

## YOUNG EXECUTIVES COMMITTEE

The idea for the Young Executives Committee (YEC) came from a number of sources sixteen years ago. It was obvious then that a new generation of businesspersons was emerging – starting companies of their own or assuming the management and ownership of firms that had been started by their parents or grandparents.

These emerging executives needed an agenda of their own: a forum for exchanging ideas that reflected their needs, not the needs of the older generation.

It was critical to DCA that they perceived the value of association membership as it related to them. To launch the concept, key individuals were identified and asked to provide the nucleus to the new organization. From them, a Committee headed by two chairpersons was formed to provide direction and to plan activities for the year.

This year's Co-Chairpersons are: E. Andrew DiSabatino, III, EDIS Construction Managers and Tom Atkinson, Wheeler, Wolfenden & Dwares, P.A.

This past Association year their activities included helping at the Variety Children's Holiday Party; a Career Fair at the Central School for students in grades 9 thru 12; "Mock Interviews" with students from all three high schools within the Brandywine School District; a Career Expo at Alfred G. Waters Middle School for 8<sup>th</sup> graders; Cigar & Wine Tasting at Rizzo's Wine Cellar; a site tour of the Peterson Marsh Wildlife Refuge and mixer at Timothy's on the Riverfront; a team entry into a Kickball Tournament to benefit "Best Buddies" of Delaware; the Adopt-A-Highway program with DelDOT; the AGC Build-Up Program with 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders in various local schools; Crab Feast Raffle and T-Shirt Sales at DCA's Crab Feast; a Time Charity Event that involved the refurbishing and painting of an outdoor playhouse at The Wellness Community on Lancaster Pike; and a Charity Casino Night at the Cavalier Country Club with proceeds benefiting "Serviam Girls Academy".

YEC events are a combination of social, networking, volunteerism and informational gatherings. As you can see, the DCA Young Executives have had an extremely busy year. This committee is always looking for new members, so if you know someone that would have an interest in joining us, please have them call Marla DiSalvo at DCA (302) 994-7442.