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The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce
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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 its 2014 officers at the Re-Organizational meeting. From left to right:
Sheila Stewart of First National Bank of PA – Secretary
Heidi Szuminsky of Waynesburg University – Vice-President
Alan Laick of Laick Design – President
Penny Ketchem and Individual Member – Treasurer

Chamber Staff Member Receives Community Builder of The Year



Left: Connie Hart. Right: Bettie Stammerjohn.

The 2013/2014 Community Builder of the Year Award was presented to Connie Hart. Selection for the award is based on weekly nominations by class members to recognize a participant who displays the characteristics of a community builder throughout the program by demonstrating development of leadership and participation skills. The Community Builder program is organized and supported by the Community Foundation of Greene County.

2014 Polar Bear Battle at Nemaocolin Woodlands

Once again the Waynesburg Chamber members will face off against members from the Fayette Chamber in the 2014 Polar Bear Battle at Nemaocolin Woodlands on Friday, March 7th.

The event will feature moral lifting, team building event including Snow Golf, Bowling, a Snow Sculpture Contest and “Minute to Win It” games. Teams of four will compete for bragging rights and prizes. The day will include a box lunch at The Sundail Lodge followed by “Team Olympics” and end with a buffet and prize ceremony with pizza and beverages at 5pm. See the brochure included in this newsletter for more details.

This is the fourth year for the county to county challenge and we hope to come away a winner!

We are looking for Event Sponsors at \$100 each and Refreshment Sponsors at \$250 each. All sponsors will receive signage and publicity in all promotional materials and on our website. We are also seeking Goodie Bag items to be presented to each player. Use your imagination and send something to market your business to those teams from Fayette county. Door prizes are also being sought.

Now are you ready to play?? Teams are \$300 per four person team. And if you don't have a full team of four, individual players will be paired up with other singles at a cost of \$80 per person. And if you don't want to play but want to come support your team and network, we have just the thing. The “Namby-Pamby, Scaredy-Cat-I Just Wanna Watch” fee of \$30 per person!



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Columbia Gas Transmission

Tamara Thompson, Office Administrator
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New Emails

Kelli Koval –Greene County Industrial Development Authority – kkoval@co.greene.pa.us

New Address

Tanglewood Exploration is now Vantage Energy is located at 480 Johnson Road, Suite 100, Washington, Pa 15301. 724-993-4500

Waddell and Reed is now located at 103 East High Street, Waynesburg, Pa 15370

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Upcoming Chamber Co-Sponsored Events Mark Your Calendars!

General Membership Networking Luncheon - February 26
Polar Bear Challenge at Nemaocolin Woodlands in conjunction with the Fayette Chamber of Commerce – March 7
Educational Scholarship Fund Entry Deadline – April 15
Administrative Professional Day Luncheon – April 23 or 25
Jefferson Morgan Career Day – March 28
Golf Outing – May 2
WCES Career Day – May 9
General Membership Networking Luncheon - May 28
Summer Member Picnic – June 26
Greene County Day at Kennywood Park – July 1
Community Night @ CONSOL Energy Park – July 25
Rain Day Festival – July 29
General Membership Networking Luncheon – September 24
Greene County Business Expo – October 16
Halloween Spooktacular – October 31
Annual Membership Banquet and presentation of Distinguished Service Awards – November 22
Small Business Saturday – November 29
Downtown Holiday Open House – December 5
Annual Downtown Christmas Parade – December 6

CAS Receives Mini Grant From The Pittsburgh Foundation Via the Greene County United Way

The Pittsburgh Foundation recently awarded a grant of \$5513 to the Greene County United Way to fund a project in Greene County relating to early childhood education. Barbara Wise, Executive Director of the United Way, reached out to Community Action Southwest (CAS) to put the funds to good use in our community. CAS has recently initiated an enhancement to its Washington County Head Start classrooms in which they added an Early Learning Coach to provide extra support in classrooms behavioral concerns are a significant issue. This funding will allow the program to expand into CAS' Greene County classrooms.



"We were pleased to receive the attention from such a prominent organization like The Pittsburgh Foundation, and I can always count on Community Action to make things happen here in Greene County" says Barbara Wise, "I know the challenging behaviors of a few children can affect the whole classroom. Extra support will ensure higher rates of successful Kindergarten transition for all our kids."

CAS will employ an Early Learning Coach who will provide training on social & emotional development, model effective teaching strategies, assist staff in applying new techniques and create materials that promote pro-social behavior in the classroom. CAS is confident that referrals for behavioral concerns will decrease significantly as a result of the interventions, and successful Kindergarten transition will continue at a rate of 90-100%.

