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## **QAC Teachers ACES Program Tours MHE**

In February, teachers from Matapeake Elementary School, Kent Island Elementary School and High School, Sudlersville Elementary and Middle School, and Queen Anne's County High School visited Memorial Hospital. The teachers are participants in ACES -Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System - which is a teacher in-service seminar program designed to give educators insights into the operations and decision-making processes of a variety of companies prominent in their community.

Teachers of all different grade levels and disciplines have taken part in ACES. Business participants look forward to meetings with educators as building bridges of understanding

about economic issues with those who so importantly influence the attitudes of young people, and as opportunities to understand and help them meet the challenges in today's classrooms

Patti Willis, Senior VP, External Relations and Development, welcomed the group, who then toured the University of Maryland Center for Diabetes and Endocrinology, Shore Comprehensive Pain Care Clinic and the Imaging Center, all of which are located at Memorial Hospital.

Over dinner, the teachers met with Mike Zimmerman, VP, Human Resources, to discuss careers opportunities and the issues facing health care.



Hosting teachers from QA County when they visited MHE are (left to right), standing, back row, Patti Willis, Senior VP, External Relations and Development; Ray Grossman, Director, Human Resources; and Elizabeth Bourdin, Human Resources Consultant. The teachers who attended the tour are, back row, Hannah Knisely, Meg Davidson, Darryl Calloway, Lynda Kepley, Gayle Ross, Mary Anne Munson, Melissa Bennett and Tina Thomas; seated, Queen Anne's County Chamber of Commerce member Eileen Nonemaker and teachers Kristin Beath, Sheryl Carmody, Peggy Murchake, Janice Sidun, Laura Dean and Tom Walls.



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**April Chamber Events**  
*Eight Opportunities to Network this Month!*

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Chamber Leads Group • Chamber Office • 9:15-10:15AM

Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Business Connections • Chamber Office • 8:30-9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
Chamber Leads Group • Chamber Office • 9:15-10:15AM

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Coffee Connections • Chamber Office • 8:30-9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Chamber Leads Group • Chamber Office • 9:15-10:15AM

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast • Corsica Hills Center • 8AM

Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Chamber Leads Group • Chamber Office • 9:15-10:15AM

Young Professionals Mixer  
Date and Location To Be Determined

For full event details and to make a reservation please visit our website at [www.qacchamber.com](http://www.qacchamber.com)

**Don't Forget!**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Get To Know Your Customers Day!**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Administrative Professionals Day**

# April Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast

**Thursday, April 21st  
8-9:30AM (Doors open at 7:45AM)  
Corsica Hills Center  
Centreville, MD**

**Members and staff approved guests only.**

**RSVP by  
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## **Chairman's Letter**

What a great mixer we had at R's last week! Many thanks to the Americantina, and all those Chamber members that turned out. Remember, our events are usually on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of each month....you can log in to the Chamber website at any time to get details on upcoming activities. And remember that the monthly mixer is just one way to make connections. In the month of March alone, there were 9 different opportunities for you to meet and share information with other members of the group.

We do try to offer a variety of things at different days/times to best suit your needs, so if you can't make one, try another--and let us know what is working for you. One member recently told me she was planning to try the Tuesday morning Business Connections (formerly Coffee Connections), rather than the Thursday mixer, just to see people in a smaller setting, and maybe even different people.

Remember, what you get out of the Chamber largely depends upon what you put into it!

My challenge to each of you before we meet again is to pick up your Directory and call someone you don't know, or someone you haven't seen at an event in a while, and plan to meet them either at the next event, or one to one for coffee. I think now is the time for us to support and encourage each other in business, and making sure everyone is included and engaged is one way to do it. You can also remember to buy locally and refer to a Chamber member whenever you can, or help other Chamber members get connected with each other when you think they may benefit.

All this will add to the health and strength of our organization! See you Thursday, April 21st at Corsica Hills for our Annual Legislative Update Breakfast!

*Teresa Hummel, Chairperson*

# Chamber Members In The News

## BankAnnapolis

BankAnnapolis has expanded into 6,000 square feet of office space in its Bestgate Road headquarters building. A dozen employees in the credit and mortgage departments have relocated to offices once occupied by another tenant, freeing up existing space to accommodate recent growth in the business banking staff and other departments of the Bank, according to Lori Mueller, senior vice president for marketing and communications.

