



The Fredericksburg Regional Hospitality Council News - Winter 2007

The New Name in Hospitality!

On December 1st the Holiday Inn Select at Central Park became the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center. The property is owned by Virginia Landmark Hotels, LLC which also own various other properties including The Williams-

burg Hospitality House. They will be focusing on maintaining a long tradition of excellent service to Fredericksburg and the DC / Richmond corridor. In a related story, FRHC member Debbie Schreck, formerly of Martz Group has joined their team. They are



also hosting the upcoming FRHC Christmas luncheon to be held in the Palm Room 12/12 at noon.

New Hospitality Council Committees Begin Meeting

Based on several planning meetings by the Hospitality Council Board, new



committees that will focus on various issues key to area tourism have been formed and are getting under way. In addition to the existing Membership Committee and the Golf Co-op, Legislative, Visitation, Diplomat, and Workforce Development / Continued Education

Committees have formed and are now beginning to meet. These committees will help area tourism and benefit the Hospitality Council members making the Fredericksburg Regional Hospitality Council an effective driving force within the tourism community.

Giving Back to the Area

The Hospitality Council will make a donation to the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank during the Christmas Luncheon. Oya Oliver, from the Food Bank will be joining us as our guest to receive the donation. In addition to the monetary donation, canned food will be collected at the Christmas luncheon so don't forget to bring canned foods. We will make arrangements to get those donations to the Food Bank as well. The Hospitality Council will continue to give to area charities as a key part of our mission.

Now at the Riverside Center

Disney's Beauty and the Beast is the current production through January 27th 2008. On the children's side, Babes in Toyland will be playing through January 12, 2008 including a visit from Santa during December's Saturday productions.

Hospitality Fast Fact: Lodging room demand growth is expected to continue to outpace lodging supply growth according to a Lodging Hospitality survey.

New Water Park on the Horizon?

In November, the City of Fredericksburg announced the latest project for Celebrate Virginia. Kalahari Resorts, the nation's leading innovator in waterpark resort development which currently owns and operates two of the na-

tion's largest waterpark resorts will be making its east coast debut here in Fredericksburg. The newest Kalahari Resort is projected to have 125,000 sq. ft. in waterpark space, 100,000 sq. ft. of conference and event space and

over 700 guest rooms and suites. The self contained resort also has its own spa, restaurants and shopping all under one roof.



Todd Nelson, President of Kalahari

Other Happenings

>The Spotsylvania County Historical Lecture Series continues in 2008 with Col. Keith Gibson presenting "Jackson before the War" on January 11th at 7pm in the Spotsylvania Middle School auditorium.

>The new FRHC website is Coming in January 2008! The site is currently under construction and we will post a notice as soon as the new site is up and running.

>There will be a special Travelhost radio event "Civil War Christmas Letters" the week of 12/17-12/21. One letter will be read each morning on Newstalk 1230am at around 7:30 or shortly after. Three of our members, Butch Wimmer, Ronnie James and Steve Treon have participated in reading the letters that were written by soldiers here in the winter of 1862 so please make time to listen in.



New Members

The Hospitality Council would like to welcome Fredericksburg Limousine as our newest member. They have limo and executive sedan services for weddings, proms, events of all kinds, airport limo services and out of town services. Corporate accounts are also available. Their web site is www.fredericksburglimo.com

■ *The Fredericksburg Regional Hospitality Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and enhancing the characteristics that make this region an attractive, interesting and memorable experience for all those that visit here.*



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