



GSSCC Weekly Update

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June 2, 2014

Register Today to Join Us for GSSCC's June Networking Breakfast. . .

. . . scheduled from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, at **Eggspectation** (923 Ellsworth Dr.). Click [here](#) to log in and register by this Friday, June 6, and pay the early-bird admission price of \$20. Registrations made after June 6 will cost an additional \$10.

Make Your Early Bird Reservations for GSSCC's Awards & Installation Dinner by This Friday

Don't miss this year's GSSCC Awards & Installation Dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, at the Sheraton Silver Spring. GSSCC will recognize the *Shining Stars of Silver Spring*, and install members of the 2014-2015 Chamber Board. Make your pre-paid reservations by this Friday, June 6, and take advantage of the early-bird price of \$75 per person for GSSCC members. After June 6, admission will be \$85 per person for members, additional for non-members. Sponsorships and table rates are also available. Click [here](#) to log in and register now.

GSSCC Gathers Candidates' Views on Business Issues

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Join GSSCC as a 2014 AFI Docs Film Festival Sponsor

GSSCC is pleased to once again this year be a sponsor of Silver Spring's AFI Docs Film Festival, scheduled for June 18 to June 22. Now in its 12th year, AFI Docs honors excellence in filmmaking, supports the diverse voices and free expression of independent storytellers, and celebrates the power of documentary to improve our understanding of the world. Over the years, AFI Docs Film Festival has attracted 27,000 documentary enthusiasts, policy-makers and thought leaders. Promote your business and become a sponsor to sustain and advance the art form of storytelling and provide a platform for filmmakers to illuminate the issues and stories that impact our world. For more information regarding sponsorship or funding opportunities, please contact: Shayla Hines, Manager, Advancement at 301-495-6729 or SHines@AFI.com.

Thanks for Renewing!

GSSCC thanks the following companies for renewing their membership in May: **Ackerman Security Systems; Andalman & Flynn; Associates in Process Improvement; Atlantech Online, Inc.; Citron Apartments; David S. Rose, PhD, LLC; DB Consulting Group, Inc.; LegalShield-Silvestre; Melehy & Associates, LLC; Metro Metro & Associates; Michael A. Hairston Fine Art & Custom Framing; National Museum of Health and Medicine; Oxford House, Inc.; Peet's Coffee & Tea; Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department; The Bennington at Silver Spring; The Galaxy Apartments; The Gazette; The Tower Companies; Tiger Personnel Service, Inc.; and World Building - Royco.**

Welcome New Members!

Please join GSSCC in welcoming these new members from May: **Andy Alderdice, W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors, a Long & Foster Co.; Boston Market; D&R International; Fidelity Bank Mortgage; Kandih Group; Red Camel Superstore; and Righttime Medical Care.**

GSSCC MEMBER NEWS

* **Silver Spring Green** has hired **Full Gamut Professional Services** to manage its organization. **Barbara Henry**, owner of **Full Gamut**, will serve as the **Silver Spring Green's** executive director.

* **A Wider Circle** will host a business networking and open house event from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. this Thursday, June 5, in its Center for Professional Development at 9159 Brookville Road. Join local business leaders for wine and cheese, and an opportunity to peak behind the curtain of this organization that is committed to ending poverty. Plenty of on-site parking is available. Click [here](#) to register.

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AFIDOCS Ticket on Sale Now

GSSCC is proud to return as a sponsor of Silver Spring's annual AFI DOCS documentary festival. Bringing artists, film enthusiasts, and political leaders to Silver Spring and the Washington D.C. area, AFI DOCS shines a bright light on documentary films that raise questions, spark curiosity, and have the potential to inspire change. This year the festival takes place from June 18-22, 2014. Among the topics of this year's films – a behind-the-scenes look at Hal Holbrook's iconic Mark Twain; the life and times of the late film critic Roger Ebert; the students who gathered in an effort to end segregation in Mississippi in 1964; a 1971 break-in where every single document was stolen from a Philadelphia FBI office; how music is bringing Alzheimer's patients back to reality; the rising cost of higher education and the toll it is taking on our country; an award-winning troupe of underground theater performers who dare to tackle dangerous topics that can easily put them behind bars; and so much more. To review the film guide and buy tickets, visit www.afi.com/afidocs.

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* **Righttime Medical Care** is offering a free informational workshop to help families learn everything they need to know about concussions. Scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, at the urgent care center's 20 University Blvd. East location (Four Corners/Woodmoor Shopping Center), the program will feature HeadFirst Concussion Care Program Director Tony Doran, Psy.D. Refreshments and door prizes will be available. Pre-registration requested at www.myheadfirst.com/concussiondiscussion or by calling 443-332-4276.

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AFI DOCS is finally here!

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Early Voting Has Begun, Primary Officially Next Week

The 2014 Primary is officially next Tuesday, June 24, but "early voting" has already begun. GSSCC urges all members to get out and vote. For a list of early voting locations and other poll information, click [here](#). To access GSSCC questionnaires completed by some District 5 and At-Large candidates for Montgomery County Council, click [here](#). Use the password GSSChamber to reach the page listing the last names of those candidates who have completed the questionnaire thus far. Click on the "Individual Responses" tab to read each candidate's responses. To access the voting records of incumbent Councilmembers on matters affecting business and Silver Spring, click [here](#).