“Opening up the new space has both practical and symbolic meaning for us,” said Mueller. “Despite the sluggish economic recovery, BankAnnapolis has emerged from the downturn as a strong and healthy institution in growth mode. The expansion of staff reflects our commitment to developing new banking relationships and actively seeking new business lending opportunities throughout Central Maryland.”

BankAnnapolis serves the banking needs of small businesses, professional concerns, and individuals through eight community banking offices in Anne Arundel and Queen Anne’s Counties in Maryland. The Bank’s

parent company, Annapolis Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ: ANNB), reported total assets of \$432.1 million on Dec. 31, 2010.

## Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center

CBEC is in need of volunteer help. With such a small staff and wide-reaching programs offered, CBEC depends on a dedicated body of volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers to help with such things as our education programs, restoration projects, and land and building maintenance. Several training sessions are offered throughout the year for individuals interested in volunteering with specific programs.

Interested in volunteering with our education programs which reach over 15,000 students every year? On April 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will have a training day to introduce and review our education program with volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist and/or lead programs for our busiest school season to date. Contact Katey Nelson at knelson@bayrestoration.org or call 410.827.6694, if you are interested!

CBEC is also looking for volunteers to assist with our summer camps. Anyone over the age of 18 interested in volunteering as a camp counselor or program aide should contact Katey Nelson at knelson@bayrestoration.org or call 410.827.6694.

## Chesterwye Center

Let’s all support a local charity The Chesterwye!! Chesterwye just built their 10th group home which will house 4 girls. The house is finished, and the girls are ready to move in!! We have made a registry at Kmart, under Jessies House. Jessie Yates is a local handicapped child. We have registered for kitchen and bath items etc. You can order online, or shop at our local kmart, items can be shipped to The Chesterwye, or dropped

off at Baker’s Liquors on Kent Island. Any Donations are greatly appreciated!!!!

## PNC Bank

PNC Banker Offers Specialized Agricultural Banking Services Andrew McLean recently joined PNC Bank as an Agricultural Banker. McLean provides specialized cash flow management tools to farmers and agribusinesses, such as business checking accounts, cash management services, operating lines of credit and equipment financing.

McLean has 24 years of financial services experience and was formerly a District Manager at Pepper Financial. He received his bachelor’s degree in Agriculture and Applied Economics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. A Maryland native and active in the community, he serves as a board member for Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc., and the Queen Anne’s County Fair. McLean serves clients on the Eastern Shore from the PNC branch on High Street in Chestertown.

## Willow Construction, LLC

Willow Construction is pleased to announce the hiring of Robert C. Nibblett as an Estimator at the company’s new Middletown, DE office. He will be responsible for estimating work throughout northern Delaware and surrounding counties in the neighboring states of Maryland and Pennsylvania. Nibblett has spent his entire 30-year career in the construction industry. For the last eight years he was an Estimator for Miken Builders, Inc. Founded in 1973, Willow Construction has grown to be one of the most respected commercial, industrial and residential builders on the Delmarva Peninsula. The company is headquartered in Easton, MD, has a Sussex County office in Georgetown, DE and recently opened a new office in Middletown, DE. For more information about the company, visit [www.willowconstruction.com](http://www.willowconstruction.com).

## QAC Arts Council Events

April 5, 12 & 19: Outside Art Lessons with Dawn Malosh, ages 7-14: 3:45-5 p.m. Explore the beauty of Millstream Park in Centreville while creating earth art, sculpture, pottery, prints painting and more. Register by 3/29. \$50 Members \$57 Non-Members. Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville, MD. 410.758.2520. [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info)

April 7: Telling Your Story: Memoir Writing, ages 21+: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Accomplished teacher and historian, Joan Katz, explores the pleasures and challenges of organizing and writing life stories. Register by 3/31. \$30 members \$37 non members. \$8 materials fee bring a bag lunch. Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville, MD. 410.758.2520. [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info)

April 9: Dance Party. 8-10:30 p.m. Waltz Your Way Into Spring Dance Party. Early bird Viennese Waltz Lesson from 7-8 p.m. Held at the Centre for the Arts in Centreville, 206 South Commerce St., Centreville, MD. 410.758.2520. \$10 members \$12 non members. 410.758.2520. [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info).

