

Fun Evening of Recognition

The Chamber Board of Directors, Award Winners, Sponsors and Volunteers were all recognized before a sell out crowd at the 2015 Installation Dinner!



Keith Martin was recognized for his two-year term as Chairman of the Board and passed the gavel to incoming Chairman of the Board, Paul Kuhns. Chamber & Visitors Center staff show off the number of years they have worked for the Chamber. Grand total of 93 years when you include a few staffers not shown along with Carol Everhart's 25 years!

Check out pages 5, 8 and 9 for list of winners! Photos on pages 12 & 13 and Facebook!

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2015 Upcoming Calendar

DATE MEETING or EVENT	TIME/PLACE
Mar 12 Executive Board of Directors Mtg	10:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Mar 12 Full Board of Directors Mtg	11:30 am/Jake's Seafood
Mar 13Town of Dewey Beach Mtg	9:00 am/Lifesaving Station
Mar 20City of Rehoboth Beach Mtg	7:00 pm/Commissioners Room
Mar 21 Merchants' Attic & Garage Sale III.	9:30 am/RB Conv. Center

See page 4 for upcoming General Membership Meetings and Accommodations Task Force Meeting!

For more Resort Area Events, visit www.Beach-Fun.com

2015 Business After Hours

Members are invited to attend monthly Business After Hours! These mixers are a great opportunity to meet and network with your fellow Members. Each event runs from **5-7 PM.** A \$1.00 donation is collected at the door which creates the pot for the 50/50 raffle. Bring & show your Member Key Tag for an extra raffle ticket! Business card drawings are held and door prizes are given out to the lucky winners!

Thursday, March 19 · Starboard sponsored in part by Comcast Spotlight

- Thursday, April 16 · Papa Grande's, Rehoboth Beach
- Thursday, May 21 · Lula Brazil

Thursday, June 18 · North Beach

Thursday, July 16 · Nassau Valley Vineyards

Thursday, September 10 · Atlantic Boardwalk Grille

Thursday, October 8 · FINS Alehouse & Raw Bar, Coastal Hwy

Thursday, November 19 · The Greene Turtle, Rehoboth Boardwalk

Thursday, December 10 · TBA



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES



Looking to reach out to Resort Area visitors? Here are some advertising options that Members can take advantage of. If you have questions, contact Patty at 302-227-6446 or patty@beach-fun.com!

- Map Pads have your logo and contact info printed on 5,000 maps! Cost includes 50 map pads with 100 maps on each pad. The Chamber will keep 2,500 maps to distribute in the Visitors Center and you receive 2,500 to distribute at your business. Cost is \$525.00.
- **Realtor Bags** the Chamber will distribute an estimated 14,000+ realtor bags this summer! Bags are assembled weekly, delivered by the Chamber to real estate agencies who distribute them to their week long renters. Members can have their product included for 10¢ per piece in as few or in as many bags as they wish.
- **Beach Blast Email** email your message to 16,000+ fresh leads! This is a great way to reach out to potential visitors to the Resort Area. Your business can be included on an email...your logo, picture and contact info. Cost is \$99.00.
- Coupon Book and Dining Guide Only 13 out of 80 coupons left! Have your coupon included in 50,000 coupon books for \$100.00 and/or have your menu in 25,000 copies of the Dining Guide for \$800 (with added value too...Realtor Bags or Visitors Guide)!

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Thanks For The Recognition

Carol, thank you very much for the recognition. I appreciate it. I can only follow up by telling you that you are honestly one of the most organized and easiest event coordinator that I work with throughout the year. So thank you.

Lt. Jaime Riddle, Rehoboth Beach Police Department



Local Builder Receives Best of Houzz 2015 Award

Boardwalk Builders of Rehoboth Beach has been awarded "Best Of Houzz" for Customer Satisfaction by Houzz, the leading platform for home remodeling and design. The custom



home and remodeling firm was chosen by the more than 25 million monthly unique users that comprise the Houzz community from among more than 500,000 active home building, remodeling and design industry professionals.

"Houzz is a wonderful resource for home design; we are honored to receive this award for the second year in a row from Houzz community," said Patty McDaniel, president of Boardwalk Builders, Inc.

