

350th Gala Extraordinaire!

Baltimore County's 350 Anniversary Gala Celebrated County's Storied Past and Dynamic Future

County Executive Jim Smith joined 650 guests in celebrating Baltimore County's 350th anniversary in grand style last Thursday evening at a sold-out gala at the Hampton National Historic Site. Smith toasted the people, places and events that have shaped the County's legacy and led the crowd in singing "Happy Birthday" to Baltimore County.

The event was the culmination of a yearlong series of monthly celebrations highlighting the County's heritage of education, public safety, agriculture, military service, African-American history, aviation and more. The ticketed gala was sponsored by a large number of local businesses, organizations and institutions.

In attendance was a veritable "Who's Who" of local dignitaries including U.S. Senator Ben Cardin; Congressman Frank Kratovil; Congressman John Sarbanes; members of the Baltimore County Council; former County Executives Ted Venetoulis, Don Hutchinson, Dennis Rasmussen, Roger Hayden and C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger; state senators and delegates; business and educational leaders and more.

"As a lifelong Baltimore County citizen, I am particularly inspired by the accomplishments of those who came before us and am filled with optimism for the impressive successes still to come," said Smith. "It is no small feat for a community to prosper for 350 years, and all of us who care about the future of Baltimore County can learn valuable lessons from our proud past."

The event was co-hosted by Baltimore County Government, the Towson Chamber of Commerce and the Hampton National Historic Site. Premier sponsors included Extraordinary Events, Loane Bros Inc., Panache Fine Catering and Towson University. Gold Ambassador sponsors include the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce, KO Public Affairs, McCormick and Company. Silver Anniversary sponsors include Comcast, Corporate Office Properties Trust, Merritt Properties - LEED AP and Valley Motors. Bronze Anniversary sponsors include Berkshire Marriott Conference Hotel, The Community College of Baltimore County, Direct Energy, Goucher College, Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors, Johns Hopkins Medicine, MEDEX Global Group and Susquehanna Bank.

Friends of the 350th Anniversary Gala include Arbutus Business & Professional Association, Asiana Cuisine Sushi, Baltimore County Executive's Conference and Tourism Advisory Council, Baltimore County Public Schools, Basignani Winery, Boordy Vineyards, Breezy Point Seafood, Casa Mia's, Classic Catering, Clipper City Brewing Company, Cookies by Design, Essex - Middle River - White Marsh Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Historic Hampton Mansion, Graul's Market, Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce, Havana Road Artisanal Foods, Liberty Road Business Association, Louise Baker, Milt's Catering, Ms. Desserts, Notre Dame Preparatory School, Overlea Fullerton Business & Professional Association, Pikesville Chamber of Commerce, Radebaugh Florist & Greenhouses, Reisterstown - Owings Mills - Glyndon Chamber of Commerce, Santoni's Caterers, Security/Woodlawn Village Business Association, Squire's Catering, St. John Properties, Towson United Methodist Church, White House Caterers and Woodhall Wine Cellars.

Musical entertainment included Uptown East, a local jazz group and Maryland Sings, a regional ensemble of young people. The menu consisted of culinary selections from some of Baltimore County's finest restaurants and caterers and wine from local vintners.

"For more than a third of a millennium, the people of Baltimore County have worked hard to prosper and to leave their mark on our area and on our country as a whole," said County Council Chair Joe Bartenfelder. "From the citizens who rose to the defense of our young nation at the Battle of North Point, to our farmers, watermen, soldiers, teachers, nurses and more, Baltimore County has always been home to people devoting themselves to service."

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350th Gala



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Towson University

**Towson University Athletics and the Towson Chamber of Commerce
Proudly Present an Opportunity to Sponsor Towson Community Days
For the Towson Basketball Games during the weekend of January 22 – 24**

BLACK LEVEL – REQUIRES A \$500 COMMITMENT
(Space is limited so act fast!)

Benefits to the sponsor are:

- Opportunity to have marketing table at both basketball games
- Company logo included on insert placed in Towson Times newspaper
- Logo on t - shirt given out at Friday night youth basketball clinic
- One (1) :30 spot on the WBAL radio broadcast during the men’s basketball game
- Ten (10) game tickets for each men’s and women’s game
- Two (2) parking passes for the men’s game (not needed for women’s)
- Tiger Club hospitality access for two (2) for the men’s basketball game
- Logo inclusion on the ad promoting Towson Community Days in the Towson Times newspaper
- Logo inclusion on email blast (with link back to company’s website) to alumni & fans residing in the Towson area

GOLD LEVEL – REQUIRES A \$200 COMMITMENT

Benefits to the sponsor are:

- Company logo included on insert piece placed in Towson Times newspaper
- Ten (10) game tickets for each men’s and women’s game
- Two (2) parking passes for the men’s game (not needed for women’s)
- Tiger Club hospitality access for two (2) for the men’s basketball game
- Logo on email blast to alumni & fans residing in the Towson area

If you are interested in being a partner for “Towson Community Night” please feel free to reach out to the following individuals:

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 22 Youth Basketball Clinic Towson Center Arena 7pm
(Conducted by TU players & coaches)

Saturday, January 23 George Mason vs. Towson Towson Center Arena 4pm

Sunday, January 24 Old Dominion vs. Towson Towson Center Arena 2pm

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Towson Farmer's Market



Thanks to all of you who participated in our Farmers Market this season. We try to bring the best of the region's local produce, flowers and culinary delights from June through Mid-November. We will be back in 2010 and wish the best to all of our farmers and patrons!

4th Mega Networking Event

The Towson Chamber would like to thank the Sheraton Baltimore North for hosting our 4th Mega Networking event on November 12th. Over 200 businesses attended, many of whom sponsored tables to showcase their particular business. The food and beverages, not to mention the surroundings were wonderful and very conducive to providing a great networking opportunity! We appreciate your attendance and look forward to the next event scheduled for March 10th at Rolling Road Golf Club.

Baltimore County Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Towson Chamber would like to thank Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith, Baltimore County Council, LITE fm 101.9, Baltimore County Revenue Authority & Sheraton Baltimore North for joining in the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Olympic Park at Towson Circle on December 1st. Holiday music, refreshments and a visit with Santa rang in the season with an evening full of smiles!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesday, December 16th **Breakfast Board Meeting**; Burkshire Marriott Conference Hotel (8-9am)
- Wednesday, January 6th **New Year's Cocktail Party**; 7 West Bistro & Grille, 7 W. Chesapeake Avenue (5-7pm)

**SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE AND THANK YOU
ALL FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL YEAR!**

**Nancy Hafford
&
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