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Join HAWDC for Our 2012 Annual Meeting



HAWDC encourages all Members to attend the 2012 Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 19th at the Grand Hyatt Washington. During the luncheon, Members will vote on the 2012 Board of Directors Slate of Officers. HAWDC is also delighted to have nationally recognized regional economist, Stephen Fuller, Ph.D., as our guest speaker. Dr. Fuller is the Director of the Center for Regional Analysis at the George Mason University,

Dwight Schar Faculty Chair, and University Professor. The Center for Regional Analysis provides research and analytical services to local government and businesses in the Washington region focusing on economic, demographic, transportation, housing and fiscal trends and forecasts. Dr. Fuller is also a regular economic contributor to WTOP FM 103.5. At the luncheon, Dr. Fuller will discuss current economic issues in the District and their impact on the Hotel Industry. Please see below for event details.

HAWDC Comments on Taxicab Commission's Proposed Fare Increases

Tomorrow, the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission will hear public comments on its proposed rulemaking to adjust the taxicab fare rate. As you are aware, the Commission is proposing to increase the fare rate without mandating the necessary reforms that our industry feels are paramount to basic taxicab service. HAWDC has reviewed the proposed rulemaking along with the Commission's Findings and Determination report, and has submitted comments to the Commission urging it to revise the proposed rules to require: 1) every taxicab owner to install credit/debit card machines in their vehicles by October, 1, 2012; 2) every taxicab to have a uniform color by a certain date; and 3) every taxicab operator to attend a customer service training course in order to renew their license. Click [HERE](#) for a copy of HAWDC's comments.

HAWDC continues to work with the District Council on Bill 19-630, the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Service Improvement Amendment Act of 2011, which includes several of our requested reforms such as mandating that every taxicab owner install a credit card reader in their cabs, as well as updated meters that can provide receipts to customers, and mandating that every taxicab driver shall complete a training course prior to receiving or renewing their license. If you have questions or concerns regarding the rate increases, please contact Solomon Keene or Lisa Abrams at 202.289.0584.

Police District and Public Service Area Changes

Effective January 1, 2012, the Metropolitan Police District and Public Service Area (PSA) boundaries have changed. Every PSA has a team of police

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officers and officials assigned to it. To locate your PSA click [HERE](#). You will be asked to enter an address in the appropriate field. Then select the "Public Safety" tab below the map that appears. Your PSA will be listed along with other public safety services for your area.

Member Highlight: Embassy Suites Convention Center Hosts CHAMPS Lunch



Last week, DC Metropolitan Police Officers were honored for their outstanding service to the community with a special luncheon held at the Embassy Suites Convention Center. Chief Lanier and Assistant Chief Newsham discussed initiatives for the coming year, new technology implementation, and took ideas from officers on ways to improve the Department. Each officer also received a certificate for their achievements in the community. HAWDC thanks David del Russo and the Embassy Suites Convention Center team for a great event and for helping us to show our appreciation for the Metropolitan Police

Department.

Pictured above: Chief Cathy Lanier and MPD Officer

Hotel Engineers Association January Luncheon

Members of the Hotel Engineers Association are invited to attend a luncheon this Thursday, January 12th at the office of the Hotel Association of Washington, DC. A special guest speaker from the District Department of the Environment will discuss the proper management of RCRA C regulated wastes at hotels. Please see below for event details.

HAWC Accepting Stars of the Industry Awards Nominations

HAWDC is currently accepting nominations for the Stars of the Industry Awards! The Stars of the Industry Awards gives HAWDC Members the opportunity to compete for city-wide and national recognition in the hotel industry. The Employee and Lodging Property Achievement Awards are the perfect opportunity to showcase the initiatives and achievements in your hotel as well as show your employees just how much they're appreciated. Honor the best and brightest stars in your hotel by submitting a nomination today! **Nominations should be submitted directly to HAWDC by February 2, 2012 in order to be considered for the city-wide and national competitions.** Please click [HERE](#) to complete and submit Employee Award nominations. Lodging Property Achievement nominations can be completed and submitted [HERE](#). Please contact Taylor Croley at 202.289.0584 or taylor@hawdc.com with any questions.



Allied Member Highlight: Elevator Control Service

ELCON Enterprises, Inc., T/A Elevator Control Service, is one of the largest independently owned and operated vertical transportation contractors in the nation.

Established in 1970, ELCON is the premier provider of preventive care, repair, modernization and installation of

the widest variety of vertical transportation equipment, automatic conveyor systems and vehicle protection barriers. Elevator Control Service offers customers the personalized care and attention of a privately owned company while possessing greater abilities and resources than most nationally recognized manufacturing firms. Their knowledgeable management staff consists of industry certified technicians and highly qualified specialists, who can effectively restore, maintain and manage all of your vertical transportation components, regardless of project size, style or vintage of equipment.

Services include routine maintenance, service, repair, modernization and installation of all makes and models of elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, moving walkways, handicapped lifts, automated conveyor systems and material handling devices. Visit www.elevatorcontrolservice.com for more information.



Hospitality High School Upcoming 2012 Events

2012 Mentor Program

Hospitality High School has 59 upperclassmen in need of mentors. This year, HHS has streamlined the Mentor program; so mentors need to attend only 3 events throughout the year. The kick off, Meet & Greet Event, is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18th at 4:00 pm at the school.

Groundhog Job Shadowing Day

Thursday, February 2nd, is Groundhog Job Shadowing Day! HHS is looking for host sites to make this year's event even more successful than the last.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, and or hosting students for Groundhog Job Shadowing Day, please email Michael Cucciardo at mcucciardo@hospitalityhigh.org. Please indicate your choice of either being a mentor and/or hosting Groundhog Job Shadowing day by sending your name, the name of your organization, your email, and a phone number!

Upcoming Industry Host Site School Events

Wednesday, January 18th - Mentor Meet & Greet

Friday, January 20th - Homecoming

Thursday, Feb 2nd – Groundhog Job Shadowing Day

Friday, May 11th – Prom

Senior Breakfast – May Date TBD

Friday, June 1st – Graduation

Please contact Michael Cucciardo at mcucciardo@hospitalityhigh.org if you would like to participate in or support any future HHS events!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, January 11, 2012: HAWDC Board of Directors Meeting will be held at 10:30 am in the office of the Hotel Association of Washington, D.C. RSVP to Taylor Croley at taylor@hawdc.com.

Thursday, January 12, 2012: Hotel Engineers Association January Luncheon will be held at the office of the Hotel Association of Washington, D.C. from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm. RSVP to Lisa Abrams at lisa@hawdc.com or 202.289.4448.

Thursday, January 19, 2012: HAWDC Annual Meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington. Reception will be held at 12:00 pm followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.