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* **Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union, the Corporate Volunteer Council (CVC), The Universities at Shady Grove, and A Wider Circle** have declared “open season on poverty in Montgomery County” and are asking GSSCC members to open their closets and cupboards to help those in need. Household and personal goods can be dropped off on “collection day” from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, June 21, at the Universities at Shady Grove (9636 Gudelsky Dr.) in Rockville. For a list of items needed, or to sign up as a volunteer for this event, click [here](#). *See your company’s news here!* GSSCC would be pleased to highlight news from our member companies in this section of the weekly e-news. Simply send us your information before close of business each Friday.

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Welcome GSSCC 2014-2015 Board of Directors

At GSSCC's Awards & Installation Dinner on Wednesday, Interim 5th District Montgomery County Councilmember Cherie Branson will install the members of the 2014-2015 GSSCC Board. Congratulations and welcome to these Board members: **Dan Figueroa, Downtown Silver Spring, Chair; Manuel Ocasio, Holy Cross Hospital, Immediate Past Chair; Brian Abramson, The Tower Companies; Ray Barry, AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center; Marc Bloom, Washington Adventist Hospital; Carmen Camacho, Bud Miller Associates; Catherine Carroll, Discovery Communications; Mona Feldman, Social & Scientific Systems; Avi Halpert, United Therapeutics Corporation; William Kominers, Lerch, Early & Brewer Chtd.; Adam Lowe, Adam S. Lowe Photography; Chad Mangum, Bell Flowers; Samantha Mazo, Linowes and Blocher LLP; Paul Nazalrod, Washington Property Company; Doug Parker, M&T Bank; Anil Periera, EagleBank; Robert Scott, My Office Products; Julie Statland, Statland & Katz; Stephanie Steele, The Fillmore Silver Spring; and Brad Stewart, Montgomery College.**

Get Out and VOTE!

The 2014 Primary is tomorrow, Tuesday, June 24. GSSCC urges all members to get out and vote. Remember, the actions and decisions by our elected State and County officials affect your business. Consider their positions or history when you go to the polls. To provide an insight into the positions of those running for office, GSSCC asked candidates for Montgomery County Council District 5 and At-Large seats to complete a questionnaire on business issues. Six candidates did so. To access their responses, click [here](#). Use the password GSSChamber to reach the page listing the last names of those candidates who have completed the questionnaire. Click on the "Individual Responses" tab to read each candidate's responses. GSSCC also compiled information on the voting records of incumbent Councilmembers on matters affecting business and Silver Spring since the last election. To access that information, click [here](#).

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* Can’t take your eyes off the World Cup? These GSSCC member restaurants are showing the cup all week, and some are offering World Cup specials. **The Daily Dish** (8301 A Grubb Rd.) is showing the games on its new TV on the patio, and at the bar, and offering select Flying Dog Beer for \$4 during the games. **El Golfo** (8739 Flower Ave.) is showing games and offering "Caipirinhas," a national Brazilian drink made of "Cachaca Rum and fresh lime. And, **Kaldi's Coffee Bar** (918 Silver Spring Ave.) is showing Cup every day.

* **Fenwick Beer and Wine** wants you to help support fellow GSSCC members. Take a receipt from **Fenwick Beer and Wine to Eggspectation** (923 Ellsworth Dr.) within seven days of purchase, and get 10% off your order (Happy Hour excluded). Or, take that receipt within seven days to **Maisie Dunbar Spa Lounge** (8711 First Ave., one block from **Fenwick**) and get 10% off.

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Congratulations to those GSSCC members named Shining Stars of Silver Spring at the Chamber's Awards & Installation Dinner last week! Honorees included: **Signs By Tomorrow Silver Spring** (in the category of businesses with ten or fewer employees); **Eggspectation** (in the category of companies with 11 to 50 employees); **The Sheraton Silver Spring** (in the category of companies with more than 50 employees); **Shepherd's Table** (in the non-profit category); **Quality Time Early Learning Center** (in a special category for Innovation in Education). Read [here](#) about why these Chamber members are Shining Stars.



Pictured left to right: Officer Christopher Solimano, Chamber President Jane Redicker, Signs By Tomorrow co-owners Paula Morris and Deborah Hyman, Eggspectation General Manager Ryan Duggan, 2014-2015 GSSCC Chair Dan Figueroa of Downtown Silver Spring, Shepherd's Table Executive Director Jacki Coyle, 2013-2014 GSSCC Chair Manny Ocasio of Holy Cross Hospital, and Quality Time Early Learning Center owner Richard Crump. [Click here](#) to see more photos from the event.

Congratulations Police Officer of the Year

GSSCC also recognized the Montgomery County 3rd District Police Officers of the Year. Police Officer Christopher Solimano was selected by the 3rd District Command staff for his ability to "identify, analyze, and solve a problem by thinking outside of the box" and "embracing the latest technology to gain the upper hand on criminals." To learn more about Officer Solimano's accomplishments, click [here](#) and scroll to the end.

Congratulations Keller Shinholser!

Outgoing GSSCC Chair Manny Ocasio surprised Keller Shinholser, Apex Home Loans, with a special "Chair's Award," for personifying what "involved" in the Chamber is all about. He noted that she has been a reliable and dedicated volunteer at every single one of the Chamber's major events – the Business Golf Classic tournaments, Discover the Taste of Silver Spring® events, SchmoorzaPaloozas, and the Awards & Installation Dinners – since joining just three short years ago. He also cited her dedication as a member of the Economic Development Committee, the Major Events Committee, the ad hoc Golf Committee, and the Chamber Board this past year.

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* **Urban Butcher** announces the addition of "Happy Hour" specials starting Wednesday, July 2, to be available at the bar, upcoming patio and communal table, Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and weekend days from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. For more details, [click here.](#)

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