

# Talbot County

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



### TALBOT CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

**Wylder Hotel Tilghman Island** - John Flannigan, 21551 Chesapeake House Drive, Tilghman, MD 21671, 410-886-2121, info@wylderhotels.com, www.wylderhotels.com

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**Home Paramount Pest Control** - Keith Grinnage, 8221 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601, 443-752-7371, k.grinnage@homeparamount.com, www.homeparamount.com

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, January 30, 5-7pm:** Young Professionals Industry Tour & Dinner at Easton Airport, dinner by Sugar Buns Café

**Thursday, February 8, noon-1pm:** Government & Regulatory Meeting, Chamber Office

**Friday, February 9, 8:30-9:30pm:** Partners in Education Committee Meeting, Chamber Office

**Friday, February 9, 8:30-9:30am:** Young Professionals Board Meeting, Chamber Office

**Monday, February 12, noon-1pm:** Chamber Ambassadors Meeting & Lunch, Plaza Jalisco Restaurante Mexicano, 7813 Ocean Gateway in Easton

**Tuesday, February 13, 4-5pm:** Chamber Executive Committee Meeting, Chamber Office

**Friday, February 16, noon-1pm:** Local SEO for Mortgage Lenders Lunch & Learn with SpiderWeb Connections, Chamber Office

**Monday, February 19**

Chamber Office closed in observance of Presidents' Day

**Wednesday, February 21, noon-1:30:** Annual Chairman's Luncheon, Tidewater Inn; recognize outgoing Chairman, Tom Duncan, and Directors: Kim Kastel, Kathleen McGrath, Eric Milhollan, Heather Hopkins and welcome incoming Director, Tim Jones; guest speaker: Talbot County Sheriff Joe Gamble

**Thursday, February 22, noon-1pm:** Balanced Habits Nutrition in the Workplace: You can't outrun your Fork Lunch & Learn with Another Level Fitness, Chamber Office

**Thursday, February 22, 4:30-6pm:** 2018 Free Enterprise Orientation Meeting, Chamber Office

**Wednesday, February 28 noon-1pm:** Young Professionals February Luncheon, In Japan, 101 Marlboro Ave. Suite 51, the Young Professionals Board will present on Everything you need to know about TCYP's

**Wednesday, March 1, 6-6pm:** Computer Island II Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting, 210 Marlboro Ave. Suite 59 in Easton, light refreshments, cut ribbon at 5pm

### 2018 CHAMBER CALENDAR DATES MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Saturday, June 23:** Young Professionals Paddle Jam, Easton Point Marina

**Friday, June 29, 5:30am-1:30pm:** Chamber Rock Fish Tournament, Pier Street Marina in Oxford

**Monday, July 23, 10am:** Chamber Golf Tournament, Talbot Country Club

**Thursday, August 23, 6-8:30pm:** Chamber Awards Program Dinner, Tidewater Inn

**Thursday, October 18, 8-10am:** Economic Symposium, Tidewater Inn

**Wednesday, December 12, noon-1:30:** Toys for Tots Luncheon, Tidewater Inn

# Talbot Chamber News

## January Chamber Luncheon



On Wednesday, January 17, the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce (TCCC) held the monthly luncheon at Scossa Restaurant in Easton. Quality Staffing Services sponsored this luncheon and the guest speaker was Catherine Poe, Chair of the Talbot County Hunger Coalition (TCHC).

In 2014, the 16 food pantries and five meal providers in Talbot County came together to form the Talbot County Hunger Coalition. This is a working group dedicated to sharing information and resources to best meet community needs, raising awareness of the plight of hunger in Talbot County, and educating the poor and working poor (income below poverty) of the county of where to get food and help. Ms. Poe shared some statistics about Talbot County, one of the wealthiest counties in the nation: One in five children are food insecure (hungry). One in 10 residents are food insecure. 5% of our seniors live below the poverty line. 43% of Talbot public school kids receive free or reduced price school meals. 2% of Talbot's residents use Food Stamps (SNAP). Visit [www.healthytalbot.org](http://www.healthytalbot.org), to learn more.

Pictured are TCCC Chairman Tim Jones (Chesapeake College), Talbot Hunger Coalition Chair Catherine Poe, Denise Stover (Quality Staffing Services), Millie Robbins (Quality Staffing Services) TCCC President & CEO and Easton Town Councilman Alan Silverstein, IOM.

