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The Chamber is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, volunteer network of over 400 members of the LGBTQIA Community and our Allies with over 5,000 professional supporters, who own or are employed by businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies in DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

The Chamber is the area's affiliate of the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce and was named Chamber of the Year in 2012. The Chamber has ranked as one of the top 20 Chambers of Commerce by the Washington Business Journal.

The Chamber's mission is to further the acceptance of all people, help overcome adversity, and advocate, empower, promote, and facilitate the common economic interests of all LGBTQIA businesses, professionals, and our Allies.









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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Chamber Board has a maximum of 15 members who volunteer to serve for terms of three years. Elections to the Board are made in staggered terms to provide continuity in leadership and policies.



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Ambassadors: (Timothy Darragh, Dennis Chong, Albert DuPont, Susan Broke, Taylor Chandler, Richard Pearell, Dennis Vonasek, Tj Flavell, Micheal Edmonson)

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If you'd like to join our team, contact any member of the Board at any of our events or where they are listed in this directory. Have an impact! Make a difference!





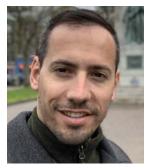
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Most events are free to members, guests, and the public. Where entry fees exist, they can often be deducted from a new member's fee to join. Entry fees can be waived for those willing to volunteer.

Chamber Connect

An open-format cocktail-hour networking event, hosted on the second Thursday evening of each month; free.

MegaNetworking

The largest LGBTQIA networking event in the region, organized with many of our Partners to gather a wide representation of the community to promote business, awareness, membership, volunteering, organizing, and fund-raising. The official start of Spring; free to all.

Pride Festivals

Annual events intended to celebrate the community and our accomplishments with our friends and allies. We want to be visible in all areas of the community to invite people to get involved. This is a good chance to volunteer; free.

Holiday Party

The end-of-year annual December networking event to honor and acknowledge all Chamber hosts and sponsors; free.

Special Events

The Chamber hosts special events and joins our partners in planning, promoting, and attending special events as they arise. We have hosted and represented our members at awards dinners, sponsorship events, business expos, educational events, health fairs, and anniversaries.

JOIN THE CHAMBER

The Chamber provides members access to business with over 5,000 loyal members of the LGBTQIA community and our Allies, including professionals, entrepreneurs, business owners, clients, shoppers, and consumers.

This entrée to the LGBTQIA community and our allies occurs through multiple channels including new media, educational seminars, intentional referrals, and diverse network-building events.

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- » Meet exciting people and expand professional networks
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- » Find clients, customers, and employers
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- » Find guidance and support while pursuing new career goals
- » Learn useful ideas, strategies, and insights for advancement
- » Build leadership skills, mentor others, give back to the community
- » Promote and strengthen the universal **interests** of the community
- » Discuss, consider, and **surmount** challenges for the community in business
- » Interact with community role models and regional leaders
- $\hspace{-1.5pt}$ Have a ${f voice}$ in regional ${f government}$ and regulations





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MEMBERSHIP

Corporate

Annual membership for large interests, including six complimentary entries to Chamber core networking, educational, and business development events. Corporate Members receive enhanced visibility at Chamber events and on the website. Corporate Members have priority consideration for sponsorship, hosting events, and advertising.

Premier

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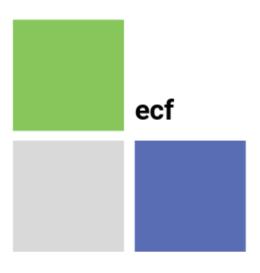
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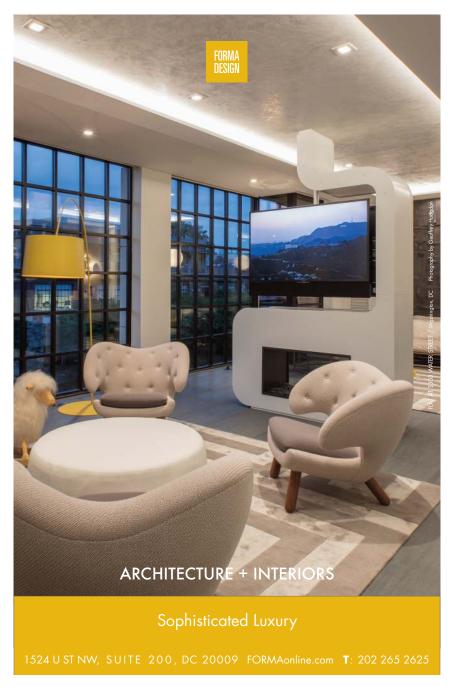
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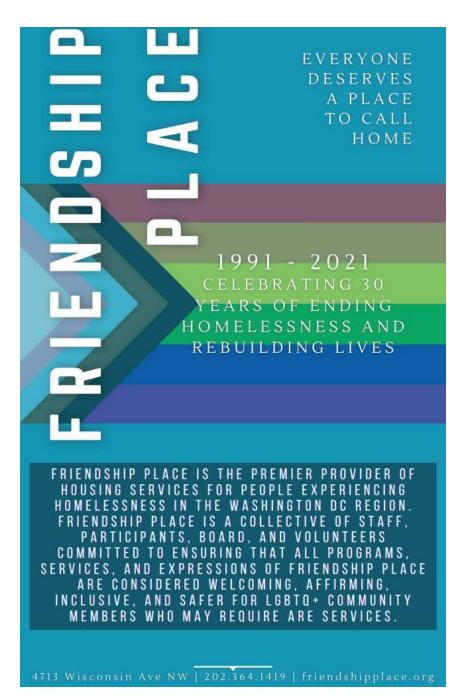
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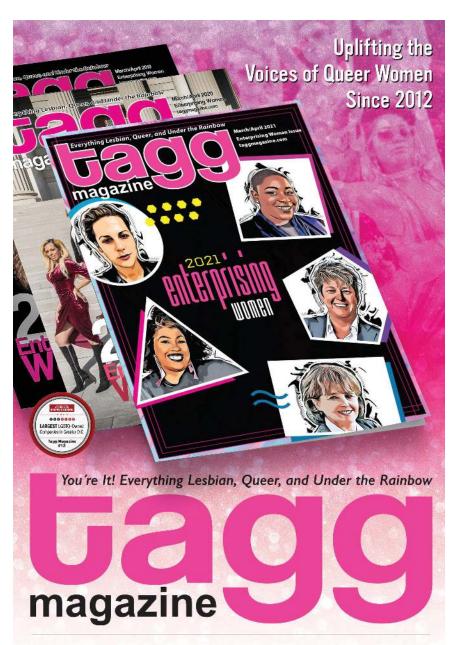




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