



Delaware
Chapter

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Greetings! A quick update on the 2010/2011 year thus far.

We've kicked the year off with two excellent events. Here's a brief recap, especially for those who missed the events. We do hope to see you at future ones!

The first – a tour of the DuPont Theatre – was wonderfully lead by the General Manager of the theater, John Gardner. We started out sitting in front row seats and heard some interesting information about the financial side of the operation (the Theatre is owned by DuPont and is part of the DuPont hospitality business). Mr. Gardner next led us onto the stage and showed us some of the technical side and then up the stairs to the dressing rooms. We next ventured into the bowels of the operation, getting a chance to visit the orchestra pit. Along the way we got to see the spots where various performing stars had signed (walls, etc.) and we were treated to some of Mr. Gardner's memories and stories about some past performances. All-in-all it was an excellent trip, seeing the audience from the stage (rather than sitting in the crowd and watching the show) was very cool.

In late September we hosted our first "speaker series" with dinner at the Christiana Hilton. During our meeting we recognized those who had achieved CMA/CFM status. After dinner we helped kick-off the campaign season as we were honored to have candidate-for-Congress John Carney join us. As a former Lieutenant Governor and Director of Finance for Delaware, Mr. Carney was able to share some of his past accomplishments, especially those on the financial side of the 'Small Wonder' state. He spoke of his desire to be a consensus builder if he is elected to the US Congress, and spoke about his vision for jobs in Delaware (in particular, energy and wind resources and using local manufacturing facilities to grow this business). Obviously, jobs and the economy seem to be big issues on the minds of many people. After his presentation, Mr. Carney was asked various questions from the audience and this proved to be a vigorous, yet respectful, exchange of ideas! Overall it was an excellent evening and the Chapter appreciates Mr. Carney's time very much.

Upcoming event for October: We will hold a breakfast meeting this month and will be honored with candidate and present State Auditor, Tom Wagner. Watch for more details in the next newsletter!

All the best,

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