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CHAMBER CHATTER

The Official Newsletter of the
Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

15

NEW
MEMBERS



355

TOTAL
MEMBERS



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TOP 3!

9,000+

WEBSITE VIEWS



122

YEARS SERVING
GREENE
COUNTY



16
RIBBON CUTTINGS

PARTNERSHIPS



4,000
FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS



940
NEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS



434
INSTAGRAM
FOLLOWERS



CHAMBER EVENTS HELD:

- Business Connection Luncheons
- Coffee & Commerce Events
- Women Celebrating the Administrative Professional Day Luncheon
- Annual Golf Outing
- 33rd Annual Scholarship Presentation
- 6th Women in Business Breakfast
- Business After Hours Events
- Legislative Breakfast
- Trivia Night
- 35th Annual Banquet & Presentation of the Distinguished Service Award & McCracken Legacy Award
- 1st Annual Unclaimed Property Day
- 85th Annual Christmas Parade



First-Ever Greene County Unclaimed Property Day Returns More Than \$135,000 to Local Residents and Businesses

Treasurer Stacy Garrity along with Greene County Commissioners and the Greene County Chamber of Commerce announced that the first ever, “Greene County Unclaimed Property Day” held in December, resulted in more than \$135,000 being returned to local residents and businesses.

The idea for the event emerged from a meeting between Treasurer Garrity and Greene County Commissioner Betsy McClure last August.

“This was a fantastic collaboration,” Treasurer Garrity said. “I appreciate everything that Commissioner McClure and the great team at the Greene County Chamber did to make it a success. Everywhere I go across our great state, I encourage people to search for themselves, family members, and any organization they belong to. It only takes a few minutes to do on Treasury’s website, patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property.”

“I’m excited about the great turnout – and the great results – for our first-ever unclaimed property day,” Commissioner McClure said. “Helping get this money back to the hardworking people and excellent businesses in Greene County is a big boost for our whole community. It was great to work with Treasurer Garrity, her team at Treasury, and the Chamber to make this event happen.”

Residents and business owners stopped by the chamber’s office during the event, where they were helped in their search for unclaimed property by Treasury’s Regional Program Relationship Manager, Jesse Streeter. In total, \$135,843 worth of unclaimed property was identified and is now in the process of being returned to the rightful owners.

Unclaimed property can include dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, insurance policies, contents of forgotten safe deposit boxes and more. State law requires businesses to report unclaimed property to Treasury after three years of dormancy.

Treasury is working to return more than \$4.5 billion in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. In the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 2023, Treasury returned the most unclaimed property ever in a single year – almost \$274 million.

This event will be held again in 2024 and possibly be expanded to include two dates. To search for unclaimed property online, visit patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property.



M E M B E R S H I P
D U E S

Membership Dues are out!

They were due at the beginning of the new year in January.

You may pay by sending a check to

3157 Mt. Morris Road, Suite #103, Waynesburg, PA 15370

or by credit card through our website

www.greenechamber.org

Please also use our website under the Members Tab–Member

Directory to make sure your business information is up to date!

You may email us at info@greenechamber.org to update anything

or to add any new representatives to our system!

RIBBON CUTTINGS

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50th District



Opening
West
Greene
Office

STATE REP BUD COOK



Wed., January 24th
12:00–1:00 pm
1367 Hargus Creek Rd
Waynesburg, PA

Stay Tuned!

Our 2024
schedule of events
is just around the
corner...



The EQT REC Center is introducing a Charity Care Membership in the New Year. This will encompass those who need medical and financial assistance. There is an application process and a slight fiscal responsibility for this program, but it mitigates any major expenses. We are hoping to welcome new members to the EQT REC Center community with our new membership option. Spots are limited so apply [here](#) today!

ID THEFT AND MITIGATION OF RISK

With the widespread acceptance of the remote work environment, identity theft has become a greater concern than perhaps ever before. In spite of heightened levels of awareness and implementation of improved technologies aimed at prevention and protection, identity theft continues to increase at an alarming rate, putting both employees and employers at significant risk.

MYBENEFIT
ADVISOR

The issue has become serious enough that many employers are including an identity theft protection program in their employee benefit package. A quality ID protection program will include credit monitoring and credit change notifications, unauthorized account access alerts, compromised password warnings and communication regarding address changes, fund transfers, public record alerts and more.

