



SPECIAL DELIVERY

THE MEALS ON WHEELS DELAWARE NEWSLETTER - MAY 2024

TWO GREAT FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR ONE AWESOME NOT FOR PROFIT!



*The Celebrity Chef's Brunch Honorary Chairs
Denise D. Nordheimer & Pamelynn J. Manocchio*



*The Cellar Master's Wine Auction Honorary Chair
Rob Poppiti*

The month of April brought lots of showers which brought us flowers, but it also brought to New Castle County our two spring events, the Celebrity Chefs' Brunch and the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction and Dinner!

First, we welcomed over 700 of our closest friends to taste and be treated to brunch size nibbles at our Celebrity Chefs' Brunch! The DuPont Country Club was the setting for this event and featured chefs from Canada, both North and South Carolina, Maryland, Tennessee, Colorado, Texas and other destinations! Not to be forgotten was a small group of our local chefs who reminded our guests why Delaware is such a great food destination. Let us not forget the many wines that were also tasted and sipped upon, along with Bloody Marys, Mimosas and Champagne! We treated our guests to a fantastic silent auction and a bucket auction, with all items bid upon and taken home to enjoy. Items included a diamond necklace, a Yukon Solo Stove, fragrances, wine, and some unique experiences! We then did a pivot and off to the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction we went!

For this perfect spring Friday evening at the Chase Center, our 200+ guests were once again treated to a beautiful four course sit down dinner, prepared by four outstanding chefs from around the country! We added to the experience 4 matching wines to highlight each course. We layered onto this evening a live auction with many wines brought out from our donors' collections, and added luxurious trips to South Africa, the British Virgin Islands and the Pocono Mountains! Our guests also bid on over 30 silent auction items, again featuring assorted wines, and even a wine tasting for 12 friends! The main event was our "Raise Your Paddle to Support our Seniors," and once again our guests were outstanding in their commitment to Meals on Wheels Delaware and Delaware Seniors!

Want to experience these events in 2025? Join us on Friday, April 25th at the Chase Center for the Cellar Masters' Wine Auction & Dinner and then on Sunday, April 27th at DuPont Country Club for Celebrity Chefs' Brunch! See you all next year! Reserve early in 2025, since both events were sold out early! Together We Will End Senior Hunger!



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MEET BOARD MEMBER DEVASHISH GUHA



We would like to introduce you to Devashish Guha, one of our Board Members for Meals on Wheels Delaware. Devashish brings to the table a vast knowledge in the IT sector, and one who is always willing to assist when our IT issues stump the staff with those familiar questions, Why? How? and It just doesn't do what I want it to do!

Devashish is an Advisory Manger at Price Waterhouse Coopers and serves as the lead on our Audit Committee. He continues to ask where he can best help to the office staff. From the beginning his drive has been to make an impact in our community and learn from Meals on Wheels Delaware and how he can resolve life's problems and issues!

**OLDER
AMERICANS
MONTH**



POWERED BY CONNECTION: MAY 2024

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). The 2024 theme is Powered by Connection, which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being.

Social isolation poses serious health risks to millions of older adults — it has been linked to higher blood pressure and increased risk of stroke, among other things. This #OlderAmericansMonth, connect for better health. #PoweredByConnection

As we mark Older Americans Month in 2024, information shows the senior population is growing and changing rapidly. Seniors are living longer and with less money. Nearly 10,000 baby boomers are turning 65 in the US today, and every day, for the next 15 years.

Here are some statistics for our great state from the Delaware Population Consortium.

- 29% of the population of Delaware are seniors over the age of 60.
- The number of Delaware residents 85 and over will increase by 51%, in the next 15 years.
- Seniors 75 plus make up the largest percentage of those who need help with a home-delivered meal.
- Among seniors 65 and over 26% are living alone, according to the latest census information.

Meals on Wheels provides a freshly prepared meal, and a friendly face to seniors in need. Wondering how you can support #OlderAmericansMonth this year? Challenge yourself to make one new meaningful In Real Life connection this May! In Older American's month If it is with a senior in your neighborhood, extended family, or community group then that is truly a reason to celebrate.



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