Follow Boardwalk Builders on Houzz at www.houzz. com/pro/pattyboardwalk/boardwalk-builders.

Thanks for the Goody Bag

Hi to everyone at the Rehoboth-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce,

Thank you so much for dropping by the wonderful goodie bag by the store. We are so sorry we missed the dinner and meeting with you all! Hopefully in the near future we will get the chance.



Thank you again, Mike & Sara Soules of Jiffy Lube Lewes

Chamber Hero Says Thanks

Carol, I just want to take this opportunity and say "thank you" again for the honor your organization bestowed on me last week - I am truly honored to be able to assist you, the "Chamber Chicks" and the community in any capacity. Thank you again, Zeke Przygocki

Zeke was recognized as the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year at the 2015 Installation Awards Ceremony. Here he is pictured below assisting Linda Mills with clean-up after Installation. He is wearing his cape!!



Upcoming Meetings!

Accommodations Task Force Meeting

- March 27, 2015 at 10:30 am
- Hyatt Place Dewey Beach

General Membership Meeting Luncheon with guest speaker David Small, DNREC Secretary

- April 20, 2015 at Noon
- Location To Be Announced

General Membership Meeting Luncheon with guest speaker Ernie Lopez, Delaware Senator

- May 19, 2015 at Noon
- Location To Be Announced

RSVP by calling Joy at 302-227-6446 or by email at joy@beach-fun.com. *Luncheons are fee based*.

Installation AWARD WINNERS & RECOGNITIONS

Mae Hall McCabe Award Paul Kuhns

Business of the Year Big Fish Restaurant Group

50 Years or More in Business Stuart Kingston

Chamber Volunteer of the Year Zeke Przygocki

Dewey Beach Service Recognition David King

Dewey Beach Lifeguard of the Year Nathan Jones

City of Rehoboth Beach Service Recognition

Greg Gause

Scholarship Award Winners

Jason Harris - Inaugural Matt Haley Scholarship Brian Reynolds - DE Coast Press

Individual Service Awards

Mike Meoli – 10+ Years of Service Rob Marshall – 10+ Years of Service Dale Lomas – 10+ Years of Service Scott Swingle – 10+ Years of Service Mark Hunker– Former City of Rehoboth Beach Commissioner

20+ Years Chamber Membership

Rehoboth Bay Sailing Association, Rogers Sign Co., Inc., Bewitched & BEDazzled B&Bs, WaWa Food Markets, and Merrill Lynch

Chamber Heroes

Marcia Maldeis, Chris Malizewski, Stan Mills, Lt. Jaime Riddle

Top Sponsorship Recognitions

7 Eleven, Affinity Energy Management, Applied Bank, Atlantic Boardwalk Grille, Atlantic Liguors, Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Gallo Realty, Bethany Blues, Breakers Hotel & Suites, Cape Gazette, Cilantro Cocina de Mexico, Clear Space Theatre Company, County Bank, Crabby Dick's Marketplace & Grill, The Crosswinds Motel, Delaware Today, Delmarva Power, Dewey Business Partnership, Discover Bank, Dos Locos, FINS Alehouse & Raw Bar, Fulton Bank, Delaware Division, Grand Rental Station, Great Scott Broadcasting, Hyatt Place Dewey Beach, IVY, Jake's Seafood House, Jiffy Lube Lewes, Johnson Orthodontics, Kiwanis of Coastal Delaware, LC Homes, M & T Bank , Maplewood Dental Associates, Nassau Valley Vineyards, PNC Bank, Rehoboth Beach Animal Hospital, The Rusty Rudder Restaurant, Starboard, Sussex County Federal Credit Union, Sussex Outdoors, Tanger Outlet Center, TD Bank, WBOC TV 16, WGMD-FM 92.7, WMDT-TV- Channel 47, WRDE NBC Coast TV, WSFS

LOTS OF PICTURES on pages 8-9 and 12-13!



WELCOME New Members!

The following businesses have been approved or are pending approval for Chamber Membership. Please keep these businesses, as well as other Chamber Members, in mind when purchasing goods or services.