April 12: Grant Workshop: 5:30 p.m. Applicants for Artists in Education and Community Arts Development are invited to learn about the process, review materials and ask questions. Queen Anne's County Arts Council's Centre for the Arts, Centreville, MD. 410.758.2520 [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info).

April 14: Telling Your Story: A Writing Class for Homeschoolers, ages 14-18: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Joan Katz, former guidance counselor and member of the Academy of Lifelong learning has developed this writing class specifically for highschoolers to chronicle life experiences and ambitions. Register by 4/7. \$30 members \$37 non members. \$8 materials fee bring a bag lunch. Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville, MD. 410.758.2520. [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info)

April 23 – May 28: Members' Best Exhibit featuring photographs by Ed and Diane Blake, Lisa Boley, Jack Ehman, John Urlock, Jim Wilson and 3D pieces by Howard and Mary McCoy. Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville, MD. 410.758.2520. [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info).

April 29: Members' Best Exhibit Public Reception, 5:30-7 p.m. featuring photographs by Ed and Diane Blake, Lisa Boley, Jack Ehman, John Urlock, Jim Wilson and 3D pieces by Howard and Mary McCoy. Centre for the Arts, 206 S. Commerce St., Centreville, MD. 410.758.2520. [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info).

April 28: Poetry Awards Reception, Church Hill Theatre, 6:30 p.m. All entrants are invited to join us for a literary reception where an announcement and public reading of award winning entries will take place. Winners will be notified in early April and asked to give a reading of their winning entry at the awards event. For more information call 410-758-2520. Queen Anne's County Arts Council, Centreville, MD. [www.arts4u.info](http://www.arts4u.info)

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## Revolving Loan Fund Provides Access to Capital Businesses in Queen Anne's County

By Jean Fabi, Economic Development Manager

Access to capital is one of the greatest challenges facing businesses, both existing and start-up. Queen Anne's County is one of the few counties in Maryland to have established a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) as a means to create and retain jobs while providing much needed funding to grow businesses in the county.

Why is it called a "revolving" loan fund? As loans are repaid by the borrowers, the money is returned to the revolving loan fund to make other loans. In that manner, the program becomes an ongoing or "revolving" financial tool. The major difference between the revolving loan program and conventional lending is the lending goal. For conventional lending institutions, the goal is profit. For the revolving loan fund, the goal is saving and creating private-sector jobs while protecting the county's investment. The County's program is unique in that applicants agree to become clients of the Service Corps of Retired Entrepreneurs (SCORE). The interest rate offered on a revolving loan is generally lower than the rate offered by a conventional lender and there is no prepayment penalty. This program can be used in conjunction with other lending programs for a blended rate.

Who is eligible to apply for a revolving loan? Businesses starting up, located in or actively relocating to the county are eligible to apply. For a copy of the RLF guidelines or to speak to someone about the program, please contact Jean Fabi, Economic Development Manager, at [jfabi@qac.org](mailto:jfabi@qac.org) or at 410-758-4418 during normal office hours.

## April Commissioner Meetings

Citizenship is one of the six pillars of character, why not exercise it by attending a Queen Anne's County Commissioners Meeting! Take part in the democratic process and let your voice be heard.

Tuesday, April 12th, 2011  
9AM

Commissioners Hearing Room  
107 N. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

Tuesday, April 26th, 2011  
6:30PM

Commissioners Hearing Room  
107 N. Liberty Street  
Centreville, MD

If you can't attend a meeting but still want to voice your opinion on an issue contact your commissioners via email!

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## Public Hearing Set for QAC Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments

A public hearing has been scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on April 12 at the Percy Thomas Center (Kent Island Senior Center) regarding proposed changes to the County's public water and sewer rate schedules. The proposed rate increases and adjustments will serve to adequately fund the day-to-day operations and maintenance, emergency repairs, system improvements and fund depreciation. In addition, the proposed changes will help to encourage water conservation, and simplify the rate schedules, which differ throughout the service area. Immediately prior to the hearing at 6:30 p.m., an overview of the proposed modifications will be presented by Public Works staff.

