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Christmas in St. Michaels to Hold Yuletide Party and 30th Anniversary Celebration

St. Michaels, MD—The holiday season will be ushered in this year by a very special Yuletide Party and 30th Anniversary Celebration hosted by Christmas in St. Michaels. The event will take place on Friday, December 9, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at The Town Dock restaurant on the harbor in St. Michaels. It will feature a gourmet tour of St. Michaels' finest restaurants, a jazz band, a magical view of the harbor lit for the holidays and the opportunity to mix and mingle with old and new friends and neighbors.

The event co-chairs Mary Lou McAllister and Linda Seemans selected The Town Dock for the event, the location of the first gala held 30 years ago. "The wonderful location on the harbor with holiday lights and fabulous food from our local restaurants is the perfect place to celebrate our 30th year," McAllister said. "We want party goers to have an opportunity to indulge in great food, talk with friends and enjoy a festive, relaxed evening," added Seemans.

Christmas in St. Michaels is pleased to announce that Bill Davenport and Bruce Wiltsie have been named honorary co-chairs of this special holiday and anniversary party. Attendees who served on committees for the first few Christmas in St. Michaels events will receive special recognition at the Yuletide Party.

The party will include a full bar, festive cocktails and passed hors-d'oeuvres. Restaurants providing the gourmet tour of St. Michaels will be Ava's, Carpenter Street, Chesapeake Landing, Inn at Perry Cabin, Limoncello, 208 Talbot, Theo's and caterer Gourmet by the Bay. Guests can anticipate a raw bar, delicious entrees, creative sides and fabulous desserts.

Tickets for the Yuletide Party, to which everyone is invited, are \$150 per person and may be purchased online at christmasinstmichaels.org or by calling 410-745-0745. A portion of the ticket cost is tax deductible. Festive holiday attire is suggested. Valet parking will be provided for all guests.

Funds raised by the Yuletide Party and 30th Anniversary Celebration will support the Christmas in St. Michaels 2016 beneficiaries. They are non-profit organizations that advance educational, cultural, athletic and conservation programs serving individuals and families in the Bay Hundred area. Since its founding 30 years ago, Christmas in St. Michaels has donated more than \$1 million to local non-profit organizations.

The Yuletide Party will kick off the three-day Christmas in St. Michaels event December 9, 10 and 11. It will include the Talbot Street Christmas Parade and a tour of homes beautifully decorated for the holidays. Events of special interest to children include Breakfast with Santa, Santa's Wonderland and the Gingerbread House Display and Old Fashioned Christmas Village and Train Exhibit. Additional offerings include the Marketplace for hand-crafted gifts and gourmet foods, special musical events and wonderful

shops decorated for Christmas, many of which offer the 30th Anniversary Christmas in St. Michaels Collectors Ornament. Visit christmasinstmichaels.org for more information.



Photo caption: Standing on the porch of The Town Dock restaurant on the harbor in St. Michaels, the location of the Dec. 9 Christmas in St. Michaels Yuletide Party and 30th Anniversary Celebration, are Mary Lou McAllister, co-chair, and Bruce Wiltsie, honorary co-chair, of this year's event.

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