

# December chamber advantage



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## members in the news

We want to wish Gloria Powell, **Faye's Office Supply's** Purchasing Manager a Happy Birthday. Faye's Office Supply would also like to thank everyone for all the wonderful prayers that has been sent for our Sales Rep Ronnie Wray. Ronnie has a massive stroke at the end of October, and he is at home in hospice care. We have seen so much love come through for him. We have wonderful customers!

**Culpeper County Democratic Committee** is conducting its bi-annual reorganization. If you would like to join the CCDC or have an interest in a leadership position contact chair@culpeperdemocrats.org. Members wishing to enroll and participate in our reorganization meeting on Jan 4th need to complete a membership prior to that date.

Ed Dunphy, Secretary CCDC

**Dogwood Village** residents and staff want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the special things that bring you happiness.

**The Vintage Nest** is excited to announce their shop doors have reopened in our new location, 329-A Southgate Shopping Center.

**RE/MAX Crossroads** Agent of the Month for December is The Kearney Team. Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary **Jim Gearing!!** In 1995 he joined our family here at RE/MAX Crossroads, and it has been a wonderful 26 years. Thank you for serving Culpeper and the surrounding communities.



## member spotlight



The **Rotary Club of Culpeper** hosted its inaugural Flags for Heroes event Nov. 9 at The Culpeper. The program recognized heroes from the military, first responders, healthcare and senior care communities along with our everyday heroes that live in Culpeper. The program featured patriotic songs, multiple flyovers and the names of sponsored heroes being read. In the program's first year, more than 190 flags were purchased and more than \$10,000 was raised for future programs in Culpeper County.

## Holiday safety tips from Culpeper County Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association

We want to make sure everyone's holiday season is filled with comfort and joy this year, so we would like to share some holiday safety tips outlined in the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's "Make a list and check it twice" holiday safety campaign:

- **Cooking** — Cooking remains the number 1 cause of household fires. Never leave the kitchen while cooking, watch small children and hot stoves/ovens and make sure everyone knows how to put out various types of kitchen fires. Consider the gift of a fire extinguisher to a loved one who doesn't have one this year.
- **Deep Fryers** — Make sure to keep away from the house and overhanging objects such as tree limbs and wires. Always ready and follow manufacturer's instructions and never overfill with oil.
- **Trees** — Water your tree often. If you bought your tree a little earlier this year because you

- were worried about supply and demand issues, make sure you dispose of it earlier as well. If using an artificial tree, make sure it is "fire resistant" and remember "resistant" does not mean it can't catch fire.
- **Lights** — Check each set carefully for issues. When in doubt throw it out and please only use lights tested by a recognized testing lab.
- **Decorations** — Check for sharp edges or pieces that can break and cut. Also avoid small pieces that animals or small children can ingest.
- **Candles** — Never burn near curtains or near other things that can catch as flames can shift from air movement. Make sure your wick is cut to the appropriate size and never leave candles unattended.
- **Ladders** — Practice ladder safety when hanging up decorations.
- **Batteries** — Replace all batteries in detectors if you didn't

- do it when we changed the clocks back.
- **Smart 911** — If not signed up already make sure you sign up for your family.
- **Toys** — Make sure that you give age-appropriate gifts. If there are small children in the house consider what they can get hold of if an older child's toys are not picked up. Consider the necessity of helmets and other safety gear if giving a gift that requires extra protection such as scooters. The CPSC reports that non-motorized scooters account for almost a quarter of all emergency visits related to toys and that the number of injuries went up by 17% last year over the previous year.
- **On-line buying and worry about supply chain delay** — New this year for us to think about is where did that toy your ordered come from? Don't scramble to get a toy from anywhere you can and

fall victim to unscrupulous dealers. Make sure it is sold by a reputable dealer who is following the required safety regulations we have in place to protect us. Things we have to consider more than ever this year is it a knock off or counterfeit? We also have to consider if we send money to a dealer we haven't heard of, will we really get the product shipped to us in time as promised? Will our personal information make it in the hands of someone else from this transaction? Please don't make a hasty purchase without doing a little homework first. We hope these tips will be useful to your family. If you are interested in more information on these topics please visit CPSC.gov/safety. You will also be able to find information on recalls, cribs and infant safety and other important information to help keep your family safe. Wishing you and yours the most joyous of holiday seasons and happy and healthy New Year!

## Divine Shine Reiki offers holiday season tips

During the holiday season here are some simple tips for less stress:

Some gifts are priceless and budget friendly. This season consider giving the gift of time. You can offer to help someone with a project they don't have time for like painting, yard work, help clean and organize the garage, running errands, shopping or assisting someone with putting together a grocery order and picking it up for them. You can even offer to volunteer for a specified amount of time at their favorite local organization (or an organization that has been beneficial to them in some way), or make an end of year donation to the organization in their name.

Another great idea is to give the gift of life by donating blood to your local blood bank.

Here is a great way to tweak your to do list:

**PRESENTS** — Be present.

We have 1,440 minutes a day, 480 of which we (should) spend sleeping. We can't "manage time" because we can't change that, but we can manage our attention by being present in the moment for ourselves and those we love.

**SHOP** — Donate it

**WRAP** — Someone in a hug, even if it's a virtual hug or sending love and light in prayer or meditation.

**SEND** — Peace and love through prayer or intention.

**CHECK IN THE MAIL** — Check in WITH the mailperson and say hello and thank you. Even if it's a note in the mailbox! Also check in with neighbors.

**SEE the lights** — Be the light. Radiate the light.

**THANK YOU NOTES** — Show Gratitude everyday to everyone you meet in word and deed because the reason for the season is about appreciating what you have and the value of those around you.

May all your holidays be filled with love and light!

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