CrossFit Lewes

Kris Carper 17517 Nassau Commons Blvd. Lewes, Delaware 19958 302-745-1815 www.crossfitlewes.com Service - Exercise/Fitness

Delaware Department of Labor/ Employment & Training

Helene Keeley 20093 Office Circle, Suite 207 Georgetown, Delaware 19947 302-761-8131 Service - Organizations

Dewey Beach Beautification & Raking

Tony Ćrivella 19972 Church Street at Rehoboth Avenue Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-381-0417 Service - Landscape Contractors M2M Discount: 3% discount toward services

Murph's Beef & Ale

Joanne Ketler 37169 Rehoboth Avenue Ext. Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971 302-212-5355 www.murphsbeefandale.com Restaurant/Eatery

Read Aloud Delaware

Lisa Coldiron 108 N. Bedford Street Georgetown, Delaware 19947 302-856-2527 www.readalouddelaware.org Services - Organizations

RehobothBeach.city

Vincent Gisriel 29 Broad Street, Suite #203 Berlin, Maryland 21811 410-973-2128 www.rehobothbeach.city Service - Advertising

Thank You Monthly Renewing Members

The Chamber wishes to thank the following Members who recently renewed their membership investment. The list below represents Members who renewed during the period of February 1-27, 2015. Thank you for your continued support!



1776 Restaurant · Anchorage Motel · Artisans' Bank · Atlantic Oceanside· Bake Shoppe· Barton's Grand Rentals · The Beach Retreat · Bellbuoy Inn · Big Fish Grill · Bling Salon & Spa · Eric M. Blondin/State

Farm Insurance · Blue Hen Disposal · Boardwalk Plaza Hotel · Clendaniels Plumbing, Heating & Cooling · Debbie Reed Team of Remax Realty Group · Delaware Center for the Inland Bays · Delaweb Designs · Dos Locos Restaurant · Dr. Energy Saver · Elevee Events LLC · First State Benefits · FMS Rehoboth Beach · Hyett Refrigeration · Key Advisors Group · Law Office of Susan Pittard Weidman, PA · Long & Foster Real Estate · Loungin' Lizzard · Mann & Sons, Inc. · Mark Showell Interiors · Meals On Wheels Delaware · The Melbourne B&B · Midway Speedway · Millville Town Peddler · Nickle Electrical Companies · O'Bie's By The Sea · Rehoboth Beach Running Company · Ristorante Zebra · Robert Thomas Salon · Rogers Signs · Schagrin Gas Co. · South Moon Under · STI Landscape Solutions · Straight Eights Car Club Suburban Propane · Sunsations · Tanger Outlet Center · The Sand-Sun-Fun Team @ Maggio Shields · The Shirt Factory · The UPS Store · Victoria's Restaurant · Visiting Angels · Waterford Wedgwood Royal Doulton · Wilmington University. Renewals from February 1 - 27, 2015.

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Elevee Events...has found their new home in downtown Rehoboth Beach. Located on Second Street, elevee events aims to be an easily accessible location for stationary and planning clients.



Elevee events is an event and wedding planning business that works throughout the Delaware beaches, Sussex and Kent counties, and into Ocean City Maryland. Elevee events works to alleviate the stress the couple may be feeling planning their event and works with them to add a fun touch as well. Owner and lead planner, Nicole Bailey, moved to the beach a few years ago after over 16 years managing successful, high styled events in Wilmington and Philadelphia. Elevee events is that perfect blend of city savvy and local beach experience that so many clients come to the area seeking.

To schedule a meeting or set an appointment, call 302-212-2112. Also visit www.eleveeevents.com. •



IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Below is important information for our Members to be aware of. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Everhart on the Member Hotline -- 302-227-6446.

Minimum Wage Update

The Rehoboth Beach - Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce (RBDBCC) has joined a coalition spearheaded by the Delaware Restaurant Association (DRA). Those in the coalition include: Association of Convenience Stores and Energy Distributors (MAPDA), National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), Delaware Restaurant Association, Delaware Food Industry Council (DFIC), Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce, New Castle County Chamber of Commerce, Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and the RBDBCC

As an advocate for small businesses and the business community, the Chamber is solidly in support of the DRA Coalition and opposes any minimum wage increase. To find out how a minimum wage increase could affect you -- go to www.delawarewagefacts.com

Corporate Tax Update

On Thursday, February 19, 2015, Carol Everhart attended a informational session provided by Congressman John Carney on the proposed comprehensive tax reform.

