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To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Waynesburg Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and the community at large.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

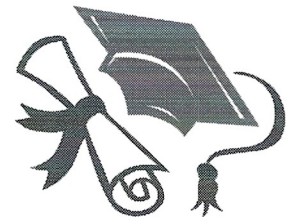
PRESENTATION OF THE CHAMBER'S 2008 EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

LUNCHEON MENU BY FIRE CATERING

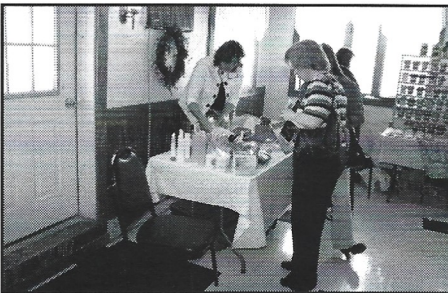
Menu: Honey Hoisin Chicken, Asparagus with Sesame Citrus Sauce, Roasted Baby Potatoes, Tossed Salad and Berry Cream Baskets



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008
First Baptist Church • Social Hall
Corner of High & West Streets • Noon to 1:00 p.m.
R.S.V.P. BY Friday, May 23, 2008
COST PER PERSON \$10.00



4th Annual Administrative Professional's Luncheon



Candles were lit at the tables for the 66 guests at Rohanna's Restaurant for the 4th Annual Administrative Professional's Luncheon. The event this year was sponsored by Padgett Business Services, and Logan Law Office. The afternoon allowed guests to enjoy a nice lunch away from work, the opportunity to converse with other professionals, and the chance to shop at the vendor tables that were set up. Mrs. Jonella William, former Miss Rain Day, and Mrs. Pennsylvania Globe gave an intriguing speech about "The Most Important Interview, For the Job of Being You."

On the menu for guests that day was a chicken salad croissant, a cup of soup, fresh fruit, and sherbet. Vendors from Perfect Arrangement, Home and Garden Party, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Donna Hlebik Candles, Avon, Tastefully Simple, and Longaberger baskets, all had tables available for guests to browse and purchase. A beverage server was awarded as the door prize to Athena Bowman, and was donated from Barb Wise at RJ LeeGroup, Inc. To conclude the event the winners of the Chinese Auction Items were announced. There were sixteen auction items awarded ranging from a basket full of cosmetics to serving ware. Those items were donated from the Chamber, RJ LeeGroup, Inc., and each vendor present at the event donated one item as well. We hope that next years event will be even bigger, and that we will see you there!



The Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation (SPC) administers the Commonwealth's small business assistance loan programs in Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Washington and Westmoreland counties. SPC's Business Finance Program helps entrepreneurs create business opportunities by acting as a public sector partner to reduce risk for local private sector lenders.

SPC has successfully worked with banks and economic development agencies to assist hundreds of small businesses in the region create jobs, increase sales, improve productivity and increase their bottom line. In doing so, we have seen businesses grow from small, one-or two-person start-ups into a company expanding from ten to twenty people- or more.

In many cases, business owners can access a portion of the money they need from a bank, but find they are still facing a gap to make their project successful. SPC's programs can often bridge that gap to help their business grow, create more jobs and make the community a better place to live and work. We have enclosed two of our success stories about companies we assisted in finding low-cost loans that illustrate how SPC works with small businesses in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

SPC carefully reviews every business applying for assistance, analyzing numerous business plans each year. Where we spot problems, our Business Finance Renewal and Turnaround Management Assistance program recommends solutions. This program offers companies affordable access to experts who can help them with strategic planning, re-organizations, debt restructuring and crisis management.

SPC's website, www.spcregion.org, has a source of information not only on their Business Finance Program, including how to apply for a business loan, but also for important information about the region.

Welcome New Members

Creative Mindset & Associates

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Portfolio & Event Documentation

Referred by: Darlene Urban Garrett

21st Century Communications

How to utilize online communications to bring employees and resources together.

The communications landscape has shifted dramatically. It's hard to believe that only 10 years ago the fax machine was considered state-of-the-art technology and if an employer provided any type of company newsletter it almost certainly required a postage stamp. In today's world, trying to work without Internet access is unthinkable and online communications means more than a fancy Web site and an e-newsletter.

Between ever-changing technology and a society that has accepted online interactions to be almost as real as face-to-face, employers have adopted entirely new ways of bringing employees and resources together. Online communications today is about forming connections, creating and implementing plans and putting things into action in ways that were previously unimaginable.

Various communication channels, such as e-mail, e-newsletters, live chats and notice boards, are being used by businesses, and these channels are vital to creating and sustaining business in today's increasingly technological world. But, it's also essential that these channels offer friendly, contactable, open face interaction, so that employees feel comfortable doing business without face-to-face interaction.

Smart Business spoke with Diana Owens, account executive with JRG Advisors, the management company for ChamberChoice, about online communications and how they can help your company compete in today's – and the future — market

Diana Owens is an account executive with JRG Advisors, the management company for ChamberChoice. Reach her at (412) 456-7251 or diana.owens@jrgadvisors.net.

