



GSSCC Weekly Update

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November 3, 2014

Only 4 More Days to Register for GSSCC's Discover the Taste of Silver Spring®

...scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, at Discovery Communications. Don't miss this fabulous evening of business networking and tasty culinary delights from some of GSSCC member restaurants and caterers. To date, they include: **8407 Kitchen Bar; Adegá Wine Cellars & Café; Alchemy by Carla Hall; All Set Restaurant & Bar; The Classics Restaurant; Copper Canyon Grill; Cuba de Ayer Restaurant; Cubano's Restaurant; The Daily Dish - A Restaurant and Catering Company; Denizens Brewing Co.; Eggspectation; Ghar-E-Kabab; Kaldi's Coffee Bar; La Malinche; Nando's Peri-Peri; The Original Velatis, Inc.; Peet's Coffee & Tea; Savor (at the DoubleTree); Sheraton Silver Spring; Society Restaurant & Lounge; Squisito Pizza & Pasta; and Urban Butcher.** Click [here](#) to log in register. Thanks to these members who have signed on as sponsors for this year's event: *Gold Sponsors:* **Downtown Silver Spring, Montgomery College, Statland & Katz, Ltd., and Washington Adventist Hospital;** *Silver Sponsors:* **Ad Astra, Inc., Apex Home Loans, Inc., EagleBank, The Fillmore Silver Spring, Holy Cross Hospital, Lerch Early & Brewer Chtd., Linowes and Blocher LLP, M&T Bank, Signs By Tomorrow, Social & Scientific Systems, The Tower Companies, United Therapeutics, and Washington Property Company.**

Don't Miss GSSCC's November Networking Breakfast

...scheduled for 7:30 a.m. this Wednesday, November 5 (a week earlier than usual), at the **The Daily Dish** (8301 A Grubb Rd.). *Note: this event will feature GSSCC's regular "round table" style networking.* Click [here](#) to log in and register.

"Taste" Sponsorships Still Available

Take advantage of the opportunity to promote your company to some 300 guests at this year's Discover the Taste of Silver Spring® event. Sponsorship opportunities are available to fit every company's budget and needs and include recognition at the event, complimentary admissions, and recognition in the promotional materials. Call Laura this week at 301-565-3777 for details.

Welcome New Members!

Please join GSSCC in welcoming these new members in August and September: **Cuba De Ayer Restaurant; Ethio Express Grill; Father Rosensteel Clubhouse Association, Inc.; Jackson Abbott Realty, LLC; Network Referral Group; Squisito Pizza & Pasta; and TransCen, Inc.**

Thanks for Renewing!

GSSCC thanks the following companies for renewing their membership in August and September: **A.R. Bruce & Company, Inc.; Capital One Bank; CHI Centers; ERJ Consulting, LLC; Kay Management Co., Inc.; Kest, Forte & Rottenberg, P.A.; Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd.; Maryland Youth Ballet; MC Dept. of Transportation; Moren, Inc.; Pacci's Neapolitan Pizzeria; Pacci's Trattoria & Pasticceria; Percontee, Inc.; SidtheSecurityPro.com; Silver Spring Towers Apartments; and The Solaire Silver Spring Apartments.**

GSSCC MEMBER NEWS

* Congratulations to **AFI** on the "wrap" of its 25th and most successful *AFI Latin American Film Festival* late last month. This festival is part of **AFI's** ambition to offer "community-based programming of national stature." Click [here](#) to see a brief video on the festival.

* **Ad Astra** will host a free medical interpreting seminar from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, at the Silver Spring Sheraton. Featuring a panel discussion with medical stakeholders and other presentations, the seminar is open to anyone interested in the field of medical interpreting and language services. Contact Amy

Hughes at amy@ad-astrainc.com for more information.

* Congratulations to these GSSCC members named among the Top 100 MBEs winners, honoring minority and women entrepreneurs: **Maisie Dunbar** of **Maisie Dunbar Spa Lounge**; **Michelle Bell** of **1st Choice, LLC**; **Mussie Betre** of **Bankers Business Management Services, Inc.**; and **Shala Graham** of **SW Creatives**. They received their awards at a ceremony in Baltimore on October 23.