Framing the Tax Reform Debate: Congressman Carney's Goals for Tax Reform

- · Encourage Innovation and Entrepreneurialism · Promote International Competitiveness
- · Revitalize Domestic Manufacturing
- Build a Stable and Predictable Tax System and Process
- Ensure fairness, simplicity, and progressivity
- The full information is on the Chamber's website www.Beach-Fun.com. Click on Site Index then scroll and click on Legislative Information (Local, State & Federal). It is very important that you inform yourself on what the impact of the proposed changes would mean to you. The common thread seems to be how to simplify the tax code and level the fairness of rates. Please contact Drew Slater, Kent/Sussex Coordinator for the Office of Congressman John Carney. He can be reached at 302-854-0667 or drew.slater@mail.house.gov.

Chamber Goals for 2015

Chamber Goals include: a fraud/hacker prevention seminar; leadership program; additional mailing service for Members; tweaking the Chamber's website; and continuing the electric buying program for Members, which has saved our Members well over one million dollars so far.

Installation AWARD Winners and Members



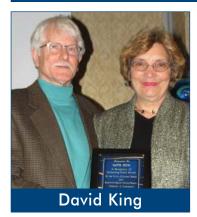
Paul Kuhns



Stuart Kingston



Zeke Przygocki







Nathan Jones







Sponsor Recognitions



10+ Board Service



20+ Members

SPECIAL THANKS! Chamber staff thanks all of our Table Sponsors, Photo Booth and Members who donated items for the Balloon Pop, and Volunteer & Sponsor Gift Buckets! We can't do it without YOU!



Volunteer Recognitions



Dirty Job Crew Volunteers

Comments On The Evening . . .

The installation dinner was a beautiful event as always, you ladies do an amazing job. *Cindy Bowlin, Cape Gazette*

I want thank you for allowing me to join you for last week's absolutely fabulous annual dinner. Being a former "chamber staffer" myself, I recognize a beautifully planned and executed event when I see one! And of course it didn't hurt that my former beachhouse member Zeke P. was able to ham it up for the audience. *Kate B. Rohrer, Kent/Sussex County Director for U.S. Senator Chris Coons*

Congratulations on a fantastic event! Pat Purdum and I attended the Annual Awards Banquet this year. We both left feeling inspired and admiration for the excellent event you and your team produced. Banquets and award shows can often be dull. The Rehoboth event was the contrary! Thank you for an enjoyable and enlightening evening! *Nina Link, The News Journal*



Paul Kuhns & Keith Martin



2015 Board of Directors

More great pictures on pages 12 & 13!

REPORTS and **STATISTICS**

Accommodation Occupancy Chart | 2014 vs. 2015

Weekend	Room Count	Weather	Event	Wednesday	Room Count
January 3-5, 2014	1,450	40's Sunny	None	December 29, 2013	904
January 2-4, 2015	1,556	40's Rainy	Merchants' Attic	December 31, 2014	1,490
January 10-12, 2014	1,505	50's Rainy	None	January 8, 2014	1,061
January 9-11, 2015	1,387	20's Sunny	None	January 7, 2015	884
January 17-19, 2014	1,841	40's Sunny	Holiday	January 15, 2014	1,051
January 16-18, 2015	1,861	40's Sunny	Holiday	January 14, 2015	1,037
January 24-26, 2014	1,973	30's Cloudy	None	January 22, 2014	968
January 23-25, 2015	1,550	40's Cloudy	None	January 28, 2015	925
January 31-February 2, 2014	1,982	20's Sunny	Polar Bear Plunge	January 29, 2014	904
January 30-February 1, 2015	2,007	30's Sunny	Polar Bear Plunge	January 28, 2015	893
Februay 7-9, 2014	1,392	30's Sunny	None	February 5, 2014	978
February 6-8, 2015	1,675	40's Sunny	None	February 4, 2015	937
February 14-16, 2014	2,096	40's Sunny	Holiday	February 12, 2014	1,044
February 13-15, 2015	2,392	30's Cloudy	Holiday	February 11, 2015	1,041
February 21-23, 2014	2,034	60's Sunny	None	February 19, 2014	1,036
February 20-22, 2015	1,736	10s Sunny	None	February 18, 2015	1,011

