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News & Information

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## Take Pride and Glow!

Last week at the Olney Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards and Installation the Olney Chamber honored several outstanding members and took pride in their accomplishments over the past membership year. Those in attendance donned glow bracelets that showed their pride in the growth of the business community over the past year.

Emmyrich (Richie) Vicente from PNC Bank received the Chamber's highest honor of Business Person of the Year. The Business Person of the Year (BPOY) is awarded to an individual of the Olney Chamber of Commerce in recognition of service to the Olney Chamber and to the greater Olney community. Nominees for the BPOY are recommended from the Board of Directors and then voted on by the entire Chamber membership. Richie distinguished himself this year by serving on the Chamber Board of Directors as the Vice President and Chair of the Health and Safety committee. Richie also chaired National Night Out for the second year, leading the event to a National Participation Award from the National Area Town Watch Association. He is a financial literary advisor for the students at Our House and an instructor for Junior Achievements at Farquhar Middle School. In his spare time Richie is presently the District Chair of the NCAC Boy Scouts of America and is active in the choir at St. Francis of Assisi.

Red Letter Design was honored with the Chamber's Partner in Business Award. The Partner in Business Award is awarded to a business that has supported the Chamber and the community through contributions of products and/or services. Brenda Egeland, owner of Red Letter Design developed the Chamber's new website, [www.olneymd.org](http://www.olneymd.org) that was launched July 1, 2007. Since its launch Brenda and the Chamber have worked hard to make the site accessible to chamber members to update their listings, find useful information, register for Chamber events, and sponsor Chamber activities. The site also serves as an information portal for the community. The community can search the site for information on businesses in the greater Olney area as well as community activities.

Two other Chamber members recognized during the event were Greg Porter from Brooke Grove Retirement Village and Joe Buffington with RE/MAX Realty Centre. Greg has finished his term as an At Large Director on the Chamber's Board. He has served two, three year terms on the Board where he created the Chamber's first employee policy and procedures manual. Greg also kept a sharp eye on the monthly financial reports and the yearly budget. The Chamber will miss having Greg on the Board. Joe Buffington was given the President's Award by Chamber President Ellen Coleman. This year was Joe's last year chairing the Chamber's Annual Community Night. He has chaired the event for the past 8 years. He represents the Chamber at the Greater Olney Civic Association and is now the small business owner representative on the Olney Town Center Advisory Committee.

The Chamber is truly fortunate to have all of these businesses and individuals as members. These members stood out this year, but all the members of the Chamber make the community the great place it is to live and do business.

Also during the evening the Chamber installed the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. Former Chamber President John Ferguson with Main Street Settlements installed the new Board. Serving the Chamber this year are: Ellen Coleman as President, Richie Vicente as VP, Jacob Shoal as Treasurer, Carol Stix as Secretary, Pam Spears as Immediate Past President, and John Austin, Richard Bienvenue, Joe Buffington, Elisabeth Deal, Ed Hoffman, Jon Hulsizer, Paula Kahla, Clark Kendall, Marc Rosendorf, and Cheryl Schneider as At Large Directors. The Chamber looks forward to another "glowing" year.

### Announcements:

► **Directory Ads:** Don't forget to get your directory ads to the Olney Chamber office by June 20. If you would like to place an ad but will not have it ready by that date, please let us know the size of the ad space you would like to reserve so the space in the directory can be reserved for you.

► **Welcome Back:** Celebrate the return of Olney's favorite chocolate! Penny Chocolates and Gelato opens in its new location, the Historic Higgins Tavern, The Shoppes at Silo, at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 21. Several rich flavors of delicious artisan gelato are new additions to the sweet selections of Penny Chocolates' handcrafted truffles and candies. The Historic Higgins Tavern is located at 16834 Georgia Ave., Olney, 1½ miles south of Route 108.

► **Congratulations:** The Olney Chamber of Commerce would like to Congratulated Willoughby's Market in downtown Sandy Spring on their Grand Opening on Saturday, June 14. The Chamber wishes them all the best.

► **New Meeting Space:** Hold your next meeting at Dream Dinners Cloverly Street. Own the place for 2 hours, enjoy breakfast/ lunch or dinner. You can even play with food and bring wine! This non-traditional environment with vibrant colors, aromatic spices and lively music will inspire your group to relate to each other differently and open up to new possibilities. It is great for networking, team-building, or simply as a fun-outing. Contact Yihung Mohs at 240.515.8983.

► **Princess Cruises Sale-one month only!** Select Caribbean, Mexican Riviera and Panama Canal cruises are offered at special group-fare rates, and include a shipboard credit and reduced deposit. Book before June 30! Call Globetrotter Travel today at 301-570-2600.

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