annual award recognizes the military citizen who has made the most significant contribution in the area of community service. Morris has donated over 160 hours of his personal time locally to Misericord on Wheels, the Norfolk Interfaith Partnership, and the Virginia Chapter of the Rough Riders Motorcycle Club. The Rough Riders Motorcycle Club draws members from various areas in order to dedicate their time, causes and 9/11 Memorial issues and awareness. Morris has led the Rough Riders in community involvement projects throughout Hampton Roads, and through his efforts, he raised more than $30,000 for their charitable projects.

Thank you to sponsors: City of Norfolk (Presenting), Dale Carnegie Training/Wade Powell & Associates, Inc., BSM Defense Co-Communications (Silver), SECO (Granite Military Partner), Bank of America, First Command, Lockheed Martin, Virginia (Silver Military Partner), and G4 Security Solutions, Regent University, Saint Leo University (Bronze Military Partner).

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Business Community Heals from Virginia Beach Public Schools Superintendent

The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce held its Virginia Beach State of the Schools and Partners in Education Luncheon on October 13 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Approximately 175 attendees heard from Dr. James Merritt, Superintendent of Virginia Beach Public Schools who provided a closer look at the role in which the school division is providing taxpayers. He discussed strengths and challenges as well as included an overview of Compass 2015. His strategic plan gathering change and improvement to the city’s public education services. Taxpayers were able to involve in the schools, become a mentor, support the Education Foundation, and to be an advocate for children. Thanks to sponsors: Dominion Power (Presenting) and Cox Communications (Media).