

# CHAMBER CHATTER

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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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011**

First Baptist Church • Fellowship Hall  
Corner of High & West Streets

11:30 to 1:30 p.m. • Lunch will be served at Noon. Networking before lunch and after the meeting.

### PROGRAM

DAVID BALINT, CPA & STAFF ACCOUNTANT FROM  
DONNELLY-BOLAND AND ASSOCIATES  
TOPIC: "TAX LAW CHANGES FOR 2011—HOW YOU CAN  
KEEP MORE OF WHAT YOU MAKE"

SELANA SCHMIDT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
TOPIC: "THE POWER OF 32—CONNECTING  
COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE REGION"

LUNCHEON CATERED BY GREENE COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT  
MENU: CALIFORNIA TURKEY CLUB CROISSANT, ASSORTED SALADS (FRUIT, WILD BERRY GARDEN, PASTA)  
SOUPS (NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER, BEEF VEGETABLE SOUP), HOT APPLE COBBLER

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## 2011 Board Officers



L-R – Alan Laick, Laick Design – President; Barbara Wise, RJLeeGroup, Inc. – Secretary; Jay Hammers, Rhodes & Hammers Printing – Vice-President; Sheila Stewart, First National Bank of Penna. - Treasurer

## New Board of Directors

During the last quarter of 2010, members received ballots for the Board of Directors election. Five new members were elected to replace the five whose terms expired on December 31st. The five outgoing board members were:

- Mile Baily – Baily Agency
- Miles Baker – First Federal Savings & Loan
- Cassie Bryan – Individual Member
- David Stoneking – Mark IV
- Heidi Szuminsky – Waynesburg University

We thank each of these individuals for their service and dedication over the past three years. They are being replaced by the following new Board members who will serve through December of 2013.

- Athena Bowman – Waynesburg Borough
- Don Chappel – Greene County Industrial Development, Inc.
- Elizabeth Menhart – Greene County Tourist Promotion
- Sam McLaughlin – CONSOL Energy, Inc.
- Karen Zalom – Alpha Natural Resources

## Thank Our Troops Supporters

Thanks to those who donated items for the "Thank Our Troops" project that was a part of the 2010 Greene County Business Expo. Contributing items or donating funds or services were: CONSOL Energy, Community Bank, Edward Jones, RJLeeGroup, Inc., Laick Design, Rhodes & Hammers Printing, Greene Arc, Range Resources, Greene Community Church, Creative



Mindset and Burns Orthodontics. The project generated over 25 large boxes of items that were shipped to troops overseas along with over 1500 cards of encouragement. Schools from all over the county participated in collecting items, making the cards and writing letters. The project was organized for the Expo Committee by Tina Kreuzer of Creative Mindset.

## A Look At The 2010 Chamber Banquet

Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening as the Chamber celebrated its accomplishments in 2010. James "Fuzzy" Randolph was honored as the 2010 Distinguished Service Award winner along with the late Dr. Stanley E.L. Falor and the Greene County United Way. Those who supported the Chamber financially over the year as major event sponsors were also recognized.



## Welcome New Members

### Hancheck Family Dentistry, LLC

Mrs. Stephanie Hancheck DDS  
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724-852-1617

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4 full-time, 1 part-time employees  
Referred by Tina Kreuzer of Creative Mindset



Mr. Morris Harper,  
Executive Vice-President

Administrative/Regional Office  
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51 West College Street  
Waynesburg, Pa 15370  
724-852-3000

Fax 724-852-3002  
mharper@corrtelecare.com

www.corrtelecare.com

Comprehensive Healthcare Services  
3 full-time, 1 part-time employees  
Referred by Jay Hammers of Rhodes and Hammers Printing

### Meese Real Estate Services

Mr. Gary Meese  
104 Walnut Avenue  
Rices Landing, PA 15357  
201-725-4462

gary@meesecapital.com  
Property Management and Advisor  
Sole Proprietor

## Office Wish List

There are a few items that need taken care of in the Chamber office and we are hoping that a member out there might be able to donate the needed items and/or the labor to install them. If anyone is able to help with any of these projects, it would be greatly appreciated.