The following represent some of the more commonly utilized methods whereby criminals seek to gain access to an individual's personal information and what someone can do to mitigate the risk:

- **Lost Wallet or Purse:** Logins, passwords, Social Security cards and excess credit cards should not be kept in a wallet or purse. Copies of the front and back of all credit cards should be made and card issuers should be called as soon as possible after a loss.
- **Mailbox Theft:** Secure mailbox, pick up mail promptly and sign up for USPS Informed Delivery which will provide an email containing images of the items that should be delivered so the recipient will know if anything is missing.
- **Through Public Wi-Fi:** Avoid using public Wi-Fi for anything where personal information may be used, like for shopping, banking, or other sensitive transactions. VPNs (virtual private networks) can create a secure connection.
- **Database breaches:** Assume that personal data has already been accessed and take appropriate precautions. Monitor credit scores and reports routinely, watch for unexpected changes, and read financial and insurance statements carefully.
- **Phishing:** Don't give out personal data in response to an email or call but instead look up contact information from a trusted source, such as the institution's website to verify the legitimacy of the call or email.
- **Gas Pump Skimming:** Use credit cards with chip protection or pay inside the station to decrease risk. Detect fraudulent activity early by setting email or text alerts that let you know when your credit cards are used. If a card is used without your authorization, call the issuer immediately.
- **Phone Scams:** Be alert for scams...don't give personal information to callers over the phone. Most legitimate institutions will not ask for personal information on the phone.
- **Eying Code/Pin Entry:** To avoid having someone watch you enter a password or pin, be aware of surroundings and block others from seeing sensitive data. Don't leave information where others can view or access it.
- **Malware:** Caution should be used when visiting websites, and before clicking on attachments or links in emails. Use of a password manager is a good idea.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce offers its members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, including voluntary offerings. For more information about My Benefit Advisor, visit our website at greene.mybenefitadvisor.com or contact Rob Higginbotham at (800) 377-3539.

Sponsorships Available Through the Year

We have many sponsorship opportunities available to help our members promote their business. Please email Mandi at mandi@greenechamber.org, if you are interested in any of these opportunities. See below for further details on the benefits & inclusions.



Networking

Business Connection Luncheons	\$600
Lunch & Learns	\$250
Trivia Night	
in collaboration with the Central Greene Scholarship Trust	
Event Sponsor	\$1,000
Diamond Sponsor	\$500
Platinum Sponsor	\$250
Gold Sponsor	\$100
Silver Sponsor	\$50
Bronze Sponsor	\$25
Round Sponsor	\$50
Team Registration	\$200



Women in Business Series

Women in Business Breakfast	
Ruby Sponsor	\$500
Emerald Sponsor	\$400
Sapphire Sponsor	\$300
Amethyst Sponsor	\$200
Opal Sponsor	\$100
Women in Business Luncheon on Administrative Professional's Day	
Ruby Sponsor	\$500
Emerald Sponsor	\$400
Sapphire Sponsor	\$300
Amethyst Sponsor	\$200
Opal Sponsor	\$100



Annual Golf Outing

Hole/ Tee Sponsor	\$100
Corporate Team Registration	\$650
VIP Team Registration	\$600
Team Registration	\$500



Annual Membership Banquet

Diamond Sponsor	\$1,000
Platinum Sponsor	\$500
Gold Sponsor	\$300
Silver Sponsor	\$200
Bronze Sponsor	\$100



Advertising Opportunities

Electronic Advertising	
eBlast Sponsorship - Monthly	\$100
Individual eBlast	\$100
eBlast Banner Ad	\$50
eNewsletter Sponsorship - Monthly	\$100
Monthly eNewsletter Business Card	\$40
Annual eNewsletter Business Card	\$325
eNewsletter Full Page Flyer Insert	\$65
Quarterly Website Advertising	\$150
Annual Website Advertising	\$500
Community/Business Resource Guide & Membership Directory	
Two Page Spread	\$450
Full Page	\$250
Half Page	\$150
Quarter Page	\$100

Sponsorship Breakdown

The Chamber organizes events for the membership and community to promote networking opportunities and to provide community services. The sponsorship opportunities provide the sponsor with exposure while helping to make the event possible.