* Congratulations to **Kevin Beverly, Social Scientific Systems** executive vice president, on being named Philanthropist of the Year by the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington, in honor of his commitment to nurturing the potential of youth, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility. Read more [here](#).

* **Montgomery Community Media** welcomes Nannette Hobson to its leadership team as the new director of content and operations. Hobson comes with a strong understanding of broadcast and broadband production, multimedia journalism and integrating hyper-local community content. She has won multiple local Emmy Awards as the producer of Washington, D.C. WRC's 6 PM evening newscast, and is a past recipient of the "Glen Brenner Emmy Award" for career contributions in the Washington, D.C. market.

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GSSCC Joins Dozens of Maryland Business Groups to Support Question 1: The Transportation "Lock-box" Amendment

GSSCC has joined a broad-based coalition of organizations representing key business and industry leaders to urge a vote FOR Question One in this year's general election, on Tuesday, November 4. The measure will appear on the ballot thanks to legislation spearheaded by Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller and then-Delegate (now Senator) Brian Feldman, which passed both houses of the Maryland General Assembly with strong bi-partisan support in the 2013 Session. Read more [here](#). To see the Transportation Coalition Fact Sheet, go [here](#).

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Upcoming GSSCC's Committee Meetings

- * **Young Professionals** – 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5
- * **Government Affairs Committee** – 9 a.m. on Friday, November 7 – Discussion of business issues expected during the 2015 General Assembly – Maryland Chamber Government Affairs Staff
- * **Major Events Committee** – 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11
- * **Economic Development Committee** – 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 20
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“Ban the Box” Legislation Becomes Effective Today Joint Business Advocacy Effort Softens Impact for Employers

This morning, County Executive Isiah Leggett will sign into law Expedited Council Bill 36-14, which prohibits employers from inquiring about a candidate's criminal background until the “conclusion of the first interview.” The new law, which, as an expedited bill, becomes effective today, also requires employers having 15 or more employees to remove any questions about an applicant's criminal background from the application for employment and other forms given to candidates before the first interview. In recent weeks, GSSCC and other business groups successfully lobbied Councilmembers to make the bill much less onerous for business. The original bill prohibited employers from inquiring about a candidate's criminal background until after a conditional offer of employment had been made. New language in the bill also protects an employer if the topic comes up earlier in connection with questions about an employment gap on the resume, or is volunteered by the applicant. The amended bill also deletes all references to potential damage awards employers might have to pay to complainants in the event of a violation, leaving only a civil penalty of up to \$1,000. The amended bill also addresses the issue of providing an applicant the opportunity to obtain and correct any criminal history information that is used after a conditional offer has been made. It does not apply to information learned or relied upon during the selection process. As yet, no guidance or information about this new law has been available by the County. GSSCC staff has requested that the County provide information to help employers understand the new regulation. For more information, contact Jane Redicker.

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- * Join **Downtown Silver Spring** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. this Saturday, November 15, on Fountain Plaza to “Re-Imagine the Holidays” at the official lighting of Silver symphony, a 35-foot-tall public art installation featuring chimes, bells, pinwheels, and ribbons. Click [here](#) for more information about the celebration.
- * **Pyramid Atlantic's** 13th biennial Book Arts Fair is less than a week away, scheduled for this Friday, November 14, to Sunday, November 16, at Photogroup studio (8040 Georgia Ave.). This year's theme, “Outside the Margin” focuses on book art and contemporary prints that explore outer edges of the mediums. To purchase tickets, go to <http://pyramidatlanticbookartsfair.org/>.
- * Former NBA star Harvey Grant recently visited **A Wider Circle** to help kick off its new program, Athletes Standing Against Poverty (ASAP), a coalition of athletes from across the sporting world dedicated to ending poverty. For more information, to go www.awidercircle.org.
- * The World Food Programme, implemented by **Global Communities** – West Bank & Gaza, has received a \$7.5 million contribution. So far this year, this program has helped some 190,000 food-insecure individuals in 154

communities in the West Bank and Gaza. The program specifically provides assistance to the neediest families among the non-refugee population, while the refugee population receives food assistance from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

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Deadline Approaching for BRT Corridor Advisory Committee Nominations

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Taste Attendees Encouraged to Support The Fillmore's Giving Thanks

As a way of saying "Thanks" to The Fillmore for stepping in last week to host this year's Discover the Taste of Silver Spring®, GSSCC encourages attendees to support [The Fillmore's Giving Thanks](#) effort. Members who have registered for the GSSCC event on Wednesday are encouraged to bring along a donation of warm socks, toiletries, or lip balm, to be made available to those in need at The Fillmore's event on Thanksgiving Day.

