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Speakers and Topics

April 2016
Host: WSFS Bank

- **Robert W. Perkins, Executive Director, Delaware Business Roundtable**, "Delaware's Structural Budget Problem: Causes, Potential Solutions, and Policy Tradeoffs"
- **Ken Simpler, State Treasurer, State of Delaware; LDI Class of 2011**, "Delaware State Spending Sustainability, Sufficiency and Soundness"
- **Kim Alfano, Principle, Alfano Communications**, "True Education Reform: What, Where, and How"
- Ann S. Visalli, Director of Office of Management & Budget (OMB), State of Delaware, "Delaware's State Budget"
- **Melanie George Smith, Esq., Delaware State Representative; Chair of the Delaware Legislature's Joint Finance Committee; Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee; Attorney, Richards, Layton and Finger**, "Inside the JFC"
- **Michael Ramone, Delaware State Representative; Member of Bond Bill Committee; Serial Entrepreneur**, "Investing in Delaware: Capital Improvements and Drafting the Bond Bill"
- **Thomas P. Gordon, County Executive, New Castle County, Former Police Chief, New Castle County**, "Big Changes in New Castle County Demographics, Budget, Leadership: Past, Present, and Future"
- **Elizabeth A. Diaz, Principal Instructional Designer, Citrix Systems, Inc.; Former Managing Director, Program Continuum, Teach For America; LDI Class of 2014**, "Crisis and Promise in Public Education"
- **Rodney A. Lambert, Jr., President & CEO, Woodlawn Trustees, Inc. AND Allen M. Terrell, Jr., Esq., Chairman, Woodlawn Trustees; Retired Senior Partner, Richards Layton & Finger; LDI Advisory Board Member**, "The Woodlawn Trustees Story; The Union Street Flats and Recent Transactions"
- **Andrew M. Lubin, President, Delaware Financial Group; Fmr. Director of Real Estate, UD; LDI Board Member**, "Downsizing of DuPont Company, AstraZeneca; Keeping our Talent in Delaware"
- **Eugene R. Bailey, Executive Director, Port of Wilmington, The Diamond State Port Corporation**, "The Port of Wilmington"
- **Noreen D. LaSorsa, M.Ed., Principal, Christiana High School**, "Effective School Leadership and the Impact of Choice Upon Traditional Public Schools"
- **Gov. Jack A. Markell, Delaware's 73rd Governor**, "A Conversation with the Governor"
- **The Hon. Joshua W. Martin III, Esq., Counsel, Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP; Chairman of DEFAC; Delaware Superior Court Judge (ret.); President & CEO, Verizon Delaware (ret.)**,"DEFAC: Revenue and Expenditures Task Forces"
- **Christopher A. Coons, U.S. Senator from Delaware**, "The Value of Principled Compromise"

May 2016
Host: Alex Pires, Jimmy's Grille

- **Charles Burton, President/Owner, i.g. Burton Auto Dealerships (Milford & Seaford); President, Board of Directors, La Esperanza**,"The Latino Community in Sussex County – Working Hard, Putting Down Roots"
- **Michael A. Meoli, Chairman & CEO, The Meoli Companies**, "How a Mature Company in a Down Cycle Reinvents Itself…What are the Catalysts and What Sustains the New Momentum into the Future "
- **Donnan R. "Donnie" Burris, Chief Executive Officer, Burris Logistics**, "Burris Logistics: What a Journey it Has Been"
- **Alexander J. Pires, Jr., Esq., Attorney; Chairman & CEO, Community Bank Delaware; Businessman; LDI Board Member**, "Sussex County: A Cool Place to Make Money, Be Happy, and Help People"
- **C. Russell "Russ" McCabe, State Archivist (2005); Division Director, State of Delaware**, "No Respect! The Fascinating Story of How Delaware's Legacy of Historical Diversity Created a First State Identity Crisis"
- **Michelle L. DiFebo Freeman, President, Carl M. Freeman Companies, Carl M. Freeman Foundation, Joshua M. Freeman Foundation; Partner, Monumental Sports and Entertainment**, "A Crash Course in Leadership"

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- **Justice Randy J. Holland, Delaware Supreme Court**, "The Delaware Judicial System"
- **Jim Hobart, Vice President, Public Opinion Strategies (national political and public affairs research firm)**, "Presidential and Congressional Polling in 2016 – Buckle-up Your Seat Belts"
- **The Hon. Michael H. Vincent, Sussex County Council President AND Todd F. Lawson, Sussex County Administrator**, "Government and Land Use in Sussex County"
- **Daniel B. "Danny" Short, State Representative, 39th RD (Seaford); Minority Leader, House of Representatives**, "Sussex Politics and the Challenges of Leading a Minority Caucus"
- **Chancellor William B. Chandler III, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati; Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery (ret.)**, "The Future of the Delaware Court of Chancery"
- **Edwin Kee, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture**, "Delaware Agriculture: A Glimpse into the Heart and Minds of Delaware Farmers"
- **James "Jim" Perdue, Ph.D., Chairman, Perdue Farms**, "The Delmarva Poultry Industry, and The Perdue Success Story: From a 25-hen Flock to a $4.6B Integrated Poultry Giant with 20,000 Employees"

June 2016
Host: Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

- **Thère du Pont, President, Longwood Foundation Inc.; Chairman, Community Education Building; Immediate Past Chair, Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement (DANA)**, "Philanthropy 101"
- **Carlos J. Asarta, Ph.D., Director, Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, UD**, "Economic and Personal Finance Education in Delaware"
- **Mrs. Soraya Morgan Gutman, Vice President, Brand Launcher**
- **Laurence Seidman, Ph.D., Chaplin Tyler Professor of Economics, UD**, "How to Combat a Recession: Stimulus Without Debt"
- **James L. Butkiewicz, Ph.D., Professor & Chair, Department of Economics, UD**, "Where Do We Go From Here?"
- **LaVerne T. Harmon, Ed.D., Executive Vice President, Student Affairs, Wilmington University**, "My Personal Journey and Leadership"
- **Carolyn "Carol" S. Burger, Principal, C.B. Assoc., Inc.; President & CEO (Ret.), Bell Atlantic-DE; Former Director, Wilmington Trust Co.**, "The Responsibility of Board Membership; Breaking the Glass Ceiling; Leadership Characteristics of a Successful CEO"
- **Stuart Comstock-Gay, President & CEO, Delaware Community Foundation**
- **Robert J. A. Fraser, Chairman, BofA Canada Bank; Leadership Delaware Board Member, Chair of LDI Governance Committee, Member of LDI Finance & Audit Committee**, "Effective Board Leadership"
- **Peter W. Atwater, President & CEO, Financial Insyghts, Inc.**, "Importance of Economic Confidence"
- **Meryl P. Gardner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing, Lerner College, UD**
- **Dean Bruce W. Weber, Ph.D., Dean, Alfred Lerner College of Business & Economics, and, Professor of Business Administration, UD**, "Decision-Making Leadership and How Business Schools Keep Up with Business Today"