## Young Professionals January Luncheon



The Talbot County Young Professionals (TCYP) held their January luncheon on Wednesday, January 24, at Easton Olive Garden. Guest speaker, local attorney Robert Messick, shared about his "Long Walk Home," where he has hiked 85% of 2,190 miles of the Appalachian Trail to raise money for the Talbot Interfaith Shelter (TIS) and has raised over \$35,000. Robert began this journey in April of 2017 and although he has reached his goal, Messick plans to complete every mile of the trail by April of 2018. Follow Robert and his "Long Walk Home" on Facebook or at [www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org/LongWalkHome](http://www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org/LongWalkHome).

Julie Lowe, TIS Executive Director, spoke to the luncheon attendees about the shelter. TIS is a voluntary interfaith-based service organization in Talbot County. TIS is dedicated both to providing safe, temporary shelter to men, women, and children who lack adequate housing, and to raising awareness of the issues of homelessness in our community. TIS vision is that no one in Talbot County will ever have to spend a night on the streets, in a car or in the woods because he or she cannot find housing. TCYP supports TIS by volunteering at the shelter on the 29th of each month. Learn more about TIS at [www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org](http://www.talbotinterfaithshelter.org).

Pictured at the luncheon are: Peter Markano (Pixel Print & Post), Jillian Crist (Forever Media), Stacy Helgason (Phillips Wharf Environmental Center), Missy Cannon (Phillips Wharf Environmental Center), Karen Burd (CBIZ MHM), Heather Hopkins (CBIZ MHM), TCYP Board Member Kellsey Rogall (CBIZ MHM), Nicholas Tindall (Dwelling & Design), Tania Chen (Avon-Dixon Agency), Julia Schinault (Shore Bancshares), Vincent Dongarra (Tred Avon Legal), TCYP Board Member Rob Billings (Morgan Stanley), Mary Sutherland (Shore United Bank), Binal Patel (Shore United Bank), Stephanie Tyler (Shore United Bank), Jordan Norfolk (BB&T), Brittany Patchet-Rue (The Peoples Bank), Danielle Griffith (Shore Bancshares), Kim Kastel (PNC Wealth Management), TCYP Board Member Andrew Tawney (Tawney Accounting Group), Kelley Tawney (Keleidoscope Florals), TCYP President Kristin Lockerman, Robert Messick (Long Walk Home), Julie Lowe (Talbot Interfaith Shelter) and TCYP Board Member Joe Buckley (Willow Construction).

## Benedictine Community Services & Training Center Ribbon Cutting



On Thursday, January 25, Benedictine celebrated the opening of their Community Services & Training Center with a Talbot County Chamber of Commerce (TCCC) ribbon cutting. The center is located at 723 Goldsborough Street in Easton.

Cutting the ribbon are Benedictine Community Services & Training Center staff Gaffney Shepherd, Stephanie Milligan, Benedictine Executive Director Scott Evans, Candy Jordan and Dale Skinner. Gathered to help with the celebration are: TCCC Director Rich Trippe (Avon Dixon Agency), TCCC Director Dane Schriver (1880 Bank), Rod Renner (Renner Management), TCCC Director Ryan Hickey (Easton Cycle & Sport), Mary Lynn Wright (Benedictine), Karen Mooney (Treasure Cove), Scott Paterson (Talbot County States Attorney), TCCC Ambassador Sabine Simonson (Talbot County Free Library), John Kappler (Benedictine Parent), Jerry Rue (Forever Media), Debra Hans (Benedictine), Ester Hughes (Benedictine Parent), Twaun Oakes (PNC Bank), Dave Wooten (Office of MD State Comptroller), John Watkins (Computer Island II), TCCC Director & Ambassador Bud Loscomb (Laser Letters), Peter Cerutti (Tidewater Toastmasters), Tiffany Meredith (Benedictine), Paul Schmidt (Nelson's Auto Body), Marc LaCoste (Best Western), Amber Rose (Benedictine), Jeff Moran (Benedictine), Jessie Ferrio (DORS Division of Rehabilitation Services), Beth Mathis (Benedictine), Eric Levinson (Hummingbird Inn), Tracy Ward (Easton Economic Development Corp), Colleen Voss (Benedictine), Easton Mayor Robert Willey and Ken Eaton (Davis, Bowen & Friedel).

Benedictine is dedicated to providing opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to gain competitive integrated employment, community volunteerism, and meaningful life experiences. In addition, people supported have opportunities to plan and participate in community, leisure, and recreation activities of their choice.

Benedictine currently provides employment services to over 115 adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Benedictine has established relationships with over 100 community employers and training partners.

The Benedictine Community Services and Training Center serves adults and students through a partnership with the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS). Benedictine provides classroom training and employment field experiences in specific vocations.

Benedictine is always looking to expand their network of community partners and employers. The results of the training provided at Benedictine, produces a job ready-motivated work force prepared to fulfill staffing needs. [www.benschool.org](http://www.benschool.org) 410.822.4751