

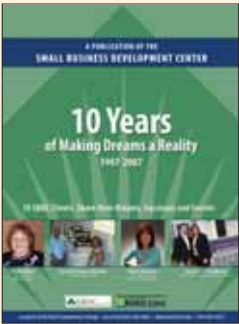
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Logan named Harford Chamber Member of the Year

By Jack McLaughlin
HBL Editor

Philip E. Logan, President/CEO of Slavie Federal Savings Bank, has been chosen as the Harford Chamber of Commerce's Member of the Year. Logan received the honor June 22 during the Chamber's annual Awards Luncheon at the Bayou restaurant in Havre de Grace.

Logan, chairman elect of the Chamber's Board of Directors, has served as vice chair of the finance committee and has been active on the business development committee.

Betsy Champion of Champion Insurance was inducted into the Chamber's Hall of Fame. Champion has chaired the Board of Directors twice, and served as vice chair of administration. She will continue as chair of the Chamber's awards committee and as member of the legislative committee.

Dorothy Watters, a retired teacher, received the Chamber's Community Service Award. She spends her time helping others in activities ranging from teaching English to immigrants to assisting neighbors with disabilities.

Ofc. Christopher W. Reiber and Sgt. Albert F. Severn, both of the Aberdeen Police Department, received the Chamber's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award for their roles in saving several people from an apartment fire on Rogers Street early on the morning of Dec. 24, 2006.

A number of Chamber members were recognized for their service as officers or on the Board of Directors. Cited for their service were Betsy Champion, Phil Logan, Dick Molinaro, Carolyn Evans, and Claudia Holman, the immediate past chair of the Board.

The 2007-2008 Chamber officers are: Chair, Dick Molinaro, WSMT Insurance; Chair Elect, Phil Logan, Slavie Savings Bank; Vice Chair Finance, Bill Vanden Eynden, RKS Realty; Vice Chair Administration: Laura Lang, John Carroll School; Past Chair, Claudia Holman, APG Federal Credit Union; Members at Large, Rick Weiner, Battelle, Bob Titelman, Sky-light Creative Ideas; ExOfficio, Pat Donovan, Comcast.

Serving on the Board of Directors are: Lauri Altman, Harford Mall; Bill Bates, Harford New Media, Inc.; Brenda Blackburn, Harford Community College; Jane Booth, JBooth & Associates; Milton Branson, Constellation Energy; Vicki DeGraw, Mercantile County Bank; Robert Jirsa, RSM McGladrey, Inc.; Kevin Kirby, AI Business Solutions; Keith Marchiano, Decisive Data Systems; Eric McLaughlin, Gessner, Snee, Mahoney & Lutche, PA.; Tim Peifley, Rite Aid; Kim Schmidt, Ramada Conference Center; Robin Sommer, Images of Sommer; Fred Thursfield, CFRE, Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation; and Steve Wiseman, Wiseman & Associates.



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Jack McLaughlin

A Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Unmanned Ground Reconnaissance (CUGR) vehicle, which can take cameras and monitoring devices into tunnels, caves and other places larger manned vehicles can't go, was demonstrated at an APG showcase at Harford Community College June 28.

Boys of summer

The Ripken baseball complex in Aberdeen will host the Cal Ripken World Series August 10 to Aug. 18. The series for 11-12 year olds will draw teams from abroad and around the United States, including the Emmorton Rec Council in Harford County. The international teams will be coming from Mexico, Korea, Canada, the Dominican Republic and Australia.

Opening ceremonies on Aug. 10 will include skills competition and fireworks. The first game will be played Aug. 11. The Championship game (time TBD) will be Aug. 16 at Cal Sr's. Yard.

Ticket can be obtained by contacting Patricia Getzendanner at 1-800-486-0850.

Barbecue Bash

The Maryland Barbecue Bash will be held Aug. 10-11 at Bond and Thomas streets in Bel Air. The event will feature crafts, live entertainment and food, including, of course, barbecue.


This year more than 40 competitors will be vying for \$10,000 in the state Barbecue Championship, a Kansas City BBQ Society sanctioned event, which is a qualifier for national competition.

For more details, see the Bel Air Downtown Alliances monthly column on Page-12.

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Upper Chesapeake Health Hospitals Recognized for Quality Clinical Outcomes by National Study

Upper Chesapeake Health (UCH) is proud to announce that Harford Memorial Hospital (HMH) and Upper Chesapeake Medical Center (UCMC) have both been recognized for quality patient outcomes by HealthGrades, the nation's leading provider of independent hospital ratings. "Quality patient care is our top priority," said Lyle E. Sheldon, FACHE, President and CEO. "Recognition from an objective, independent source such as HealthGrades validates the efforts our physicians, nurses and staff deliver every day to the communities of Harford and Cecil Counties."

In the eighth annual HealthGrades Hospital Quality in America Study, Upper Chesapeake Medical Center received several acclamations:

- 2007 HealthGrades Distinguished Hospital Award – Clinical Excellence™ which makes UCMC ranked in the Top 5% of hospitals nationally in Clinical Excellence
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To provide its 2007 ratings, rankings, and recognitions, HealthGrades independently analyzed nearly 5,000 hospitals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, objectively assessing their clinical outcomes and quality. The data utilized in the assessment is licensed from the federal government's Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The HealthGrades ratings measure whether patient outcomes for each procedure or diagnosis are "better than expected" (5-Star), "as expected" (3-Star), or "worse than expected" (1-Star).

