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### **Political Observers to Review the 2015 Session and the Hogan Administration Awarding of the Ron Resh Award to Phil Andrews**

#### **Bethesda, MD –**

For the ninth year, the Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber's Legislative Outlook Breakfast on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda will provide the opportunity for the business community to gain insight into the upcoming session in Annapolis, and what to expect in the coming year. This year's panel of speakers will include **Mathew Palmer**, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, Maryland Chamber of Commerce; **Blair Lee, IV**, Member of the Hogan Transition Team; and **Josh Kurtz**, CenterMaryland Blog. They will also discuss their thoughts on what we can expect from the Hogan Administration over the upcoming year.

The event also marks the presentation of the **Annual Ron Resh Business Advocate Award**. Former County Councilmember Phil Andrews has been selected to receive the award for his years of careful consideration and support of Issues that affected the business community during his service on the Montgomery County Council from 1998 – 2014.

"This breakfast is an excellent vehicle for our members, and the public at large, to hear first-hand the viewpoints and expectations of the issues and the upcoming legislative agenda expected this session in Annapolis and in the upcoming year," explained Clyde Garrett, Chairman of The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce. "Advocacy on behalf of our members is one the Chamber's most important functions."

Sponsors for this signature event include Presenting Sponsor ConTemporaries Inc., a premier Maryland temporary employment agency. Other sponsors include Apex Home Loans, The Jane Fairweather Team, Linowes and Blocher LLP, and F. Hill Slowinski, JD, REALTOR® W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors.

#### **General and Location information:**

**What:** 2015 Legislative Outlook breakfast with Mathew Palmer, Blair Lee, IV, and Josh Kurtz participating

**Where:** Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD - (301) 657-1234

**When:** Friday, January 9, 2015– 7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. – Networking (breakfast will be at each table)

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Introductions/ Awarding of the Ron Resh Business Advocate Award to Phil Andrews

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – Three Speakers (Palmer, Lee and Kurtz)

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Q & A

**Program:** Each speaker will have the opportunity to address the audience then there will be a Q&A period after.

**Attendees:** The program is open to Chamber members, the general public and the press.

Chamber members: \$40; Public at large: \$60

**Press questions:** If you are a member of the press, please contact B-CC Chamber President, Ginanne M. Italiano, [gitaliano@bccchamber.org](mailto:gitaliano@bccchamber.org) or at 301-652-4900 ext. 203, who will be coordinating all public relations and press communications for the event.

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#### **About The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce**

With 600 members, The Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest chambers in Maryland. The Chamber is celebrating its 89<sup>th</sup> year of providing advocacy, networking, education and information to its members and the community.

#### **About The Ron Resh Business Advocate Award**

Ronald E. Resh served as the Chamber's Public Affairs Consultant, where he successfully advocated in Rockville and Annapolis on behalf of B-CC Chamber member businesses in the areas of economic development, transportation, and other business-related issues. Well respected throughout the Maryland business community and especially the Maryland State House, Mr. Resh specialized in real estate, general law and lobbying. Ronald E. Resh, a long-time friend of the Chamber, passed away on October 26, 2010.