There are a total of six rate adjustment proposals to be considered by the County Commissioners, who will be convening as the Sanitary Commission. In the largest rate increase scenario, a typical homeowner's sewer and water bill is estimated to increase by approximately \$2.50 per month.

The Public Works Advisory Board recommended the water and sewer rate increases after careful review of the 124-page study conducted by Springsted Inc., a professional utility rate consultant. Springsted, Inc. was asked to evaluate current water and sewer rates and determine an appropriate rate structure to adequately fund operations through 2020. The findings were also presented to the county's Task Force for Government Sustainability which unanimously voted to forward the proposal to the County Commissioners for the public hearing.

Currently, sewer and water rate increases are each capped at 2.5 percent annually. This is insufficient to meet the long-term maintenance objectives, said Todd Mohn, Director of Public Works. The proposal for sewer rates recommends adjusting the annual cap to 4.5 percent to assist with the payment of the debt service for the new Enhanced Nutrient Removal Wastewater Treatment Plant on Kent Island. An alternative proposal would increase the annual sewer rate cap up to 6.5 percent to also fund depreciation of all sewer infrastructure assets.

The proposal for water rates calls for either a 3.5 percent annual rate adjustment to assist with funding future water system improvements or up to 5.5 percent annually to fund both water system improvements and depreciation of all water infrastructure assets.

Historically, all annual water rate increases were applied to the entire customer bill which includes fixed or ready-to-serve expenses and usage or consumption expenses. With the goal of promoting conservation, this proposal would hold the fixed fees flat and applying an equivalent rate adjustment to the consumptive portion of the bill only. By implementing this proposal, designed to be revenue neutral overall, customers that use less water will pay less and those that use more will pay more, said Alan Quimby, Chief Sanitary Engineer. This proposal does not impact customers that are not connected to the County's water system.

Sewer and water allocation fees, which are paid once generally at the time of a new customer connection, are proposed to be set at \$28.00 per gallon for new sewer and \$16.00 per gallon for new water connections. Current rates are \$25.00 per gallon for most residential sewer connections and \$34.60 per gallon for commercial sewer connections. Water allocation fees currently range from \$15.80 to \$22.50 per gallon. In both cases these connection fees will continue to be adjusted by their respective annual escalator each January (5.0% for sewer allocation and 2.5% for water allocation).

The final proposal will raise the cost for Septic Haulers, who have not seen any rate increase since 1997. This proposal recommends an increase in disposal fees from \$0.06 to \$0.09 per gallon to cover the actual cost of treating septic waste that is trucked into the sewer plant for treatment. This rate increase impacts non-system customers residing outside of the public water and sewer service area that use private on-lot septic systems.

Mohn said these recommendations came after several years of study and discussion between the Department of Public Works Citizen's Advisory Board, the Sanitary Commission, county staff, county residents, and Springsted, Inc. A public information meeting was held last summer. The January 2010 Final Evaluation Report by Springsted, Inc., is available on line at [www.qac.org](http://www.qac.org).



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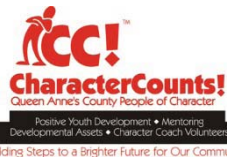
April 4<sup>th</sup>: Making (and Maintaining) Friendships

April 11<sup>th</sup>: Finding your Spark

April 18<sup>th</sup>: Dangers of Underage Drinking

April 25<sup>th</sup>: Celebrating Diversity

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**to your server!**

***Nominations Sought for  
the 2011 Faye Lister Teen of  
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Established in 2005, the Faye Lister Teen of Character Scholarship is given to a deserving senior in a Queen Anne's County high school to pursue their college education. During his/her high school years, the student should have demonstrated the practice of all Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. For the fourth year, Centreville Rotary Club will sponsor this scholarship.

