



Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

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Celebrating 60 Years!

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GGCC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce celebrated their 60th Anniversary on Thursday, December 3rd at their Annual Celebration Dinner & Gala.

The evening started with the installation of the 2010 Board of Directors. **Robert Jepson of Adventist HealthCare** was installed as the Chairman of the Board and **Doug Wrenn of Rodgers Consulting** as Chairman-elect. **Members Howard Covin of Johns Hopkins University, David Edgerley of HarVest Bank of Maryland, Jerry Therrien of Therrien Waddell, Inc., Chris Heald of Raymond James Financial Services & Colette Releford, of Strive Business Solutions, LLC** were elected to the Board of Directors for the first time.

Mayor Sidney Katz, City of Gaithersburg, and the Color Guard from Gaithersburg High School will welcome over 240 in attendance for the evening.

The evening's activities included a Silent Auction, Dinner, the presentation of three very special awards and the awarding of two \$5,000 Scholarships to two Montgomery College students.

The GGCC provided scholarship support this year to two Montgomery College students in their second year at the community college. Chamber Member Hughes Network Systems, LLC and MAR, Incorporated each gave \$5,000 to fund the scholarships. The scholarships, which were provided through the Montgomery College Foundation, were awarded to Ronald McFarland, a computer science major, and Zulqarnain Jamal, a nuclear engineering major. McFarland and Zulqarnain were honored this evening.

Three awards were presented this evening. The first award was the "You Made a Difference" award which was given to GGCC board member **Randy Scritchfield, President of Randy Scritchfield, CFP®**, for recognition of his contributions to the Chamber, serving as a Past-Chairman for two years and many hours of volunteerism.

The GGCC presented the "Third Annual Small Business of the Year" Award which recognizes small businesses as a vital part of our economy and community. The award was presented to **Colette Releford, President of Strive Business Solutions, LLC**, for demonstrating success, community involvement, and excellent customer relations. Last year's winner Harold Springer of the Germantown Copy Center presented the award.

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GGCC Member Jim Hyatt of the Law Offices of James A. Hyatt presented James Muir of Hughes Network Systems, LLC with the Hall of Fame Award. Muir is the 12th person to be inducted into the GGCC Hall of Fame in 60 years. He was recognized for his commitment to the Chamber, his seven years on the Board of Directors, where he served as Board Chair in 2006, and for his and Hughes Network Systems endless contributions to the Chamber such as allowing the Chamber to use their Exploration Drive facility to host our Annual Board Retreat & Legislative Breakfast.

The GGCC is active in providing business-to-business networking opportunities throughout the year, a collective voice in local, regional, and state legislative affairs, professional development opportunities, and other services that enhance the business environment.

For more information in the GGCC, please visit our 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.*

Treasurer: Sam McNamee, *Signs of Progress.*

Vice Chairs:

Member Services: **Matt Rowland**, *Coldwell Banker Residential*

Legislative Affairs: **Chris Zindash**, *The Crowne Plaza Rockville*

Member Programs: **Robert Cowdrey**, *Capital Bank, N.A.*

Directors:

Henry Bernstein, *Scheer Partners*

Howard Covin, *Johns Hopkins University*

Ron Dimaranan, *Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union*

David Edgerley, *HarVest Bank of Maryland*

Sonya Foster, *Comcast Spotlight*

Chris Heald, *Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.*

Robert Hydorn, *Fitzgerald Auto Mall*

Trina LaPier, *The Gazette*

Andrew Morgan, *Asbury Methodist Village*

James G. Muir, *Hughes Network Systems*

Martin Posse, *Altronics Communications*

Sanjay Rai, *Montgomery College*

Colette Releford, *Strive Business Solutions, LLC*

Randy Scritchfield, *Montgomery Financial Group*

Janice Sibley, *Corporate Resources*

Jerry Therrien, *Therrien Waddell, Inc.*

Tony Tomasello, *City of Gaithersburg*

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Paul Yanoshik, *Re/Max Realty Group*

Immediate Past Board Chair: Allen DeLeon, *DeLeon & Stang CPA's*.

Past Chairs:

John Compton, *GeneDx (2008)*

Randy Scritchfield, *Randy Scritchfield, CFP (2007)*

James G. Muir, III, *Hughes Network Systems (2006)*

Dr. Hercules Pinkney, *Montgomery College (2005)*

Legal Counsel: Lisa Lamphier, *Hirschel, Savitz, Parker and Hollman, P.A.*

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