Year to Date Occupancy TOTAL Comparison

WEEKEND

January - February 23, 2014 · 14,273 January - February 22, 2015 · 14,164

WEDNESDAY

January - February 19, 2014 · 7,042 January - February 18, 2015 · 6,728

At member request, we have changed the format of the Accommodation Room Count to clearly identify the event weekends for comparison.
Calls to accommodations made each Wednesday for upcoming weekend availability and prior weekends occupancy count. Info based on 3,802 Room Referral Count (includes Hotels/Motels, Inns, Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfasts, etc.).

Visitor Center Visitation

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Are You In The Visitors Center?

The Chamber of Commerce's Visitors Center is open year round and provides visitors with Resort Area Information such as brochures, menus, coupons, map, State Park Passes, quarters and more!

Make sure your product is at the VC!! Visitors are always in search of brochures on activities, menus, and coupons!

Members are welcomed to drop off or mail their product. We can even arrange for pickup. Contact the VC Manager, Katie Bragg at 302-227-6446.



REPORTS and STATISTICS

Website Results www.Beach-Fun.com

February 2014 vs. 2015

2015	43,396 pageviews/hits
	10,743 users/visits (new terminology)
	3,065 absolute unique visitors
	43.81% bounce rate
	2:41 average time on site
2014	33,555 pageviews/hits
	10,893 visits
	9,166 absolute unique visitors
	48.36% bounce rate
	2:29 average time on site

Top 10 Pages Viewed - February 2015

Pag	ge on Site	. Page Views
1	Order a Free Visitors Guide	2,336
2	Current Events	2,233
3	Area Activities	2,208
4	Dewey Beach Activities	1,637
5	Attractions Category Page	1,564
6	Hotel & Motels	1,150
7	Accommodations Category Page	1,145
8	Sea Witch Festival Page	923
9	Dining Page	832
10	Current Events Page 2	800

Top 5 States to Visit Site - February 2015

1	Pennsylvania 3	,455
2	Delaware2	2,252
3	Maryland 1	,482
4	New York 1	,054
5	New Jersey	776

Official Area Visitors Guides Distributed

	2015	2014
JAN	7,906	N/A
FEB	9,223	N/A



2015 Regional Advertising Placement (as currently approved)

Publication

Run Date

2015 Regional Advertising Budget - \$94,500. 2015 Local Advertising Budget - \$7,000. Sample local advertising includes: Atlantic Theatre, Jolly Trolley, DE Beach Book, etc. Additional advertising is taken as sponsorship becomes available.



Lots of Smiling Faces at Installation





























Pictures also posted on the Chamber's Facebook Page!

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BUSINESS after HOURS PICTURES

THANKS to our February Host: Bethany Blues, Lewes





















GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Held February 24th at the Boardwalk Plaza Hotel

Newly appointed Sussex County Economic Development Director, Melody Booker-Wilkins was the guest speaker at the February 24th General Membership Meeting. Melody shared how she has hit the ground running since her first day as Sussex County's Economic Development Director as well as highlighting the Economic Development Office's "responsibilities and objectives".

Awards were also presented to RBDBCC Board Member Bill Klemkowski for his 10+ years of service on the Board and to Mel Craig for his service as the Director of Public Works for the City of Rehoboth Beach.





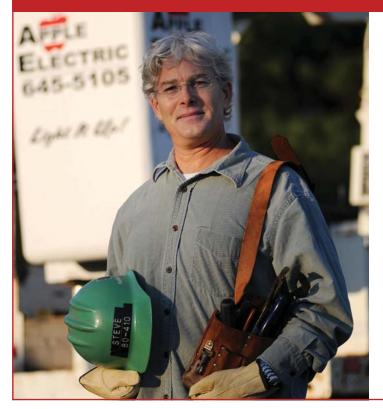








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The six most expensive words in business are "we've always done it that way". Catherine Devyre