Member in the Spotlight



First National Bank

First National Bank Again Recognized As Best Place to Work

First National Bank of Pennsylvania is "One of the Best Places to Work in Western Pennsylvania 2013" for a third consecutive year according to the *Pittsburgh Business Times* and WorkplaceDynamics. First National Bank, the largest subsidiary of F.N.B. Corporation (NYSE: FNB), ranked #7 among all large companies, with large companies being defined as having 151 or more employees.

Recognition as "One of the Best Places to Work in Western Pennsylvania 2013" is based on employee feedback gathered independently by WorkplaceDynamics, an organization committed to organizational health that conducts over 4,000 company surveys each year. Their research suggests that top workplaces typically outperform their peers financially. Survey questions measure employee response to leadership, values that drive the organization, interactions with co-workers and attitude about the company's future.

First National Bank's achievement is in addition to *The Post-Gazette's* recent recognition of First National Bank as a Top Workplace in the greater Pittsburgh area, including the #1 spot in the category of "Clued In Senior Management," which measures executive awareness and involvement across the organization.

Tribute Program Launches For Greene County Vets

Rolling Meadows launched a new fundraising program on November 11, 2013 designed to recognize and honor veterans within Waynesburg and surrounding communities. Called the Veteran's Square initiative, members of the community, businesses and organizations may purchase laser engraved memorial bricks to honor a veteran who served or for those veterans who continue to inspire us every day. The Memorial Foundation and Walk, to be known as Veteran's Square, will be available to local organizations for ceremonies and community recognition events. Memorial brick sales begin on Veteran's Day. Order forms are available at local American Legion Posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, local offices of State Representative Pam Snyder and State Senator Tim Solobay, and Rolling Meadows. Proceeds of the Veteran's Square fundraising campaign will support construction of the memorial area and resident transportation. Memorial bricks may be purchased on-line by selecting Rolling Meadows Buy a Brick Campaign a www.fundraisingbrick.com. For more information about Veteran's Square, contact Eric Rockwell, Director of Business development at 724-627-3153 or visit us at 107 Curry Road, Waynesburg.

Chamberchoice Energy Program

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The ChamberChoice Energy program helps meters of all sizes save money on their energy spend, from small retail operators to large industrial plants and institutional clients. To get started, simply call the ChamberChoice Energy hotline at 866-699-9968 and an Energy Advisor will begin exploring savings for your business, or help evaluate an offer you may have recently received.



Chamberchoice Business Insurance Program

Does your business insurance earn dividends? Ours does! ChamberChoice has partnered with Penn National Insurance to offer affordable business insurance featuring enhanced coverages, plus the opportunity to earn a dividend. In fact, we just returned over \$500,000 to ChamberChoice-affiliated chamber members for the first program year. Find out how you can benefit from this program by calling our local member agency – The Baily Agency at 724-627-6121



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SWMC Holds Evening Designed to Raise Breast Health Awareness

Over 200 local women and business owners came out to support event

This year's event, themed, *There's No Place Like Hope*, was designed to raise awareness for early detection and encourage women to schedule annual mammograms in keeping with the recommended guidelines. Throughout the evening, the diagnostic imaging staff provided tours of Southwest Regional's digital mammography area and answered questions about their services. One attendee shared that she had the procedure the day before and it was not nearly as difficult as expected. Attendees also received information from many other vendors including, Domestic Violence Services; Alexander Meacs, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology; Jason A. Smith, DO, Urologist; Darlene Saheta, DPM, Podiatry; Adagio, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the ACS Free Wig Salon.



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2013 Christmas Parade



Some of the parade staff braving the cold to organize the parade units.



Parade Grand Marshalls Retired Police Chief Tim Hawfield and Miss Rain Day Stephanie Mitchell.



Here comes the parade!



A beautiful parade float from Seldom Seen Farms.



Members of the Penna. Army National Guard Readiness Center served as the banner carriers and opened the parade.

The parade can be viewed online at <http://wctv.waynesburg.edu>. Click the "Playlists" tab and scroll to the bottom of the program listings. Click "Waynesburg Christmas Parades" and select the first parade listed.

Previous Waynesburg Christmas parades also are available online.



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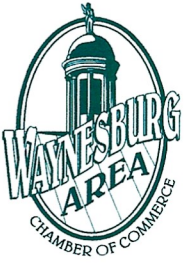
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