All sponsorships receive:

- Publicity for your business in the Chamber newsletter, eBlast and Facebook page
- Signs at the event
- Advertisement in the event programs
- Advertisement on event flyer/invitation
- In-Kind Donations – will be acknowledged at the level that matches the value of the donated item or service



Networking

Business Connection Luncheons.....	2 Tickets & Speaker for Event
Lunch & Learns	\$250
Trivia Night	
in collaboration with the Central Greene Scholarship Trust	
Event Sponsor	Name/Logo on Trophy
Diamond Sponsor	Name on Diamond Sponsor Slide
Platinum Sponsor	Name on Platinum Sponsor Slide
Gold Sponsor	Name on Gold Sponsor Slide
Silver Sponsor	Name on Silver Sponsor Slide
Bronze Sponsor	Name on Bronze Sponsor Slide
Round Sponsor	Sponsor a Themed Round
Team Registration	6-8 Players



Women in Business Series

Women in Business Breakfast	
Ruby Sponsor	6 Tickets
Emerald Sponsor	4 Tickets
Sapphire Sponsor	2 Tickets
Amethyst Sponsor	1 Ticket
Opal Sponsor	No Tickets
Women in Business Luncheon on Administrative Professional's Day	
Ruby Sponsor	6 Tickets
Emerald Sponsor	4 Tickets
Sapphire Sponsor	2 Tickets
Amethyst Sponsor	1 Ticket
Opal Sponsor	No Tickets



Annual Golf Outing

Hole/ Tee Sponsor	Name/Logo at a Hole/Tee
Corporate Team Registration	4 Players & Hole & Tee Sponsor
VIP Team Registration	4 Players and 4 Ticket Bundles
Team Registration	4 Players

The following sponsorships are a first right of refusal basis but may be available. Only one sponsor available for each.

Awards and Presentation 2nd & 3rd	\$300
Awards and Presentation 1st	400
Snack Sponsor	\$300
Skill Prize Sponsor	\$300
Luncheon Sponsor	\$700
Dessert Sponsor	In-Kind
Beverage Sponsor	\$150
Breakfast Sponsor	\$200
Prize Hole Sponsor	\$100
Putting Contest Sponsor	\$100
Hospitality Prize Sponsor	\$300



Annual Membership Banquet

Diamond Sponsor	6 Tickets
Platinum Sponsor	4 Tickets
Gold Sponsor	2 Tickets
Silver Sponsor	1 Ticket
Bronze Sponsor	No Tickets

Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week

Building Skills – Promoting Business – Delivering Results

Our organization's #1 priority? Ensuring our businesses have a knowledgeable, skilled workforce. That's why we support Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW). Offered by the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education (FFEE), PFEW uniquely prepares our students for successful careers right here at home.

PFEW 2023 graduate Maddie Miller from Henderson HS in Chester County explains why PFEW is so important, "My experience at PFEW was amazing. I went into the program without any real interest in business and came out as a changed person. I had no idea the tools I would gain from this. I also made incredible friends. Building a company from scratch with eighteen people that you just met was nothing short of a challenge. Throughout my time, I saw my company grow closer as a group but also grow individually as people. Personally, I developed leadership, speaking, and collaborative skills that I will take with me throughout my career endeavors. We were lucky enough to listen to some incredible speakers during our time at PFEW and their words were very influential. I am so thankful I got to participate in this amazing experience."

PFEW is entirely funded and taught by the PA business community and is open to all rising juniors and seniors in PA. It's a powerful hands-on program that teaches students to understand modern business and the American free enterprise system. Students form teams and manage a manufacturing company competing with other companies. Along the way, they gain the knowledge and skills that uniquely prepare them for successful careers and lives right here in PA. Since its inception, over 50,000 students have participated in this award-winning program.

FFEE offers two additional programs that prepare students for success. The Stock Market Game (SMG) is a hands-on in-class program for students in grades 4-12 that focuses on financial literacy, investing and capital markets. The Speaker Series helps students explore careers, discover regional scholarship and career opportunities, build a mentor network, and more.

FFEE's three-pronged approach to youth and workforce development promotes the finest ideals of business and free enterprise and creates our next generation of productive, engaged employees and leaders.

To support PFEW or to learn more about these vital FFEE programs, visit www.pfew.org or contact VP of Marketing & Development Scott Lee at (814) 833-9576 ext. 8, or scott@pfew.org.



Maddie is pictured here with her team, "TrekTech" at PFEW 2023. She's directly in front of Company Advisor Kevin Connor (yellow)

GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



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January 3, 2024

To: All Greene County Businesses

From: Greene County Department of Emergency Services

We are in the process of creating a business contact database that pertains to emergency contact information. We would appreciate it if you would fill out the enclosed form and send this information back to us. Please feel free to add any additional information when needed. Thank you in advance for your time in completing this form. This information will be used in the Greene County EMA Office and 911 Center only.

This information will not be given to the public and will only be used when there is an incident or situation involving your business.

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Business Owner: _____

After hour Contact (Emergencies Only): Please place in the order in which you would like to be called.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

If you have an alarm system at your business, please provide the company name and phone number below.