- A new, 2-circuit power source needs to be installed in the middle of the office to run all of the computers and equipment at the main desk.
- The front window sill will need re-sanded, stained and sealed. Or, the wood replaced with composite decking material.
- The Dusk to Dawn light over our parking area was ripped down during last February's snow storm. It needs repaired or replaced and re-installed.
- The front plate glass window needs re-sealed and the front door needs weather-stripped.

## New Representative

Diane Bracken, Account Executive

Windstream  
724-852-8275

diane.bracken@windstream.com

## New Address

Direct Results/Greene Saver has moved their offices to 30 West High Street.

## Congratulations

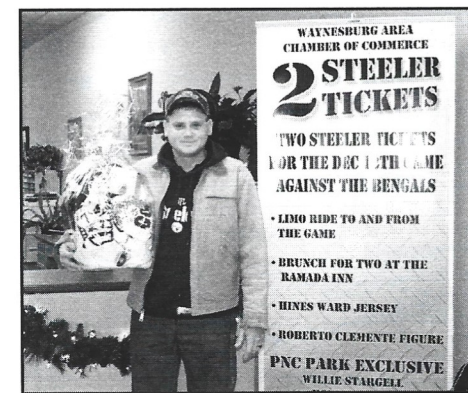
Kevin Boland of Donnelly-Boland and Associates was the grand prize membership winner at the annual membership banquet. He was the lucky winner of the framed print from Jerry Hardy.



## Pittsburgh Sports Raffle Ticket

A big thank you goes to the Observer Reporter for donating the set of Steeler tickets to see the game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Michael's Auto and Lewis Limousine donated a limo ride to and from the game and brunch was provided by the Chamber of Commerce. A basket full of Pittsburgh sports items included a Steeler jersey from the Locker Room and collectible bobble-heads from RJ Lee Group.

The lucky winner was Brent Gwynn of Rices Landing who bought his ticket from Dave Stoneking of Mark IV. Congratulations to Brent and his wife who enjoyed watching the Steelers on their way to the Super Bowl.



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# Tax Changes to Be Aware of for 2011

By AMI CREE and BILL KARNS, Owners – Padgett Business Services

	2011	2010
Mileage rate for business miles:	<b>51 cents/ mile</b>	50 cents/ mile
Mileage rate for medical/moving expenses:	<b>19 cents/ mile</b>	16.5 cents/ mile
Mileage rate for charitable contributions:	<b>14 cents/ mile</b>	14 cents/ mile
Social Security employee payroll tax:	4.2%	6.2%
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Social Security Cap:	\$106,800	\$106,800
PA Unemployment – Employee Contribution:	.08%	.08%
IRA Contribution (Traditional or Roth):		
<b>\$5,000 2010 Tax Year - under age 50</b>	<b>\$5,000 2009 Tax Year - under age 50</b>	
<b>\$6,000 2010 Tax Year - age 50 &amp; over</b>	<b>\$6,000 2009 Tax Year - age 50 &amp; over</b>	

## MINIMUM WAGE

Rates are effective as of dates listed below:

- \$7.25 per hour effective July 24, 2009

**Training wage for employees under 20 years old:**

- No longer allowed after July 23, 2009

**Tipped employees:**

- An employer may pay a minimum of \$2.83 per hour to an employee who makes \$30.00 per month in tips
- The employer must make up the difference if the tips and \$2.83 do not meet the regular Pennsylvania minimum wage

**For all other exceptions to the minimum wage increase, please see [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us)**

**Make sure that your mandatory posters are up to date and posted in your workplace!!!!!!**

**All posters are provided online at no cost to you! See below for web addresses.**

**For federal posters: [www.hrdocs.com/posters](http://www.hrdocs.com/posters)**

**For state posters: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us) or call 717-783-8794**

**By law, employers must post certain workplace posters in a location where all employees can read them. You do not need to purchase these posters from companies that solicit sales. All posters are provided online at no cost to you!**

**Please note: There is a cost if you order laminated posters.**

**For federal posters: [www.hrdocs.com/posters](http://www.hrdocs.com/posters)**

Click on Federal Labor Law Posters

Click on Order Electronic Federal Posters at bottom of page

Complete Request Form and click Submit at bottom of page

The posters will be sent to you via the email address provided

**Open your email. Click download Federal PDF Poster**

**Print the pages listed below and post!**

All businesses are **required** to have 3 federal posters posted:

- Minimum Wage Page 9
- It's the Law OSHA Notice Pages 5 & 6
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act Page 27

Two Posters are recommended for posting:

- Earned Income Credit Page 25
- Check Your Withholding Page 24

Read the posting requirements to determine if additional posters are required for your place of business. You can also print the posters in Spanish!!!

