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The Mimslyn Inn Restored and Ready for Guests

Luray, VA – A year has passed since a “closed for renovations” sign appeared on the Mimslyn Inn marquee located off West Main Street in Luray. Looking back on the 365 days, millions of dollars, countless hours, and numerous jobs created, The Mimslyn Inn is ready to celebrate and will reopen to a black tie event.

The property, built in 1931, had fallen into disrepair until purchased in 2005 by the Asam Family, owners of the Bavarian Inn in Shepherdstown, WV. Today, the gracious atmosphere showcases beautifully restored hardwood floors, grand entryways, and crystal chandeliers. Elegant fabrics, rich patterns, and classic furnishings fill guest and common rooms. Brickwork, interior finishes, paint, windows, and floors have all been retouched, repaired and modernized. The previously unfinished basement is now home to a spa, fitness room, and restaurant and bar fondly named The Speakeasy. The formal dining room, Circa '31, is where Executive Chef Richard A. Mellar delights the senses with upscale Southern cuisine.

“It is a dream come true”, states General Manager Victoria Thomas. After 9 years in her position, Mrs. Thomas, still remembers entering The Mimslyn Inn for the first time, “I felt like I was home”. Victoria has spent most of her career in hospitality; her parents owned and managed the Orkney Springs Hotel for 37 years. She describes the property as a community icon; “many Luray residents have a piece of the Mimslyn in them. Over the years, all big town events and special occasions have been held here”. Many including Mrs. Thomas are grateful the Asam family chose to restore the Inn and preserve a significant piece of Luray history.

Local contactors were hired from across the Shenandoah Valley to restore and renovate 45 rooms and suites, 2 restaurants, 2 bars, 2 banquet rooms, an executive kitchen, a dining room, lobby, office, and other exterior/interior enhancements. J. Rex Burner of Luray worked on the plumbing, Trumbo Electric from Broadway rewired and modernized, Harman Construction in Harrisonburg managed the crews, Jan Huss of Culpeper decorated from top to bottom, Happy Valley Greenhouse of Luray hand laid entry pavers and back patio, and Wood's Edge Landscape Company planted acres of grass, trees, scrubs and installed the fountain at the entrance.

Service standards are a priority and new positions have been created with professional staff hired. Evan Pettrey will manage the front desk, Scott Stephens works as the Dining and Beverage Manager, and Patressa Kearns, Event Planner, heads wedding and event coordination. A Strasburg based hotel management company, Guests, Inc., will oversee Inn operations and also provide marketing and training support.

The Mimslyn Inn is back and ready for guests!

For additional information see our website, www.mimslsyninn.com. Reservations can be made by calling, 540-743-5105 or 800-296-5105.