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Whew. Good news for dads, darling.

“We’re also seeing a shift in the timing of weddings,” continues Karen. “June used to be the most popular month, and then it shifted to fall - months like August, September and October. But now we’re seeing a small shift back to June. I believe it may have to do with brides wanting to avoid the date of September 11 because we saw the trend starting just after the tragedy.”

Whether you have your wedding in the spring or fall, you’ll likely want to help your guests celebrate the occasion with an open bar at the reception. If you select a facility that owns a liquor license, you’re bound by law to purchase alcohol from the facility - and that, darling, can be expensive. Many party centers like Diamond Event Center are “host liquor facilities,” meaning the hosts can stock the bar themselves at a much lower cost, then the center supplies the complete bar service, including bartenders, mixers, fruit juices, cocktail napkins, stirrers, glassware, etc. Karen even shares with her clients a convenient chart showing suggested liquor quantities by type.

Karen and Kevin also offer Wedding Reception Value Packages, which can save brides an additional \$6 per person. The downside is that these packages are not available on certain days of the week during certain months of the year. Check with Karen for the details, especially if you don’t absolutely have to have your wedding on a Saturday in June.

In actuality, only about one-third of

Diamond Event Center’s events are wedding receptions. Families and organizations around the region use them for all kinds of functions. Here are a few: birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, rehearsal dinners, graduations, showers, corporate seminars, fund raisers, school banquets, plus Christenings and Communion.

The catering division, known as Diamond Event Catering, offers complete off-premise catering for all these same events, plus company picnics, golf outings and clam bakes. And Kevin is now launching Diamond Event Productions, specializing in tables, chairs, tents, music, security, valet parking and more at off-premise events.

“For our entire lives, Karen and I have loved entertaining people,” Kevin says. “At the end of the day our job is to create memories for people. That means what we do really does last forever. That’s an awesome responsibility and a great honor.”

You’ll find Diamond Event Center at 1480 Pearl Road in Brunswick about one-tenth of a mile past Rt. 303 (Center Road). It’s located in a large strip center so there’s plenty of convenient at-the-door parking for guests. Look for it on the right if you’re heading south. The phone number is 330-225-1995. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8-8, and Fridays and Saturdays 8-4. The website is www.DiamondEventCatering.com.