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The GGCC Announces Its New Board and 2010 Plans

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce (GGCC) is ready for 2010 and has planned nearly thirty networking events and five special events including an Educational Seminar, Annual Wine Tasting and the Upcounty Public Safety Awards Breakfast.

Additionally, the GGCC will continue its tradition of taking an active role in advocating and responding to issues of importance to the economic health of our community.

“The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber gets better every year,” according to GGCC President/CEO Marilyn Balcombe. “We are very fortunate to have a high functioning, diverse board led by Robert Jepson from Adventist HealthCare. We have a great mix of large and small companies represented which adds to our strength as a Chamber.”

“We are on the eve of a new year, 2010, which also happens to be an election year,” noted Robert Jepson, Vice President at Adventist HealthCare. “As policies and ideas are discussed in the public realm, this is a terrific opportunity to advocate for policies that promote a favorable business climate. This coming year, the Chamber will provide opportunities and forums where our message of job growth and economic development will be heard by elected officials and the community at large. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to make your voice heard, but let’s advocate with a clean-timbered tone and the cleared-eyed voice of respect, which resonates far louder than blame, threats or accusation.”

2010 Chamber events will start with the monthly Legislative Speaker Series; this member’s only benefit will host the City of Gaithersburg Councilmembers in January. Their annual board retreat is scheduled for January 14th. And save the date for the Third Annual “Grow Your Business” Seminar & Expo slated for Tuesday, February 9th.

The GGCC sends best wishes for a healthy, productive and prosperous year in 2010.

For more information in the GGCC, please visit their website at www.ggchamber.org.

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**Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce
2010 Board of Directors**

Chairman: Robert Jepson, Adventist HealthCare



Chairman Elect: **Doug Wrenn**, *Rodgers Consulting, Inc.*

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