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Last Chance to Apply for BRT Corridor Advisory Committee

If your business is near Rt. 29/Colesville Road between Burtonsville and downtown Silver Spring, or on Georgia Avenue between Olney and downtown Silver Spring, then you should consider applying to be appointed to one of the Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Advisory Committees being formed. These committees represent the only avenue for businesses to have input into the planning and design of a new bus rapid transit system on these corridors. For more information and access to a nomination form, go to

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RTS/cacs.html>. Scroll to the bottom of the page for a link to the form. Nominations are due to the GSSCC office by noon this Friday, November 21.

Register this week for GSSCC's December Networking Breakfast

...scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3 (one week early because of the December holidays), **Eggspectation**. Click [here](#) to log in and sign-up by Friday, November 28, and pay the early-bird admission price of \$20. Registrations after November 28 will cost an additional \$10.

GSSCC MEMBER NEWS

* The **National Museum of Health and Medicine** will host a Science Café discussion on Human Performance Optimization, an integration of best practices from health disciplines, including sport/performance psychology, to ensure Warfighter readiness, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, at the Silver Spring Civic Building. Click [here](#) for more info.

* **Shepherd's Table** is seeking a few good turkeys – 80, to be exact, plus 150 pounds of potatoes, 150 pounds of carrots, 100 boxes of stuffing, and 75 holiday pies before Thanksgiving day. Help **Shepherd's Table** make Thanksgiving special for hungry folks in need, and spread the word of your generosity by posting a selfie of you and your turkey (or other donations) on social media. Follow Shepherd's table on Facebook and Twitter and look for the staff member in a turkey costume. Correctly guess who it is and win lunch with a staff member.

* To help ensure that our neighbors in Silver Spring have food on the table at Thanksgiving, the **YMCA Silver Spring** will be collecting canned foods, rice, tomatoes, bagged fresh fruits and vegetables, and more between now and November 19.

* **Pump It Up** of Silver Spring offers parents a “date night,” or just a chance to relax, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. this Friday night, November 21. Pump It Up's Parents Night Out Pajama Jam offers games, bouncing, crafts, and more, plus dinner, cookies, and milk, for PJ-wearing children during the event. Click [here](#) for details.

* **A Wider Circle** offers three opportunities for members to support our neighbors in need during the holiday season. Members can help by donating nonperishable food items and/or gift cards for perishables between now and Thanksgiving; by providing toys, gift cards, and gifts for the organization's "North Pole," open to clients at the furniture center during the December holidays; or by sponsoring holiday gifts a local family, either individually or as a company. Contact Alana at alana@awidercircle.org for more details, or to volunteer.

* Congratulations to **Metamorphosis** on celebrating 7 years in Silver Spring. Join this member at a special Anniversary Celebration & fashion Show at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 23. Click [here](#) for more information. RSVP to 301-588-8901.

* Shop at **Whole Foods** in Silver Spring on Thursday, December 4, and 5 percent of your grocery bill will go to support **Maryland Youth Ballet**.

* **Sandy Spring Bank** announces the opening of its [2014 Season of Sharing](#) campaign. Employees will donate time and talents to more than a dozen activities across the region. GSSCC Members can help by “sharing” or “retweeting” any image of the special season logo stamp, and, in return, Sandy Spring Bank will donate 10 meals to local food bank partners. Open a personal checking account between now and December 20, and the bank will donate 30 meals to local partners.

* Decorate a gingerbread house on Saturday, December 20, and support **Community Vision of Interfaith Works'** Wilkins Avenue Shelter, a 65 bed emergency shelter that served some 300 women last year. Proceeds from the event at VisArts in Rockville will support art programs for the women at the shelter. For details, click [here](#).

* GSSCC recently learned of the passing of **Jack Hewitt**, a Silver Spring realtor for many years, and someone who was instrumental in the establishment of the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce back in 1993. Hewitt was a WWII veteran.