GREENE COUNTY DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK

Tuesday, July 8th, 2008

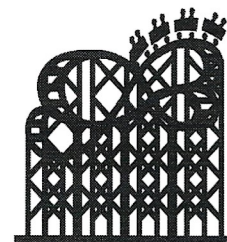
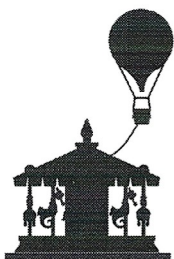
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Thursday June 12, 2008

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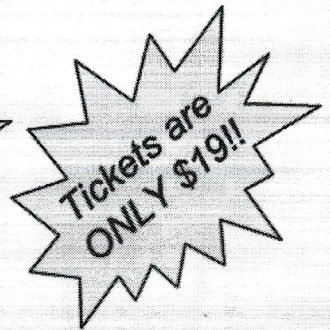
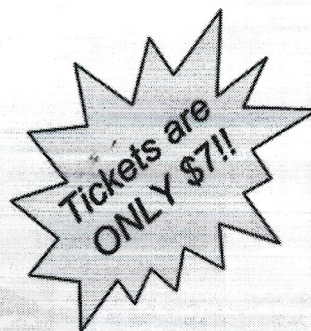
Come see the Wild Things at beautiful CONSOL Energy Park.

Special discounted ticket prices for all Waynesburg Chamber members and employees, friends and families!

See the fun and excitement of Wild Things baseball where ALL the seats are close to the action.

The Picnic Area package includes a reserve level seat and a 90-minute all you can eat buffet prior to the start of the game. All just for \$19!!

Meal Vouchers are also available for \$3.50. Includes hot dog, chips, and a drink.



Send Payments to Wild Things: Attn-David DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS: 2 wks. prior to date

Waynesburg Chamber Family Fun Night with the WILD THINGS!

Game night available: June 12, 2008

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ADDRESS			
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EMAIL			
GAME DATE : June 12, 2008			

TICKET INFORMATION

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For questions, please contact David Shrader at 724.250.9555 x372

Members in the Spotlight

PECJAK'S SUNOCO



Pecjak's Sunoco is celebrating twenty years of service at Washington & Greene. The store is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. In 2004 the store became an Aplus Sunoco. There is a Shop & Save benefit for gas available at the store. There is a variety of different things available at the store whether it is a late night snack, breakfast before you go to work or school, and various other items available for your everyday needs. Sunoco also has the lottery, Western Union, and money orders available. For more information contact: Frank Pecjak at 724.627.3729.

THE COMFORT INN

The Comfort Inn Waynesburg opened its doors in July 1997. The three-story hotel has 71 sleeping rooms and a meeting room, and is designed to accommodate both the business travelers and families. The hotel has four king size rooms equipped with a whirlpool bath, and all rooms are equipped with an iron, ironing board, coffee maker, hair dryer, and refrigerators and microwaves are available.



Since opening, the hotel which is locally owned and employs about twenty employees, there have been many upgrades to better serve the guests. These upgrades include new carpets, bedspreads, televisions, and high speed wireless internet. For more information contact: Stacey Inghram at 724.627.3700.



Southwest Regional Invites Junior Volunteers

Southwest Regional Medical Center has announced that it is accepting applications for the junior volunteer program. Youth between the ages of 14-18 are eligible to apply for participation in the summer of 2008 session. Last year 15 students were selected to participate in the program. Volunteers are an essential part of Southwest Regional Medical Center. They perform a variety of functions to benefit patients, visitors and employees. All junior volunteers will be monitored by a senior volunteer or a Southwest Regional staff member. Junior volunteers can choose to serve in the following ways:

Candy Striper

Candy striper may provide patients with access to our book cart, which includes a variety of books, magazines and word puzzles. Candy striper may also transport patients

throughout the hospital or deliver flowers and other materials.

The Cherry Door

As a Cherry Door Volunteer, you will wait on customers, hang and shelve items and sort donations. The Cherry Door is located on High Street in Waynesburg and is operated by The Auxiliary of Southwest Regional Medical Center.

Escort

As an Escort, you may transport patients to designated departments for testing, deliver newspapers, deliver mail and flowers to patients and transport discharged patients to their vehicles. Escorts also deliver materials throughout the hospital and provide customer service for our visitors.

Office Helper

As an office helper, you will help to complete office tasks such as filing, preparing mailings, and delivering materials throughout the hospital.

For students who need to complete community service hours, a senior project or other community service requirements, we can verify hours of service completed.

If you are interested in becoming a junior volunteer or volunteer please contact Joy Eggleston at (724)627-2656 or by email joy.eggleston@sw-rmc.com. You can also find information on-line at www.sw-rmc.com.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2nd Annual Greene County Business Expo
Thursday, September 18th
First Assembly of God in Eastview



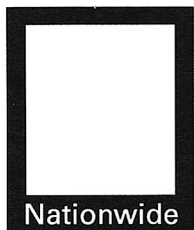
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Welcome New Board Member

Cassie Bryan of the Greene County Industrial Development Authority will be joining the Board of Directors to replace Connie Burd of Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful who recently resigned. We wish them both much success in their new endeavors.

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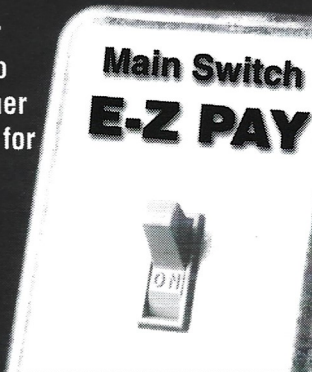
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