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The Official Newsletter of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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We are Going “Greene”!

After more than 75 years of serving our member businesses in Greene County, the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce announces its new name as the **Greene County Chamber of Commerce**. The new name better represents our Chamber’s longtime service area and our current membership.

The Chamber Board of Directors approved the change to the by-laws reflecting the new name of the organization at the April Board of Directors meeting.

“We have been serving the entire county for many years and the new name will simply reflect what we currently do”, said Chamber Executive Director Melody Longstreth. “The idea has been discussed for quite some time and is expected to bring more growth to our organization, which in turn will enable us to offer additional value-based services and benefits to our members and the county.”

As the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, the organization will continue to provide services and programs to increase the success of member businesses and organizations, enhancing the quality of life in Greene County. We will remain a politically neutral, enthusiastic resource to our members and the community at large.

The goals of our organization are to:

- Represent member businesses, agricultural, professional, industrial, educational, and community interests that enhance economic and civic wellbeing.
- Promote business development in conjunction with other appropriate entities through coordination, not duplication, of efforts.
- Provide value-added programs and benefits to promote membership and to help members achieve success.
- Maintain a positive, productive alliance with other Chambers of Commerce.



Chamber President, Jeff McCracken and
Executive Director, Melody Longstreth
Admire our new logo

A huge thank you to our **Membership Plaque Sponsor, EQT!** Your new Greene County Chamber of Commerce Membership plaque is included with this newsletter.

We appreciate the support of our member businesses and organizations and are very excited for this change. The goal will be to continue to serve Greene County area businesses and communities just as we have in the past. For more information on the name change, call 724-627-5926.



July General Membership

Networking Luncheon

Wednesday, July 26th, 2017

Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Lunch served at noon

\$15 per person

Menu: Assorted wraps (Caesar Chicken, Italian, Cheddar Roast Beef),
Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Homemade Ranch Chips, and desserts

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Jim Rooney Presentation

The Chamber and the Rotary Club of Waynesburg welcomed Jim Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers as a special guest at the June Luncheon. Mr. Rooney presented "A Winning Culture: A Conversation About What Makes the Pittsburgh Steelers Special". Thank you to Waynesburg University, Aladdin Food Service and our luncheon sponsor, the Dustin Damon Casseday Autism Foundation.



4th Annual Motor Madness Car Show a Success!

The Chamber of Commerce recently took over the Annual Motor Madness Car Show after the Mason Dixon Crew turned it over after three successful years. The event featured “car-tunes” by The Greaser, a Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, and Jimmies Lunch Dogs! We had a total of 101 entries and a beautiful summer day!

Thank you to our sponsors:

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**Sponsor's Choice - Tommy Homes
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Best in Show - 1955 Chevy Belair

Owner: Ron & Donna Beavers, Morgantown, WV



Best in Show Veteran Owner - 1969 Chevy Camaro

Owner: Darren Fine, Finleyville, PA



President's Choice - 1958 Edsel Ranger

Owner: Steven Smith, Morgantown, WV



5th Annual Membership Picnic a Big Hit!

Thank you to our event sponsors for making the 5th Annual Membership Picnic a success! Over 40 members and their families attended the picnic which was held at the Waynesburg Lions Club Park. Guests enjoyed a Build your Own Hot Dog & Nacho Bar, Shaved Kona Ice, Sweet Tea, Networking and Prizes! Everyone in attendance had a chance at several door prizes including, Pittsburgh Zoo and Waldameer Park tickets donated by WANB Radio and Pool Passes donated by Greene County Parks and Recreation. It was a great evening for networking, food and fun. We hope to see YOU next year at the 6th Annual Membership Picnic!

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Door Prize Winners!

\$50 Visa Gift Card- Holly Shipley,
Back Bay Catering
Pool Passes – Lauren Stauffer, *Ruff Creek Crafts*
and Kenny Duvall, *Humane Society of Greene County*
Waldameer Park tickets – Jamie Titchnell,
Logan Law Office
Pittsburgh Zoo tickets – Caroline Duffey,
Washington County Council on Economic Development



There was fun for the whole family!



Guest enjoyed the many flavors of Kona Ice!



The evening was enjoyed by all!



Lots of Networking and FUN!

New Event - Women in Business Breakfast

The Chamber has added a new event to our calendar! The Women in Business Breakfast (WIBB) was created to encourage aspiring and successful professional women and entrepreneurs in various fields to meet, learn, and inspire each other.

This event will be held Friday, August 4th at Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall.



Keynote Speaker,
Laura Ellsworth

The keynote speaker for the event will be Laura Ellsworth, partner-in-Charge Global Community Service Initiatives of Jones Day Law Firm.

Sponsorship packages are available at Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. If your business or organization would like to sponsor the WIBB, please contact the Chamber at 724-627-5926 or info@greenechamber.org.

An event flyer is included with this newsletter with more details of the event. Seats are expected to fill up fast so reserve your spot today!

