

## **OTBA Meeting Winter Breakfast Social January 24, 2018 at City Tavern**

The meeting was called to order at 8:53 am by President, Joanne Wunderly. There were 37 in attendance..

Since this meeting of OTBA is more of a chance to socialize and enjoy a filling breakfast and meeting other business owners, there was no formal meeting per se.

President Joanne Wunderly gave a little “walk down memory lane” about OTBA, its beginnings and some of the accomplishments that have been achieved over the years.

Annual Dues of \$125 are due by March 1. They can be paid at the next meeting, dropped by the Things I Love or sent by mail to:

Old Town Business Association  
P.O. Box 265  
Manassas, VA 20108

In turn, each of the attendees spoke about their businesses or organizations and any upcoming events

Some of the more notable comments were:

Beverly Hess of the Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory spoke about the up-coming “Mafia Murder Mystery Dinner to be held at the center in the Keller Theater. The event is sold out.

The Hylton Performing Arts Center is exploring ways to connect more to Old Town and OTBA. They offer advertising space in their programs that are handed out at each performance for a nominal sum.

On April 8th there will be a Bridal Show at the Hylton.

Jirani’s Coffee House has an active calendar of events for the community and a listing can be found on their website.

City Council members were headed for a retreat in Haymarket.

The Manassas Museum System is now more closely affiliated with the Parks and Rec. The Civil War Weekend that is held in August is being rebranded as Manassas History Day to include all our history.

Chip Rohr representing Ducks Unlimited mentioned that the annual fund raising event will be on February 23.

Monica Bohringer of the City’s Public Works Department spoke about the success of Project Runway and the Re-Cycle Art program, both of which involve students repurposing clothing and throw aways into new and exciting objects.

Mary Reilly of Creative Brush has moved her location to 8951 Center Street. There will be a ribbon cutting on February 9th at 4:30 pm.

Mark Aveni, City Council Member, spoke about the two residential buildings that are either being built or nearing completion that will bring new city residents within walking distance of Old Town. The expectation is that these new residents will be a boon to businesses.

Messenger Place on the site of the Journal Messenger Newspaper building will have retail space on the ground floor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.

Jan Alten  
Secretary

**Our next meeting will be on our regularly scheduled second Wednesday of the month, February 14th at 8:30 am at City Tavern**