

Our 67<sup>th</sup> annual banquet is Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at the Gateway Conference Center—this spacious venue is graciously sponsored by our partner Chester County Government. This year's theme is Beads & Business. We can't wait to celebrate our business community on Fat Tuesday!

We are excited about this year's table decorating contest. Here's the deal: your company purchases a table but then decorates that table for another company to enjoy, and your company gets to enjoy a table crafted by a different company!

Questions/Answers:

- **How should we decorate the table?** Participating companies should provide a centerpiece that is no bigger than 22"x22". Tables are six-foot round tables with 10 chairs. Remember we'll need room for a sign in the middle of the table to identify the table (the chamber will provide that sign), as well as room for guests to eat. **It's up to each company how they want to interpret the theme.** Each table will have a black tablecloth that you may use as a base. Feel free to add your own tablecloth or runner.
- **Can we give little gifts to our table guests?** Sure! You may want to make goody bags for your table guests that showcase your brand. Feel free to advertise. Totally optional.
- **How many people sit at a table?** Plan for a maximum of 10.
- **When will we decorate?** The table itself will need to be decorated before 4:00 p.m. on March 4<sup>th</sup> so that we can enter your table into the competition. Guests will begin voting when they arrive at 5:00 p.m.
- **Will we have power available at the table?** No. Use batteries if needed, please.
- **Do we know yet who will sit at the table we decorate?** Assignments will be made much closer to time.
- **What happens if we want to purchase a table but do not want to decorate one?** No worries—we can cover tables for anyone who wishes not to participate OR for those folks sitting in general admission (in other words, people who buy individual tickets rather than an entire table).

Attendees may also wear costumes that match our theme—think purple, gold, green, beads, feathers! Mardi Gras is an easy theme as there are many fun ways to decorate. Check out thrift stores, Amazon, Temu, etc.

Thank you for joining in the fun! If you have questions, suggestions, or want to volunteer or sponsor this lovely evening, please let us know.