The HealthGrades quality 2007 accolades for Harford Memorial Hospital and Upper Chesapeake Medical Center continue the Upper Chesapeake Health quality tradition recognized by the 2006 Delmarva Quality Excellence Award. That award recognized both HMH and UCMC as two of the five hospitals in the Maryland and the District of Columbia area ranking in the top ten percent of all hospitals in Maryland/D.C. for their achievements in improving quality care to patients.

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Glassman speaks on BRAC and taxes to Aberdeen Chamber

By Jack McLaughlin

HBL Editor

Many in state government are predicting "the circus will be back in town in October" Delegate Barry Glassman told members of the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce at their June 19 meeting at the Beechtree Golf Club, referring to a special session that may be called to address revenue bills to offset the state's \$2 billion structural deficit.

The deficit has been around for several years, said the Chairman of Harford's Delegation to the General Assembly. Budgets have been balanced by going to the state's Rainy Day and Transportation Trust funds, he said.

Glassman said the fiscal impact of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions on Maryland "couldn't come at worse time." According to Glassman, one study shows the state will need \$18 billion to meet the demands additional jobs coming to the state, mainly from Fort Monmouth, N.J., will put on Maryland's infrastructure. Alternative sources of funding, with developers and builders financing some infrastructure projects, may need to be considered said Glassman. He also noted the state and local jurisdictions should be looking at smaller projects that can increase traffic flow while waiting for major highway expansions or construction of new roads.

Glassman said that among the proposals that have been made to enhance state revenue is a 12-cent a gallon tax on gasoline, which would raise \$407 million annually. Also being considered is increasing the sales tax by one cent, expected to bring in an additional \$717 million in its first year if implemented. The former Harford County Councilman said lawmakers also have been talking about extending the tax to cover services not now taxed. "But not legal fees," he noted.



Del. Barry Glassman spoke about the state deficit at the June Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Glassman said other ways to increase state revenue being considered are slot machines at racetracks, which could generate \$350 million to \$400 million, and an increase in the alcohol tax.

"They tell us we're going to solve this in a week in October. The slots may wait," said Glassman, who added his personal opinion of the special sessions is that "we ought to get the work done in 90 days." The General Assembly's regular annual session run from January into April.

The three-term delegate said that BRAC would bring "a great opportunity for business," observing that dealing with all that will be needed to handle the expected influx of new residents is a "doable but difficult task."

Glassman urged the chamber members to let the local delegation know how proposed revenue bills will impact their businesses.

Empty Stocking golf tourney Aug. 23

Golfers and sponsors are needed for the annual Empty Stocking Fund Golf Classic, Aug. 23, at the Mountain Branch golf course in Joppa. Registration will be at 7:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The event will have a Captain's Choice format, food and drinks on the course and a buffet luncheon.

The Empty Stocking Fund was started by Homesteading Publishing, publisher of

the *Harford Business Ledger* originally to help Harford County families during the holidays with food, clothing, toys, medicine, utility bills and other needs. Every cent raised by the 501 (c) 3 organization goes to local families. Last year the fund helped 375 families and more than 1,000 children.

For more information, call 410-838-4409, ext. 167 or email egale@theaegis.com

Calendar

Aug. 5

The Historical Society of Harford County will hold its annual ice cream social from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hays House at 324 Kenmore Avenue in Bel Air. Adults \$5, students and seniors \$3. Call 410-838-7691 for information.

Aug. 11-12

The annual Seafood Festival will be held in Havre de Grace's Tydings Park from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 11 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature food, artisans, crafts and entertainment. For details call 410-939-1525 or email seafoodfes@aol.com

Aug. 18-19

More than 250 artists and crafters will display and sell their works at the annual Havre de Grace Art Show sponsored by the Soroptimist International at Tydings Park. There will be food, entertainment and free shuttle service at the event, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Call 410-939-9342 or to hdgartsshow@hotmail.com for information.

Aug. 27

First day of the 2007-08 school year for Harford County Public School students.

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Michael Brunicke has been promoted to Public Safety Manager at the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations. Brunicke, a Bel Air Volunteer Fire Company captain, dispatcher with the division and a member of its Hazardous Material Team, joined Emergency Operation in 1995. He replaces Richard Ayers, who was promoted to Deputy Manager of the Emergency Operations. Brunicke will be responsible for the division's Special Operations Workgroup, including the HAZMAT Team, SARA Title III coordination and management of facilities at Forest Hill.

Ross Coates, who has been a dispatcher and night shift manager in the division's Communication Center, also has been promoted to Public Safety Manager. He joined the division in 1996. Coates will be in charge of the center, which employs 70 persons working 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The center receives all 911 calls placed in the county and handles dispatching for the Harford County Sheriff's Office as well as fire and EMS calls to the local volunteer fire companies.



Michael Nobile has joined Chesapeake Harley-Davidson as partner and General Manager. Nobile, who has 37 years in the motorcycle industry, is overseeing the development of the new 33,000 sq. ft dealership on Thunder

Court and the day-to-day operations of the business.

Nobile has managed a number of Harley-Davidson dealerships, many of which received the Harley-Davidson Bar and Shield Award and the Buell Pegasus Award during his tenure. He has completed courses at Harley-Davidson University every year since its inception in 1992.

Nobile served on the Board of Directors of the Madison and Bohemian Federal Savings Bank in Forest Hill.

