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HAWDC Members Elect 2012 Board Officers at Annual Meeting



On January 19th, HAWDC held its 2012 Annual Meeting at the beautiful Grand Hyatt Washington. HAWDC Members elected the 2012 Board Officers, Dan Nadeau of Marriott Wardman Park as Chairman, Thomas Penny of Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center as Vice-Chairman, Steve Cowan of the Washington Hilton as Second Vice-Chairman, and Sheri Swain of the Holiday Inn Capitol as Secretary/Treasurer. HAWDC congratulates our new officers and looks forward to a very successful 2012 under their leadership!

HAWDC was pleased to welcome nationally recognized regional economist Dr. Stephen Fuller as the special guest speaker at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Fuller discussed current economic trends in the Washington area and the influence that the hotel industry has on the Washington, D.C. economy. HAWDC was also delighted to have Councilmember Jack Evans and members of the Hospitality Alliance at the luncheon. HAWDC thanks Dan Amato and his team at the Grand Hyatt Washington for a spectacular event. Pictured above: Dan Nadeau, GM Marriot Wardman Park, HAWDC Chairman; Dr. Stephen Fuller; Councilmember Jack Evans; Jay Haddock, Capital Hotels & Suites President; Solomon Keene, HAWDC President

Taxicab Industry Survey: Let Your Voice Be Heard

As you are aware, HAWDC supports legislation that is currently before the District Council that seeks to reform the city's taxicab industry, as it includes several of our requested reforms such as mandating that every taxicab accept credit cards as a form of payment, updated meters, uniform color requirements, and mandating that every taxicab driver complete a training course prior to receiving or renewing their license. As part of her oversight of the taxicab industry and in preparation for an upcoming hearing, Councilmember Cheh has developed a survey and is seeking feedback about the potential changes to taxi service in the District. **HAWDC encourages all Members to complete the survey and share your thoughts on taxi service in the District.** HAWDC believes that completion of the survey is critical as we move forward in our fight to mandate reform of the taxicab industry in the District. **Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey. Please use your hotel's address.**

Engineers Association Meeting

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The Hotel Engineers Association hosted a lunch meeting on January 12th at the office of HAWDC. Guest speaker Victoria North, from the District Department of the Environment (DDOE), gave a presentation on the proper disposal of federally designated "universal wastes" (RCRA C), which include batteries, pesticides, mercury-containing equipment, and light bulbs. The RCRA C regulations govern the collection and management of these widely generated wastes, to facilitate environmentally sound collection and proper recycling or treatment. If you generate any of the above-listed wastes, you must register as a generator with DDOE and obtain a US EPA ID Number. For more information on the RCRA C regulations and how to obtain a US EPA ID Number click [HERE](#).



Pictured above: (Left to Right) Mary Lynn Wilhere, DDOE; Rod Temistocle, Vice President of the Hotel Engineers Association; and Victoria North, DDOE.

Join the Initiative: The Strength of Our Industry

Last week, at the 2012 Annual Meeting, HAWDC's new Chairman, Dan Nadeau, laid out his top priorities for 2012, and the main objectives that he would like to see the Association accomplish during his tenure as Chairman of the Board. One of these priorities is to promote our hotels, our employees, and our industry by telling the story of the hotel industry from the human perspective. HAWDC will fulfill this initiative by adding a new section to the newsletter, beginning next month, dedicated to the individuals who are the driving force behind the hospitality industry in Washington, D.C.: hotel employees. This section will demonstrate the value that these hard working men and women bring to our industry and to our City! Our industry is one of the best in Washington, D.C. because of their outstanding deeds as employees, professionals, friends, and citizens.

All HAWDC Members are encouraged take part in this initiative by sending in stories about employees (front of the house, back of the house, and managers) who have gone above and beyond for a guest, co-worker, family member, or friend. Please send submissions (1-2 paragraphs and a photo) to Taylor Croley at taylor@hawdc.com by February 9, 2012.



Cherry Blossom Festival's City in Bloom Campaign

Join the National Cherry Blossom Festival's City in Bloom campaign during the 2012 Centennial Celebration,

honoring the 100-year anniversary of the gift of trees from Tokyo to Washington, D.C. From March 20 - April 27, let millions of people know you are a part of the tribute by displaying special lighting, banners, decals, and more! Help Washington, D.C. and the region welcome the nation's greatest springtime celebration!

The Centennial Celebration and the City in Bloom campaign are opportunities to showcase Washington, D.C. as the springtime destination and deliver the brand of our city to the world. For more information and to participate in the campaign, please click [HERE](#).

Stars of the Industry Nominations due February 2nd: Nominate Today

HAWDC is currently accepting nominations for the Stars of the Industry Awards. 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.

One City Summit



On Saturday, February 11th Mayor Gray will host the One City Summit from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The event will feature voting on specific priorities for action in the coming year, brainstorming new ideas about how the D.C. Government can work more effectively with its citizens, and learning about current efforts to grow our economy, improve our schools, create more jobs, and other initiatives underway to move our city forward. Along with Mayor Gray, top city officials will be present all day to listen to your concerns and hear your ideas. A free lunch will be served to everyone who attends. Register for the summit today by calling (202) 709-5132.

Allied Member Highlight: Ace Parking



Ace Parking Management, Inc. was founded in 1950 and is one of the largest privately held parking companies in the country. They have a dedicated hotel division, which consists of over 1,800 employees who are trained to provide very specific, tailored services, and oversee the daily operations of 65 hospitality operations across the United States. Ace Parking maintains a consistent standard in all regions and monitors trends in the industry to determine if a particular hotel's financial statistics fall within or outside of acceptable norms. They listen carefully to the goals of each hotel chain and tailor their management team and areas of focus to maximize these goals. Hospitality services include valet parking, self parking, bell services, door services, concierge services, shuttle fleet management, and equipment consultation and oversight. Visit www.aceparking.com for more information.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 30, 2012: Public Hearing on B19-630, the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission Service Improvement Amendment Act of 2011 will be held at the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, at 11:00 am in Room 412.

Friday, February 3, 2012: Hotel Human Resources Association Meeting will be held from 8:30 am – 10:00 am at the Four Points Sheraton. Elizabeth De Barros, of the Department of Employment Services will speak on 2012 DOES Workforce Initiatives. RSVP to Stefani Raggio at Stefani.Raggio@kimptonhotels.com.

Wednesday, February 8, 2012: HAWDC Executive Committee 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, March 15, 2012: Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon Reception will be held at 12:00 pm followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

