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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.

Welcome New Board Officers



The Board of Directors elected it's 2012 officers at the Re-Organizational meeting. From left to right: Sheila Stewart of First National Bank – Treasurer; Jay Hammers of Rhodes & Hammers Printing – President; Elizabeth Menhart of Greene County Tourist Promotion – Vice-President and Barbara Wise of Greene County United Way – Secretary.

Newsletter Going Electronic in 2012

Your Chamber newsletter is going high-tech in 2012 with the addition of an electronic version starting with this issue. You will still receive your newsletter in its original "hard copy" format this year, but will also receive it electronically. This will allow you to choose which format works for you and in addition be able to share it with others electronically. If you have additional email addresses that you would like it sent to, please let the office know.



Greene Arc recently celebrated 25 years of Chamber membership and were recognized at the Annual Chamber Membership Banquet. Accepting the plaque from 2011 President, Alan Laick is Cindy Dias and Mark Kesner.

Christmas Parade 2011



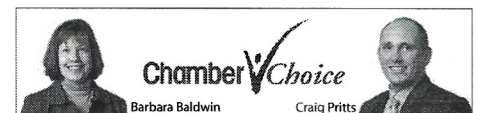
Joanna Allen and John Mariner ride in the Chamber's Annual Downtown Christmas Parade as it's Grand Marshals. Joanna is the 2011 Miss Rain Day and John was selected as the Chamber's Distinguished Service Award recipient for 2011. Visit the Chamber's website for more photos from the Christmas Parade which was sponsored this year by



John E. Mariner is surrounded by his family as he is honored as the Chamber's 2011 Distinguished Service Award recipient at the Annual Membership Banquet.

Mark Your Calendars!

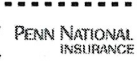
- General Membership Networking Luncheon – February 22
- Polar Bear Challenge at Nemaocolin Woodlands in conjunction with the Fayette Chamber of Commerce – March 9
- Educational Scholarship Fund Entry Deadline – April 16
- Administrative Professional Day Luncheon – April 25
- Golf Outing – May 4
- WCES Career Day – May 11
- General Membership Networking Luncheon – May 23
- Greene County Day at Kennywood Park – July 3
- Rain Day Festival – July 29
- Greene County Business Expo – October 11
- General Membership Networking Luncheon – October 24
- Halloween Spooktacular – October 31
- Annual Membership Banquet and presentation of Distinguished Service Awards – November 17
- Downtown Holiday Open House – November 30
- Annual Downtown Christmas Parade – December 1



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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL, UPMC PARTNER TO ENHANCE EMERGENCY CARE

Southwest Regional Medical Center recently announced an agreement to partner with Emergency Resource Management Inc. (ERMI). ERMI, part of UPMC, is one of the largest employers of emergency medicine physicians in Pennsylvania. As of Dec. 1, all emergency room physicians and mid-level providers at Southwest Regional will be provided by ERMI.

Altogether, ERMI serves approximately 475,000 patients each year. As an affiliate of UPMC, ERMI provides access to invaluable resources, quality, expertise and stability. With a national shortage of emergency physicians, many community-based hospitals are looking to the economies of scale offered by management partners such as ERMI.

“Partnering with ERMI offers residents of the region access to highly skilled UPMC physicians right in their own backyard,” said Cindy Cowie, Chief Executive Officer for Southwest Regional Medical Center. “This relationship will provide us with long-term stability in the department.”

The relationship will provide physician coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. Mid-level providers, such as a Physician Assistant or Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, will be available 20 hours per day, 365 days per year.

“This level of staffing will allow us to continue the quality and speed of service our community has come to expect over the past several years,” said Mike Onusko, director of

outpatient and emergency services. “We are prepared to continue with our Waiting (Less) Room 30 minute guarantee program, which we implemented nearly 2 years ago.”

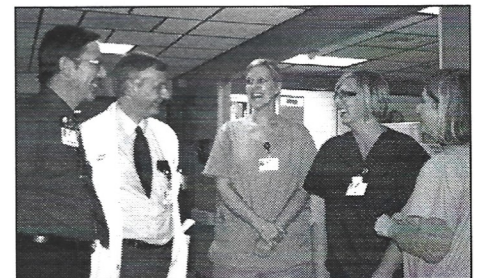
The Waiting (Less) Room 30 minute guarantee began in March 2010 and guarantees patients will be seen by a healthcare professional within 30 minutes. The program was implemented with great success with a short suspension in recent months due to the loss of two full-time emergency physicians.

“We have met some challenges in recent months, which have slowed our process slightly,” continued Onusko. “We are confident that we will be able to provide the quality and speed of service our patients deserve and expect.”

The agreement also allows for the addition of a medical director who will oversee the medical services provided. Paul Beck, M.D., will serve as interim medical director beginning Jan. 1, 2012.

“We are proud to add Southwest Regional Medical Center as a new partner and believe this relationship will enhance the consistency, quality and speed of care provided to the residents of this community,” said Richard Heath, M.D., Assistant Chief Medical Officer for ERMI.

The emergency department at Southwest Regional Medical Center treats over 24,000 patients each year. The emergency department has eight treatment rooms with immediate access to laboratory testing and diagnostic services, which range from x-ray to CT exams. Many patients with conditions serious enough to require admission are able to receive care at Southwest Regional. The inpatient services consist of 31 medical/surgical beds, five Intensive Care Unit beds, a 15-bed Surgical Care Unit and 26 behavioral health beds.



From left: Michael Onusko, Director of Emergency and Outpatient Services, Richard Heath, MD, Assistant Chief Medical Officer for ERMI; Linnie Willson, RN; Jammie Gencel, ER Tech; Michele Nicholson, RN discuss the patient flow process.

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