



# SPECIAL DELIVERY

THE MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE NEWSLETTER - MAY 2023

## IF ITS SPRING THEN IT MUST BE 2 GREAT EVENTS

When January 1st rolls around, Meals on Wheels Delaware is already in the middle of planning their 2 spectacular events!

The Cellar Masters' Wine Auction and Dinner was held at the Chase Center on Friday evening, March 31st attended by over 250 guests! The evening started with a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres and specialty drinks served by our many guest vendors! Wine, beer, champagne, and selected cocktails were enjoyed by all those in attendance. Our guests were eager to look over the silent auction, and to get acquainted with the lots of wine in the live auction! They also took chances to find a highly rated bottle of wine from our wine pull board! Guests were then seated for a fantastic dinner prepared by

4 invited chefs which was served as they bid on their Live Auction lots between courses! The evening was a success with our patrons taking home to enjoy rare wines, and others bidding on exotic trips to Africa! An after dinner get together was held as a wrap up for the evening! Meals on Wheels Delaware is grateful to the many attendees, sponsors, vendors, and volunteers who make this event a spectacular evening and the launch of the spring season!

Onto the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch with over 800 guests attending! DuPont County Club hosted the event, which was held on Sunday, April 30th! The casual chic event features nibbles by over 20+ invited chefs from all over the US and Canada! Intermixed between the food

were great cocktails, and wine tastings which no brunch can do without! The event also features a silent auction which includes over 60 items, and open for bidding includes wines, experiences, a sand wagon of assorted drinks, and a white and black diamond necklace, specifically designed for this event! Also, featured was a bucket auction for those who just wanted to participate in this fun 30 item auction! Entertainment was provided, and guests mingled from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to make sure they didn't miss one food sample or drink pour! We once again cannot thank and be so appreciative of our sponsors, chefs, vendors, volunteers, and those who attended to make this one of the must attend events for Meals on Wheels Delaware! Onto planning 2024!



**MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE**

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## Secretary Elizabeth ( Betty) Kipp Stonebraker

Betty joined the Meals On Wheels Delaware Board in June 2022. Betty was drawn to the opportunity to work with a well-run organization that directly impacts the lives of seniors across the state of Delaware. Betty stepped into the role of Secretary in 2023.

Betty saw the importance of independence for seniors personally through her father’s journey.

“It was incredibly important for my father to be able to remain independent in his home while our family provided support for shopping and preparing meals. I took away from this experience that many of our seniors do not have this type of support system.” Meals on Wheels fills a gap not only with meal support, but also an opportunity to positively engage with people who may be home-bound.

**-Elizabeth Kipp Stonebraker Executive Director,  
J.P. Morgan Chase**



May is Older American’s Month – A time to recognize the contributions and challenges of Older Americans in our society.

When Older Americans Month was established in 1963, only 17 million living Americans had reached their 65th birthday. About a third of older Americans lived in poverty and there were few programs to meet their needs. Interest in older Americans and their concerns was growing. A meeting in April 1963 between President John F. Kennedy and members of the National Council of Senior Citizens led to designating May as ‘Senior Citizens Month,’ the prelude to ‘Older Americans Month.’

Historically, Older Americans Month has been a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older persons to our country. Every President since Kennedy has issued a formal proclamation asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Older Americans Month is celebrated through ceremonies, events, fairs, and other such activities.

## Daddy Made Everything Fun



I hope you know I’m grateful,  
And my heart is truly glad,  
That today and every single day,  
I have you as my Dad.

~ Holly Giffers

**In honor of Father’s Day your generous donation will help provide meals and comfort to those who need it now.**

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