Please return completed form to:

Greene County Department of Emergency Services

55 West Greene Street

Waynesburg, PA. 15370

Or email the completed form to: rpolicz@co.greene.pa.us

Bowlby Bits - January 2024



Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 9am – 7pm | Tuesday & Thursday: 9am – 6pm | Friday & Saturday: 9am – 3pm

REDUCING ANXIETY WORKSHOP – Thursday, January 25th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Would you like to be more mindful this year? Have world events, politics, and your own life issues been causing stress? Anxiety seems to affect everyone these days: world events, politics, and the struggles of everyday life can trigger stress upon stress. Jane Owen, Director of the Counseling Center at Waynesburg University will share some helpful techniques for dealing with stress, including Acceptance Commitment Therapy. Everyone is welcome at this presentation, which will provide some ideas to keep you on the right track during 2024.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Enjoy a movie here at the library Friday, January 12th, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. In the Library's STEM Room. This Month's Movie is *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem*. FREE snack and beverage! Call the library to RSVP your seat(s).

PUZZLE COMPETITION – Saturday, January 20th @ 9:30am – 12:30 PM. A max of 10 teams of two to compete in putting together a 500-piece puzzle in three hours or less. Contact the library to sign-up. A prize is awarded to the fastest team.

COSMIC BINGO – Friday, January 26th will be a fun night of Glow in the Dark or "COSMIC" Bingo! The game starts at 7:00 PM.

BOWLBY BOOK CLUB – This month's book discussion is on Marie Benedict's "Carnegie's Maid", The discussion begins at 4:30 PM. on Thursday, January 11th, there are several physical copies available at the front desk. New members are always welcome to join! For more information please call the library.

BOWLBY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 PM; meeting is open to the public.

MAHJONG CLUB – Meets every Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Mahjong is a tile-based game that's been played in Asia for over 300 years and is gaining global popularity. It's fairly easy to learn the basics. Please RSVP at the Circulation Desk.

Following Club Dates: December 6th, December 13th, December 20th, & December 27th.

CPR/AED TRAINING [AHA] – Saturday, January 20th 10 AM to 2 PM. CPR Certification classes for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, and AED. Cost is \$88 and includes 2-year certification card and manual. RSVP required to Sharon at 724-984-5702 and seating is limited.

COMMUNITY SOLAR PRESENTATION – Saturday, January 20th, A short 15-minute presentation on Community Solar for homeowners, renters and business owners followed by questions and answers. Starts at 2:30 PM.

FRIENDS SHARING GRIEF – Meets on the first Monday evening of every month at 5:00 PM. This is a support group for those who are struggling with the loss of an important person in their life.

TECH TUTORING – Need help with one of your devices?? We want to help! Call the library to reserve a time-slot. Bring your electronic devices (and charging cords if needed), account passwords, and your library card. One of our tech savvy librarians will help you with a variety of technology services.

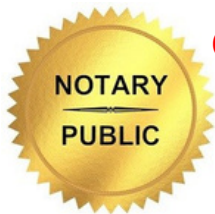
T.O.P.S.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Is a weight management support group that meets every Saturday, 10:00 – 11:00AM.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GAME SESSIONS – Dungeons & Dragons Game Sessions are hosted at the library every Friday and Saturday afternoon. The sessions will begin at 12:30 PM and will run until 3:30 PM and will be led by Dungeon Master Eric & Matt respectively. Seating is limited so please sign up in person at the library or by calling us at 724-627-9776.

Call or stop in at Eva K. Bowlby Public Library for more info or to register for any of the above events.

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Curbside or In-Office Notary!

Notary service is available by appointment. Notary work (excluding title transfers) is free to chamber members as part of your membership benefits.

Email melody@greenechamber.org or call 724-998-2386 to schedule an appointment.

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Contact
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 for more information!



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Want To Volunteer But Don't Know How To Get Started?

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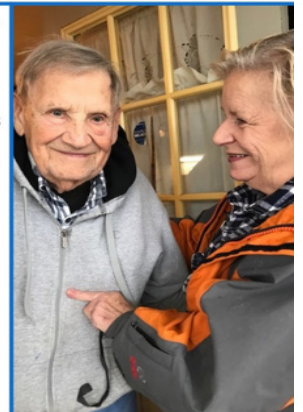


Benefits of Volunteering:

- Supplemental Accident Insurance
- Mileage Reimbursements
- Opportunity to Meet New People
- Make a Difference in your Community

RSVP volunteers may serve as:

- Financial Literacy Course Instructor
- Food Bank/Pantries
- Home Delivered Meals Drivers
- Store to Door Grocery Delivery
- Telephone Reassurance
- VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Tax Preparer



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