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AAA MID-ATLANTIC 2009 FIVE AND FOUR DIAMOND AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Twelve Properties in Central and Western Virginia Receive Prestigious Award

RICHMOND, VA (FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008) – AAA Mid-Atlantic has announced the eight lodgings and four restaurants that achieved Five or Four Diamond Award® status in the Central and Western Virginian regions for 2009. The AAA Five Diamond Award designation, the travel authority's highest rating for hotels and restaurants, was awarded to just one area establishment within these regions overall, and the AAA Four Diamond rating was awarded to eleven area establishments.

The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond has been awarded the prestigious AAA Five Diamond Rating for the 16th year and is the only AAA Five Diamond recipient in the Central Virginia region.

Area lodgings receiving the prominent 2009 AAA Four Diamond Award® include:

The Berkeley Hotel, Richmond (for the 20th year)

The Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville (for the 8th year)

The Homestead, Hot Springs (for the 5th year)

Keswick Hall at Monticello, Keswick (for the 8th year)

The Martha Washington Inn and Spa, Abingdon (for the 11th year)

The Oaks Victorian Inn, Christiansburg (for the 14th year)

Wyndham Virginia Crossing Hotel and Conference Center, Glen Allen (for the 5th year)

Area restaurants receiving the prominent 2009 AAA Four Diamond Award® include:

1 North Belmont, Richmond (for the 4th year)

The Dining Room at the Berkeley Hotel, Richmond (for the 14th year)

Fossett's, Kewsick (for the 5th year)

The Old Mill Room (The Boar's Head Inn), Charlottesville (for the 22nd year)

Representing the upper echelon of the hospitality industry, AAA Five and Four Diamond Award winners make up just 3.0 percent and 0.28 percent, respectively, of the 58,000 Diamond Rated lodgings and restaurants throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

“Five and Four Diamond lodgings and hotels represent the best the hospitality industry has to offer,” said Martha M. Meade, Manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Mid-Atlantic. “These properties are extraordinary in every manner. Lodgings at this level offer guests a wide range of amenities and services, and restaurants feature a distinctive fine dining experience and complex menus. We are pleased that so many establishments in our area have reached this level of service, and we are honored to present them with the Five and Four Diamond Award designation for 2009.”

The assignment of a [AAA](#) rating of One to Five Diamonds marks the completion of a successful annual evaluation. All properties must first meet AAA’s rigorous requirements to become AAA Approved® establishments.

[AAA’s Diamond Rating System](#) is the only ratings system that covers all of North America and one of only two that conducts physical, on-site evaluations. It is the only system that uses full-time, professionally trained evaluators to inspect each property on an annual basis using a set of guidelines that are made available to all establishments. AAA evaluates more properties than any other rating entity. Additionally, AAA provides travelers the opportunity to post comments about their experiences at AAA Approved and Diamond Rated establishments at [AAA.com](#). Information about AAA Diamond Ratings and the complete 2009 Four and Five Diamond Award winners lists are accessible at [AAA.com/Diamonds](#). Travelers can access detailed listings and photos of Diamond Rated hotels and restaurants by location on [AAA.com](#).

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