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The Staff of Fager's Island is pleased to announce the re-opening of the historic Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Maryland. This 1895 landmark originally known as the Hotel Atlantic consists of seventeen preserved rooms, a honeymoon cottage, the Drummer's Cafe and restaurant and the Atlantic ballroom which is suitable for special occasions and private dinners.



Michelle and John Fager are the principals operating and overseeing this endeavor. The Victorian rooms, ladies parlor, and generous hallways have been completely restored under the direction of Angela Reynolds, general manager of the Hotels at Fager's Island--The Lighthouse Club and The Edge. New bedding, top quality linens and flat screen televisions are a few of the up-upgrades included in the restoration. The Drummer's Cafe, kitchen and common areas have been brought back to a period of glory once enjoyed, under the supervision of Charlie Smith, (retired managing partner of Ocean City's Fager's Island). We will be serving lunch and fine dining daily as well as catering special events. There is a full service bar associated with the cafe. The general manager is Robin Kauffman and the chef d'cuisine is the locally popular Leo D'Aleo. Built in 1895 by Horace F. Harmonson and his wife, Virginia Lingo Harmonson, the Hotel accommodated many traveling salesmen, "Drummers" who crisscrossed the region during the turn of the century.

In the early days there was a livery stable in back of the Hotel. It was on this site that sales of mules and horses were held. The livestock would arrive in Berlin by rail and then be driven up through the town from the station to the Atlantic Stable.

Mr. Harmonson had a horse-drawn bus ready to meet incoming trains. The bus would carry passengers directly to the Hotel. "Drummers" would check into the Hotel and immediately order up a horse and buggy from the stable to make their rounds. In addition to the "Drummers", the Hotel was frequented by those on their way to the ocean, those interested in hunting and fishing (guides were readily available), and those who simply delighted in good food.

The Hotel was purchased in 1986 by ten local businessmen intent on preserving a piece of history. The careful restoration process has returned the Hotel to its former glory.

The hotel is located at 2 North Main in the historic village of Berlin, Maryland.  
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