Anyone may nominate a student for this award including the student. Application forms may be downloaded from our website, [www.peopleofcharacter.org](http://www.peopleofcharacter.org) or obtained through the high school guidance office. They may also be requested from the QAC Character Counts! coordinator, Jacki Carter, at 410-758-6677 or [jcarter@qac.org](mailto:jcarter@qac.org). Completed forms should be sent to Jacki Carter at CharacterCounts!POBox418,Centreville, Maryland, 21617 or by email to [Jcarter@qac.org](mailto:Jcarter@qac.org). All nominations must be in by April 15th for consideration.

Please contact Jacki Carter at 410-758-6677 if you have questions.

***Qac Community Partnership For Children & Families  
Announces Understanding The Teen Brain Workshop***

Give a Fish a Bath: The Untold Story of the Adolescent Mind will be presented by Frank Kros from the Upside Down Organization, Towson Maryland. Have you ever said "What were you thinking" to an adolescent? How does a teen really think? Why are teens especially vulnerable to drug use, high-risk peer influences and depression? Then this workshop is for you. Come find out some proactive measures that adults can take to minimize a teen's exposure to these dangers and really understand what is really going on in an adolescent's brain.

Training will take place on April 19th at Centreville Elementary School in the cafeteria. Time is 6:00-8:00 PM. Cost is free. The training is open to all individuals who live with, work with and teach adolescents.

Registration is required. Please call Jacki Carter at 410-758-6677 or email [jcarter@qac.org](mailto:jcarter@qac.org) to reserve your place at the training. This training is funded through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention's Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

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## Financial Steps to Take When Someone Dies

While no one likes to think about death, we all have to face it sooner or later. A simple checklist can be quite beneficial when someone you know passes away. It is important for the surviving spouse, family member, or friend to recognize that they are going through a grieving process and will have to make some important decisions. This can be especially difficult for those who have not made financial decisions in the past. Here are some of the most important steps to take.

1. Gather important documents. You will probably need the following documents right away. Keep them in a centralized location, because you'll refer to them often. These include: will and any trusts, insurance policies, death certificate (get 10 to 25 copies), social security numbers, marriage license, birth certificates for children, financial statements for individual retirement accounts (IRAs), bank accounts, brokerage accounts, and company-sponsored retirement plans, company benefits booklet, and military discharge papers.
2. Collect life insurance benefits. Most insurers will cut you a check relatively quickly following the death of a loved one. Don't feel compelled to invest this money immediately. Most insurance companies will let you keep the proceeds from a life insurance policy in a cash account until you have a plan for investing it.
3. Contact the deceased's employer. Many companies attempt to help the families of their employees after a death. They may cut you a check right away for wages owed, vacation pay, sick pay, or life insurance benefits. If the death was the result of an accident on company time, there may also be accidental death benefits. Contact a human resources representative of the deceased's employer for help with retirement plans. A surviving spouse will be able to roll over money from the deceased spouse's retirement plan into his or her own IRA. If you are inheriting a company retirement plan and are not a spouse, you'll need to refer to the beneficiary designations of the plan itself. Talk to the attorney who is settling the estate to ensure you understand the tax consequences of taking a distribution.
4. Make sure you have sufficient cash reserves on hand. One of the biggest concerns immediately following a death is making sure the surviving family has enough cash to meet current expenses as well as funeral costs. You might want to take part of your life insurance proceeds or other death benefits and increase your cash reserves.
5. Apply for government death benefits. As a widow or widower, you might be eligible for Social Security retirement benefits as early as age 60. Surviving families with children younger than 18 might be eligible for Social Security benefits. Go to [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) for more detailed information.
6. Start to settle the estate. The will and/or trust will indicate the executor of the estate. That person will handle the administrative responsibilities of the estate, so you need to contact him or her right away. Also contact an estate attorney to help settle the estate.
7. Handle other miscellaneous details. Eventually, you will need to take care of other issues, such as retitling ownership of any real estate, cars, IRAs, brokerage accounts, credit cards, bank accounts, or other assets. You will need to write a letter to each entity (or fill out a form) to request a change in ownership, and enclose a death certificate. If you are a surviving spouse and have children in college, you should contact the school's financial-aid department to see if any additional financial assistance is available.

