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**GGCC has record breaking month with 25 new members in May**

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce (GGCC) had a record breaking May as they welcomed 25 new members. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the GGCC Board of Directors approved 25 new member applications, officially accepting those businesses as a part of the Chamber.

Vice Chair of Membership, Attraction and Retention Matt Rowland commended the GGCC Membership Committee and Staff for their efforts in helping to bring in the record number of members. According to the Chamber records the most new members in one month was seen in 2006 with 14. The Chamber believes that some businesses may be optimistic about the economy and the importance of strengthening their relationship building practices.

***“This was an incredible month for membership. I think it comes down to two things – people are seeing some hope in the economy and want to take advantage of the slight uptick and also the Chamber providing a great service to businesses. Let’s just hope the trend continues,”*** stated Chamber President / CEO Marilyn Balcombe.

The GGCC welcomed the following businesses during the month of May: Ameribuilt, Bastien's Foundations, The Bisgyer Law Firm, Cherry Knoll Apartments, Corbin Creative Computing, LLC, Overall Heath-Based Cleaning System, Damascus Community Bank, DCI Architects, LLC, Global Credit Network, LLC, Healthy Grow Lawn Service, Hit Me SEO, Home Blinds of Gaithersburg, Liberty Tax Service Germantown, Liberty Tax Service Lakeforest Mall, Liberty Tax Service Kentlands, Liberty Tax Service Shady Grove, Meridians Health Acupuncture, MST Consulting, Passion Test Facilitator, Paychex, Inc., The Plamondon Companies / Roy Rogers Restaurants, PrimeLending, A PlainsCapital Company, Red Door Spas, Talking Tree Creative and Visual Flavors.

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce is a vibrant, dynamic organization of nearly 400 members representing more than 20,000 employees in the Montgomery County Upcounty, including cutting-edge biotech firms, manufacturing companies, real estate development, restaurants and hotels. The Chamber conducts social and business events where you can socialize and develop relationships and is committed to business/community partnerships in education and other areas of mutual interest.

For more information on the Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber please visit the GGCC website at [www.ggchamber.org](http://www.ggchamber.org).

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