



Pope Francis to Visit Washington, DC:



As you may be aware, Pope Francis is scheduled to arrive in the District on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. During his 3-day stay, the pope will meet with President Barack Obama, deliver a speech to a joint-meeting of Congress, conduct a Mass at the National Shrine, and visit several Catholic charities

associated with the Archdiocese of Washington.

His visit has created plenty of excitement, as well as produced a lot of concerns for the hospitality and business communities in our city. Last week, Solomon Keene, President, HAWDC, sat on a panel, hosted by the Greater Washington Board of Trade, with law enforcement, hospitality and transportation representatives to discuss how to best prepare for this historical visit. Road closures in the area will be extensive. Click [here](#) for a list of restrictions and closures. As we receive more information, HAWDC will send Members detailed and up-to-date listings via Member Notice.

Embassy Suites Chevy Chase Pavilion Hosts CHAMPS Luncheon:



Last week, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officers joined Chief Cathy Lanier at the Embassy Suites Chevy Chase Pavilion for the September CHAMPS Awards luncheon to honor their outstanding service to our community. Officers discussed their cases,

technology upgrades, and incentives for officer recruitment and retention, before receiving a certificate of commendation for their service. HAWDC thanks Jeff Brainard and his team at the Embassy Suites Chevy Chase Pavilion for helping us honor those who keep our city safe.

*Pictured above: Chief Lanier with CHAMPS Award recipients.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 17, 2015:

HAWDC Allied Member Annual Meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please contact [Malinda Nafziger](#) to RSVP.

Thursday, September 17, 2015:

HAWDC September Luncheon will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington. Reception will be held at 12:00 pm followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. Please click [here](#) to RSVP.

Staff Directory

Councilmember David Grosso to Speak at HAWDC September Luncheon:



HAWDC invites Members to join us at the Grand Hyatt Washington on Thursday, September 17, 2015 for our September Luncheon. A noon reception will be followed by lunch from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. We are delighted to have Councilmember David Grosso as our guest speaker! As our former Hospitality High School students complete the transition to attend

the Hospitality NAF Academies at various District of Columbia Public Schools ("DCPS"), as Chair of the Committee of Education, Councilmember David Grosso will be discussing the NAF Academies and how the hospitality community can continue to work with DCPS to expose students to the wonderful career opportunities in the District's hospitality sector.

Please see upcoming events for more details.

Allied Member Annual Meeting:

Allied Members are encouraged to attend the Allied Member Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 17, prior to the September Luncheon. Allied Members will have the opportunity to vote for two Allied Member Co-Chairs who will sit on HAWDC's Board of Directors for the next year. There will also be time to discuss Allied Member initiatives for the coming year. If you are interested in running for Allied Member Co-Chair, please click [here](#).

Please see upcoming events for more details.

Human Trafficking Awareness Training:

The American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI) and Interstate Hotels & Resorts recently launched a human trafficking awareness training program for front-line associates and managers at more than 300 hotels nationwide. "The Role of Hospitality in Preventing and Reacting to Child Trafficking" is an online program, developed in partnership with ECPAT-USA, provides hotel staff with key information they need to help recognize and respond to potential human trafficking incidents.

The online training course is being offered through AHLEI's learning management system, [CourseLine®](#). Associates can also print the course in English or Spanish. HAWDC commends AHLEI and Interstate for their partnership and providing training on this important issue.

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