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## **Buy A Brick To Support Emergency Medical Care**

Residents of Queen Anne's County began raising funds for the Queen Anne's Emergency Center more than a year before the center opened its doors in 2010. To date, members of the community have donated nearly \$1 million for the free-standing emergency center operated by Shore Health System at Nesbit Road and US Rt. 50 in Queenstown.

"The community members who make up the Queen Anne's Emergency Center Capital Campaign Committee wanted to find a way for more people to put their mark on this new medical facility," explains Patricia O'Shea, Director of Development for Shore Health System. "They suggested asking their friends and neighbors to make small donations to purchase a personalized brick that would be displayed in a seating area at the entrance to the building."

For a donation of \$125, a donor can purchase a standard size brick; the price for a larger brick is \$300. The bricks will be inscribed with the names of the honoree then used to build a semi-circular seating area and walkway that leads to the entrance of the Queen Anne's Emergency Center.

Donors who want to make a more substantial gift can purchase a granite bench for \$5,000. The bench will be engraved with a personalized message and placed in the outside seating area.

"This fundraiser gives members of the community a chance to help create a memorial that celebrates the life-saving work that happens every day at the Queen Anne's Emergency Center," says Maren Waterman, Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee. "Your gift can be made in memory of someone who has passed away and to honor a special person or group of people who have helped the community. The brick can also commemorate an important milestone for you and your family."

To purchase a brick or a bench, send donations to the Memorial Hospital Foundation, MHF-QAEC, 219 S. Washington Street, Easton, MD 21601. Make checks payable to MHF-QAEC Brick Garden. For more information, call Pat O'Shea, 410-822-1000, ext. 5915. Also visit [www.qaemergencycenter.org](http://www.qaemergencycenter.org).

Pictured Below: Maren Waterman, (left) Chair of the Queen Anne's Emergency Center Capital Campaign Committee, and Pat O'Shea, Director of Development for Shore Health System, discuss how the bricks will be laid in the outside seating area at the Queenstown-based emergency center.



## **Fundraiser To Benefit Queen Anne's Emergency Center**

A group of community supporters are making plans for a spring fundraiser that will benefit the Queen Anne's Emergency Center. "Our Roots are Planted for a Shore Future" will take place on Saturday, April 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Heathland Manor on the grounds of Hunters Oak in Queenstown.

The menu for this elegant cocktail party includes hors d'oeuvres, carving and pasta stations, a salad buffet and dessert. Guests will be entertained by a local pianist and have an opportunity to meet some of the staff who provide emergency medical care 24 hours a day, every day, at the Queen Anne's Emergency Center.

A silent auction will feature a collection of packages that will appeal to outdoors people, gardeners, wine enthusiasts, gourmet diners and travelers. Bidding will heat up for a crab feast for 30 and for a spa and fitness package. Golf enthusiasts should come prepared to vie for outings at three of the area's finest courses and lessons to polish up their game.

The fundraising goal of \$60,000 will purchase equipment for the Queen Anne's Emergency Center. The two items on the list are a 12-lead EKG machine with software to wirelessly transmit test results to physicians at other healthcare facilities and a GE Panda, the most up to date technology available for warming, delivering oxygen to and monitoring of newborns and infants.

Tickets for "Our Roots are Planted for a Shore Future" are \$125 per person. To reserve tickets, call 410-822-1000, ext 5763.

For more information about the Queen Anne's Emergency Center, visit [www.qaemergencycenter.org](http://www.qaemergencycenter.org).

Pictured Below: Pictured are members of the Queen Anne's Emergency Center "Our Roots are Planted for a Shore Future" fundraiser planning committee: (left to right), front row: Elizabeth de Guzman and Isabel Cusimano; 2nd row, Karen Oertel, co-chair Kathy Deoudes, Barbara Siegert, Bobbie Briscuso Cusimano and Marian Waterman; 3rd row, Tracy Welch, Kathy Kelly, co-chair Alisa Pipkin, Sharlene Zanini-Linn and Laurie Lewis. Committee members unavailable for the photo are Camille O'Donnell, Diana Carlson, Diane Pappas, Merry Tobin, Jennifer DiDonato, Kim Kratovil, Linda Friday and Sharon Dobson.

