

## **Showing Hospitality Employees How Much They're Appreciated**

*~ Hospitality Day to be held May 17 in City Center at Oyster Point ~*

**Newport News, VA, May 3, 2017** – In support and celebration of National Travel & Tourism Week in Newport News, the Newport News Hospitality Association will hold its annual Hospitality Day activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 17 in City Center at Oyster Point. This year's event falls on the Wednesday after National Travel and Tourism Week, which is scheduled for May 7-13.

As in past years, participating hotel and restaurant employees will compete in a bed-making contest, a creative towel-folding competition, and a restaurant relay race around the fountain. Judges for the competitions – which include members of the media, along with City of Newport News officials – will select winners based on the following criteria:

- Bed-making – Judged on both speed and appearance of a king-sized bed brought to Fountain Plaza by each hotel.
- Towel-folding – Judged on the creativity of the towels folded within a certain time limit.
- Relay race – Judged on who crosses the finish line first with the most liquid in four plastic cups pre-filled with water. Race held around the fountain at City Center.

The day will begin with the bed-making contest and end with the relay race. Between the two competitions, Hospitality Day will take on a carnival-like atmosphere, so there will be many opportunities to win prizes. Included in the fun will be games like ring toss, basketball hoop shots, corn-hole, and more.

There will also be a Vegas-like prize wheel that Hospitality Day participants can spin for great prizes, including restaurant gift certificates and overnight stays. A disc jockey will also be on site to play dance music and to emcee the event, plus employees will be treated to free popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones.

Hospitality Day is a fun way for the Newport News Hospitality Association to show its appreciation for and say “thanks” to their hardworking staffs. The association is a membership organization of Newport News attractions, hotels, restaurants and other hospitality industry-related businesses.

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