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JUST IN FROM THE COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE (CIEE)

There is encouraging news concerning new policy directives that relate to Summer Work and Travel (SWT) host employers. On April 18, the President signed the “Buy American, Hire American” Executive Order (EO); the full text of this EO can be found [here](#). Unlike an earlier unofficial draft of this EO that was leaked to the press in January, the final version does not specifically name the J-1 SWT program nor does it set forth specific directives to limit or curtail any visa program. Instead, the signed EO takes a more general approach to the matter, instructing the Departments of Labor/State/Justice/Homeland Security “to propose new rules and issue new guidance, to supersede or revise previous rules and guidance if appropriate, to protect the interests of U.S. workers in the administration of our immigration system, including through the prevention of fraud or abuse.” We believe that the changes made to this EO since the draft was leaked reflect a greater understanding of the important cultural exchange and the diplomacy objectives that the J-1 SWT program achieves. We also believe that the final EO reflects appreciation for the seasonal and short-term nature of the jobs that SWT participants take and the fact that they fill labor gaps in our economy and do not displace American workers. While the scope of the directed review is not known, we will monitor the situation, relay details as they are released and continue to pursue advocacy efforts with both the Administration and Congress.

REHOBOTH AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Monday, April 24-Friday, April 28-Continue reconstruction of sidewalks, curb ramps and driveway entrances along westbound Rehoboth Ave. from 5th St. to Columbia Ave. Motorists should expect restricted on street parking and closure of the right most travel lane along westbound Rehoboth Ave. from 5th St. to Columbia Ave. Flaggers will maintain driveway entrances adjacent to the work area. Pedestrians should anticipate sidewalk closures with pedestrian detours through and around the work zone.

CHANGE OF DATE/SPEAKER – MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The May general membership meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 24** – Noon –Kings Creek CC with guest speaker Delaware Governor, John Carney. The cost is \$22 per person-buffet to include a mixed green salad, grilled salmon with citrus sauce, chicken Marsala, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and Chef’s selection dessert. Seating at the meeting is limited; reserve your seat now by contacting Joy at 302-227-2233 ext. 14 or joy@beach-fun.com.

JUNE/JULY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 20 — Noon – Kings Creek CC - guest speaker Congresswoman Lisa Blunt-Rochester

Wednesday, July 19 - Noon – Kings Creek CC - guest speaker Sussex County Administrator, Todd Lawson

AARP/YMCA SHREDDING EVENT - **Saturday, April 22**-Sussex Family YMCA, 20080 Church St., Rehoboth Beach–10:00 AM–1:00 PM. Call 1-866-227-7441 or visit www.aarp.org/de for more information.

CHAMBER/WSFS SHREDDING EVENT

The Chamber, in partnership with WSFS and the Chamber Green Force will host a “Shredding Event” 8-11 AM on Friday, **May 5**. The community is invited to bring their used paper to Bethany Blues in Lewes (18385 Coastal Hwy.) for shredding. Bethany Blues will provide refreshment coupons for participants. The event will take place rain or shine. There is no fee, but donations are welcome. What can you shred - any paper based printed material, X-Rays, and more! Staples, rubber bands, folders, paper clips, etc. do not need to be removed before shredding occurs. Materials must be removed from 3-ring binders prior to shredding.

DEWEY BEACH TREASURE FEST YARD SALES - Saturday, April 29 – 8:00-11:30 AM – Around Town and at the Rusty Rudder Parking Lot in Dewey Beach.

CHEER SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE PARTY – MAY 6 - Oldies Show featuring Kathie Martin & The Hot Rods Oldies, Rock & Soul Dance & Show Band at the CHEER Community Center , 20520 Sand Hill Rd., Georgetown-Saturday, May 6, 2017- 6:00-9:00 PM-tickets are \$20 which includes a 50’s style concession stand menu featuring your favorite foods along with a beer and wine cash bar. For tickets call Tony at 302-854-9555.

CAPE HENLOPEN SENIOR CENTER WELLNESS INFORMATION HEALTH FAIR – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday, May 11–8:30 AM–12:00 PM–Cape Henlopen Senior Center, 11 Christian St., Rehoboth Beach. Participants include Beebe Healthcare offering free screenings, Cancer Support Community, Delaware Hospice and more. For more information, call Bobbie Hemmerich, at 302-227-2055.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WALT JONES MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING - **Friday, May 12**–Midway Par 3, Lewes–for more info., visit www.sussexcountyhabitat.org or call 302- 855-1153, ext. 214.