



Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

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LEGISLATIVE TIME SENSITIVE - MINIMUM WAGE

A hearing on the proposed minimum wage increase is currently scheduled for 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at Legislative Hall in Dover – stand by for details.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the SBA Delaware's **Small Business Persons of the Year: Chris Bisaha and Joe Baker, Co-Owners, Henlopen City Oyster House, to Veteran Owned Business of the Year: Marryann and Daniel Ramirez, Co-owners of DAMARA Management, who operate five Papa John's restaurants and to Cape Henlopen High School for being named the 1st Place Management Team at the Delaware ProStart Invitational**, an annual competition for high school students in the ProStart Program, presented by the Delaware Restaurant Association (DRA). They will compete in the National ProStart Invitational in Texas in April.

MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Seats are still available – 40 of your fellow members have already registered – join them for a General Membership meeting with guest speaker, Congressman John Carney, on **Wednesday, March 30, 2016** at Noon – Kings Creek Country Club – luncheon fee of \$17.00 – menu to include Mixed Green Salad with two choices of dressings, Shrimp Stir Fry, Lemon Pepper Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables and Chef's Selection of desserts. Please RSVP to Joy – 227-2233, ext. 14 or joy@beach-fun.com.

CHAMBER PARTNERS WITH SUSSEX COUNTY JOB FAIR

Presented by Senators Carper and Coons and Congressman Carney – **Thursday, April 28, 2016** – 10 AM – 2 PM at the Atlantic Sands, 1 Baltimore Avenue, Rehoboth Beach. Representatives will be available from government agencies, private sector employers, staffing agencies, military recruiters and more. To participate and for more information, call Shavonne Bailey at 302-573-6345 or e-mail workshop@coons.senate.gov.

BEACH GOES BLUE – BEACH SET TO GLOW AFTER DARK WITH ARTISTIC FLAIR

Saturday, June 4, 2016 – 12:00 PM – Music on the Bandstand, 5k Run & Walk, Find Amelia Contest, Blue Drinks, Eats and Blue Tag Specials and Blue Sky Surprise. To register for the 5k Run and Walk and for more information on the event go to: <https://www.beach-fun.com/site-index/107-beach-goes-blue.html>.

CHAMBER AGAIN PARTNERS WITH REHOBOTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL R.E.D. PROGRAM

Again this year, the Chamber supports the Rehoboth Elementary School R.E.D. (Rehoboth Empowers Dreams) program by assisting in matching students with Chamber member businesses. As part of this partnership, beginning in 2014, the School received a grant of \$267,500 per year for the next five years for the program. The program is aligned with Cape Henlopen High School's career pathways and will allow 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to take part in an exciting club with hands-on field trips into the community, parent nights, I: I iPad access, etc. For more information on the program, contact Cody Smith – cody.smith@cape.k12.de.us or call 302-227-2571.

FRIENDS OF THE REHOBOTH BEACH LIBRARY INAUGURAL REHOBOTH RUN FOR THE BOOKS 5K

Saturday, May 21, 2016- Friends of the Rehoboth Beach Public Library present the inaugural Rehoboth Run-for-the-Books 5K. The event starts at 8:30 AM behind the library on Christian Street and follows a residential course. A non-profit, the Friends have provided more than \$340,000 to the Library through its fund-raisers since 1991. Pre-registration is \$25 until May 19; after that the cost is \$30. Online registration is at www.races2run.com. On the day of the event, registration will begin at 7:30 AM in the Library breezeway. Proceeds will fund projects at the Rehoboth Beach Public Library.

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

To All J1 Employers: J1 students have a difficult time finding affordable housing. To avoid the many problems encountered last summer with students having no place to live, we strongly encourage you to find housing now for students to rent. It would be unfortunate to see the J1 program cut back or ended due to a housing shortage.

7TH ANNUAL DE-FEET BREAST CANCER

Sunday, May 22, 2016 – Tanger Outlets – to benefit the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition – for more information click on the following link: <http://www.races2run.com/events/defeet-breast-cancer-5k/>.

For a complete Calendar of Events, visit the Chamber website – www.beach-fun.com. If you have questions, please give Carol a call on the member hotline – 227-6446 or her cell phone at 542-7547.