**Save the
Date!**

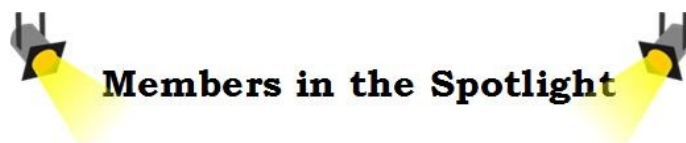
**Greene Scene Road Rally
October 14th, 2017**

Registration 1-2 pm at Fox Ford

Registration \$30 covers driver,
\$10 per passenger

(Registration includes food and
prizes for all participants)

**Benefits the Chamber
Scholarship Fund**



Michael's Auto Sales Wins Top Rated Dealer Award



CarGurus, a leading consumer automotive car shopping website, announced it has named Michael's Auto Sales, Inc. a "2017 CarGurus Top Rated Dealer." The annual CarGurus Top Rated Dealer awards are presented to a select group of car dealerships that have received the highest average ratings from shoppers who have submitted dealership reviews on the CarGurus platform. CarGurus uses shoppers' dealership ratings as well as comprehensive valuation analytics to help shoppers search their local marketplace and find great car deals from top-rated dealers.

"We are thrilled to recognize Michael's Auto Sales, Inc. as a Top Rated Dealer," said Sam Zales, President of Dealer Operations. "Based on CarGurus' shoppers' ratings, it is clear that the team at Michael's Auto Sales, Inc. is delivering a superior car shopping experience for their customers, and we applaud their high standards for excellence."

"Providing exceptional customer service is a priority for us, and we are proud to be recognized as a Top Rated Dealer," said Mary Lewis, VP. "At Michael's Auto Sales we love what we do."

CarGurus invites shoppers to review and rate dealerships with whom they have interacted during their car shopping experience. Dealer ratings and reviews are visible to the public on the site, and they are also factored in the algorithm that CarGurus uses to rank search results for shoppers. According to recent CarGurus poll, 78% of shoppers say they will not buy a car from a dealership without first seeking out reviews of that dealer from other shoppers.

Welcome to our 2017-2018 Board of Directors Officers!

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Chamber of Commerce Board Officers!

President - Jeff McCracken,
Lifetime Honorary Member

Vice-President - Janice Blair-Martin,
Waynesburg Milling Co.

Secretary - Cassie Teegarden,
Individual Member

Treasurer - Elizabeth Menhart,
First Federal Savings & Loan

At Large - Bettie Stammerjohn,
Community Foundation of Greene County



Pictured L-R: Melody Longstreth, Executive Director, Bettie Stammerjohn, Jeff McCracken, Janice Blair-Martin, Cassie Teegarden, and Elizabeth Menhart

Mark your Calendar!



Eastview from 11:30 to 1:00.

Thank you to our event sponsor, **Mountain State Waste!** Come enjoy a afternoon of networking, lunch and special guests, **State Champions, Lady Pioneers!**

The Chamber has added a General Membership Networking Luncheon!

The luncheon will be August 23rd at the First Assembly of God in

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Greene County Chamber of Commerce's
**Women in Business
Breakfast**

Friday, August 4th, 2017

Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall

\$20 per person

8:00-8:30 am.....Registration & Networking

8:30-9:30 am.....Program

9:30-10:00 am.....Networking

****Bring several Business Cards****

Keynote Speaker:
Laura Ellsworth,
*Partner-in Charge Global
Community Service Initiatives
of Jones Day Law Firm*

The WIBB encourages aspiring and successful **WOMEN** professionals and entrepreneurs in various fields to meet, learn, and inspire each other. Our goal is to *empower, inspire, and improve* the lives of women by providing the tools, knowledge, and network to help women expand their leadership potential.

**Come build your network
and get inspired!**

**RSVP by Monday, July 29th to
724-627-5926 or info@greenechamber.org**





Available Sponsorship Packages

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000 (Only one available)

- ♦ A table of eight reservations for the breakfast
- ♦ Napkin wraps for the event featuring your logo
- ♦ Logo at the top of the sponsor thank you banner at the event
- ♦ Logo on the event invitation as the event sponsor
- ♦ Logo and/or Company name on all advertising for the event on the Chamber's website, Facebook page, monthly newsletter and weekly eBlasts
- ♦ Up to five minutes at the podium to speak about your business
- ♦ The opportunity to introduce the event keynote speaker

Gold Sponsor - \$500

- ♦ Four reservations for the breakfast
- ♦ Logo on the sponsor thank you banner at the event
- ♦ Logo and/or Company name on all advertising for the event on the Chamber's website, Facebook page, monthly newsletter and weekly eBlasts

Silver Sponsor - \$250

- ♦ Two reservation for the breakfast
- ♦ Logo on the sponsor thank you banner at the event
- ♦ Logo and/or Company name on all advertising for the event on the Chamber's website, Facebook page, monthly newsletter and weekly eBlasts

Bronze Sponsor - \$100

- ♦ One reservation for the breakfast
- ♦ Logo on the sponsor thank you banner at the event
- ♦ Logo and/or Company name on all advertising for the event on the Chamber's website, Facebook page, monthly newsletter and weekly eBlasts

If your business or organization would like to sponsor the Women in Business Breakfast, please contact the Greene County Chamber of Commerce at 724-627-5926 or info@greenechamber.org

Rockin' Roast of Crazy Dougie Wilson

**Celebrating 25 years as the
*Voice of Greene County***

Friday, August 4th, 2017

Waynesburg University Benedum Dining Hall

6:00 pm - 7:00pm – Reception hour with Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 pm – Buffet Dinner with program to follow

\$25 per person (Children under 12, \$7; Children under 5, free)



**Program featuring
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