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* **Ethio Express Grill** (952 Sligo Avenue) is open! This first ever Ethiopian-inspired “fast casual restaurant” was established to serve quick, fresh, healthy, and tasty food in a new and exciting way. The menu allows customers to build and customize their own plates from a choice of freshly cooked ingredients. For more information call 240-543-2729 or go to www.ethiogrill.com.

* **Zena Polin** of **The Daily Dish** was live on *Fox 5 News*’s “Cheers to the Weekend” feature demonstrating her Alpine Manhattan, and talking about “Cocktail Week” in D.C. Click [here](#) to see the segment.

* Congratulations to **Berlin Ramos & Company** on being named, once again, among the Best Accounting Firms to Work for in 2014, by *Accounting Today*, a leading provider of online business news for the tax and accounting community. [David Flinchum, CPA, accepted the award](#) at a recent conference.

* Congratulations to **Family & Nursing Care** on being accepted into the “Maryland Green Registry” of businesses in Maryland that demonstrate a commitment to the environment. More details [here](#).

* **YMCA Youth & Family Services** will host a professional “group games training” from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, December 18, at the YMCA Ayr lawn Program Center (5650 Oakmont Ave, Bethesda). The program may be of interest to those who work in youth or adult childcare, social work, teambuilding, summer camp, education, and more. The cost is \$40. For more information, or to register, call 301-576-9080 or email Richelle.Barber@ymcadc.org.

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advantage of this exclusive opportunity to showcase their businesses by hosting one of the Chamber's eight regular after-hours events. The host provides the venue and refreshments and GSSCC handles the promotion, through the Chamber's regular electronic newsletter, emails to members, on the web site, and via outreach to local business media outlets. Call or email [Laura Alin](#) for more information or to schedule a GSSCC After-Hours at your business.

See Your Company's Logo at Every Networking Breakfast and After-Hours

Let GSSCC highlight your company's logo on a roll-up banner displayed at each of the Chamber's regular monthly events -- the Networking Breakfast and Business-After-Hours. The Chamber is now selling positions for member-company logos on the 2015 banner, at the affordable price of \$300 for the year. The new banner will debut at the January After-Hours and be displayed at each regular networking event in 2015. That means sponsor logos will be on display near registration at 20 events during the year, for the amazingly low cost of \$15 per event. If last year is any indication, these spaces are sure to go fast, so please call Laura at (301) 565-3777, to reserve your spot.

Upcoming GSSCC's Committee Meetings

- * **Membership Development Committee** – 9 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25
- * **Young Professionals Committee** – 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3
- * **Government Affairs Committee** – 9 a.m. on Friday, December 5
- * **Events Committee** – 9 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9
- * **About GSSCC Committee Meetings** – *All GSSCC members are welcome to participate in Chamber committees. Members are welcome to attend committee meetings to assess interest in joining a committee. Meetings are typically held in the GSSCC Conference Room. **RSVP is required and priority will be given to existing committee members when speakers are scheduled.***

Happy Thanksgiving to All

On behalf of the GSSCC staff, best wishes for a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 in recognition of the holiday.

Get Social with GSSCC!

When your company joined the Chamber, we found you on Facebook (assuming you have a Facebook page), and we "liked" you. Now it's your turn. Click [here](#) to "like" GSSCC and see news about Chamber events and our shout outs to fellow members!

Thank you to our 2014-2015 GSSCC Partners

Corporate Partners –Downtown Silver Spring; Lee Development Group; Montgomery College; Statland & Katz Insurance, Inc.; Washington Adventist Hospital

Business Partners –AFI Silver Theatre; Bud Miller Associates, Inc.; Digital Industry; Discovery Communications; EagleBank; The Fillmore Silver Spring; Holy Cross Hospital; Lerch, Early & Brewer, Chtd.; Linowes & Blocher LLP; M&T Bank; The Tower Companies (The Blairs); United Therapeutics Corp.; Washington Property Company.

Partners – Adam S. Lowe Photography; Atlantech Online; Eggspectation; Signs By Tomorrow; Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.

Friends – My Office Products; Harvey Maisel/Maisel Hollins Development