

Travel

Thinking about visiting Hawaii?

Mike DuBose, our president, has visited all the Hawaiian Islands eleven times. If you are thinking about going to Hawaii, he has written a detailed article on how to prepare for, fly to, and enjoy the islands. Even if you are not going to Hawaii, this article contains some excellent tips on flying comfortably. For more information, click www.columbiameetings.com and select resources.

Business Article

Thinking about starting a business? Or, if you are an existing business owner or manager, do you want to improve you chances of success?

Mike DuBose has written a book called *Building a GREAT Business* that will be released in late 2006. It contains 27 chapters on how to build a successful business from scratch. He will also be leading a one-hour, free seminar where he will outline tips from his new book on October 16, 2006 from 5:30-6:30 PM. There will also be a two-day business conference on November 13-14, 2006, where 14 different experts will present. For more information, click www.columbiameetings.com and select from the menu at the bottom of the home page or call 454-2008.

Quality Vendor Guide

Our staff has independently assembled a detailed and unbiased list of more than 100 quality contractors. This recently updated list is free and can be downloaded in WORD or PDF by clicking on www.columbiameetings.com and select resources.

Conducting Successful Events

How do you stand in front of a group of intelligent adults from various backgrounds and gain their respect, hold their attention, and enthusiastically engage them in discussions and activities? This article is free and can be downloaded in WORD or PDF by clicking on www.columbiameetings.com and select resources.

Interesting Websites

www.dogpile.com

All the best search engines piled into one. Finds anything you are looking for especially people.

Humor

Suburbia: where they tear out the trees and then name streets after them.

Famous Quotes

All the art of living lies in a fine mingling of letting go and holding on.
Havelock Ellis (1859-1939) Psychologist

CCC Recipe

Chocolate Mousse

6 oz bittersweet chocolate, broken into small pieces
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
Pinch salt
1 teaspoon good quality vanilla
2 tablespoons strong coffee, or coffee liqueur such as Kahlua or Tia Maria
4 large eggs, separated
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup heavy cream, whipped to soft peaks

Melt chocolate in double boiler or the microwave; watch it closely so that it doesn't burn. Whisk in the butter, 1 tablespoon at a time. Add in salt, vanilla, and coffee until blended completely. Whisk in the egg yolks, one at a time, fully blending each one before adding the next. Set this mixture aside. Warm egg whites gently in double boiler whisking the whole time. Beat with an electric mixer, slowly adding the sugar until egg whites reach soft peaks. Gently fold egg whites into chocolate mixture. Whip the cream into soft peaks. Fold into chocolate mixture, and chill for at least 2 hours. You may spoon the mousse into wine glasses and top with extra cream and fresh berries, or chocolate curls.

Yield: 6 -8 portions

Happenings at CCC

Business Seminar

Mike DuBose will make a complimentary presentation on his new book, *Building a GREAT Business*, at the Columbia Conference Center on October 16, 2006 between 5:30-6:30 PM. Mike will entertain questions at the end of the seminar.

The workshop targets individuals thinking about starting a business or existing business owners who want to refine their business operations. Mike is president of the Columbia Conference Center and six other corporations. He has operated both successful and failed businesses since 1981 and volunteers with WMHK Radio to help individuals thinking about entering the small business sector.

The seminar is co-sponsored by Columbia Business Monthly Magazine, WMHK Radio, Irmo News, Columbia International University, and the Irmo Chamber of Commerce. The workshop is free but requires an advanced registration and will be limited to the first 300 people to register. For more information and registration, please visit www.columbiameetings.com or call Martha Reid at 454-2008. The seminar will be held at the Columbia Conference Center located on 169 Laurelhurst Avenue off Fernandina Road between Piney Grove and St. Andrews Roads.

Book your next event at CCC

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We have been blessed with an abundance of business with the Columbia Conference Center. We are nearly booked for the rest of 2006 and 2007 is filling fast. We urge you to tentatively book your meeting dates as soon as possible. This is not a sales gimmick. Thanks so much!

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