**For state posters: [www.dli.state.pa.us](http://www.dli.state.pa.us) or call 717-783-8794**

**Keyword search: workplace posters**

Read the posting requirements (middle column) to determine which posters are needed for your place of business. You can also print the posters in Spanish!!!

Click on the Form # (first column) of the poster you need to print. You need to print each one separately.



## Southwest Regional Offers Heart Health Education Series in Carmichaels

In honor of American Heart Month, Southwest Regional Medical Center's Cardiology Department has planned a heart health education series for the month of February. Each week will feature a specialist in the field of cardiology to discuss many aspects of heart health from diagnosis to treatment. Programs include:

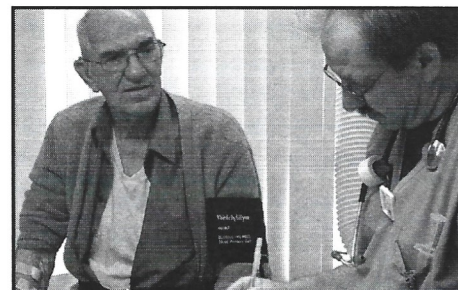
All programs will be held at the St. Hugh's Catholic Social Hall in Carmichaels. The programs will be on Wednesday February 9, Wednesday February 16 and Wednesday February 23 from 6:30-7:30. Heart healthy refreshments will be served.

According to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention, Greene County residents are dying from heart disease at a rate 10 percent faster than others are across the state of Pennsylvania. Recognizing the signs of a heart attack and seeking treatment as quickly as possible can help minimize long term damage.

According to the American Heart Association, the most prevalent signs of a heart attack are chest discomfort, discomfort in other areas of the upper body, shortness of breath or lightheadedness. When experiencing any of these symptoms, every second counts and the first thing you should do is call 9-1-1.

The Cardiology Department at Southwest Regional Medical Center offers a variety of non-invasive services to help quickly and effectively evaluate and stabilize heart conditions for those experiencing symptoms. The cardiology department offers stress testing, echocardiograms and advanced telemetry services.

Please call 724-627-2623 to register.



# IRS Kicks Off 2011 Tax Season with Deadline Extended to April 18

The Internal Revenue Service today opened the 2011 tax filing season by announcing that taxpayers have until April 18 to file their tax returns. The IRS reminded taxpayers impacted by recent tax law changes that using e-file is the best way to ensure accurate tax returns and get faster refunds.

Taxpayers will have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, falls this year on Friday, April 15. By law, District of Columbia holidays impact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do; therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 17 to file their 2010 tax returns.

For most taxpayers, the 2011 tax filing season starts on schedule. However, tax law changes enacted by Congress and signed by President Obama in December mean some people need to wait until mid- to late February to file their tax returns in order to give the IRS time to reprogram its processing systems.

Those who need to wait to file include:

- Taxpayers Claiming Itemized Deductions on Schedule A. Itemized deductions include mortgage interest, charitable deductions, medical and dental expenses as well as state and local taxes. In addition, itemized deductions include the state and local general sales tax deduction that was also extended and which primarily benefits people living in areas without state and local income taxes. Because of late Congressional action to enact tax law changes, anyone who itemizes and files a Schedule A will need to wait to file until mid- to late February.
- Taxpayers Claiming the Higher Education Tuition and Fees Deduction. This deduction for parents and students – covering up to \$4,000 of tuition and fees paid to a post-secondary institution – is claimed on Form 8917. However, the IRS emphasized that there will be no delays for millions of parents and students who claim other education credits, including the American Opportunity Tax Credit extended last month and the Lifetime Learning Credit.
- Taxpayers Claiming the Educator Expense Deduction. This deduction is for kindergarten through grade 12 educators with out-of-pocket classroom expenses of up to \$250. The educator expense deduction is claimed on Form 1040, Line 23 and Form 1040A, Line 16.

# Christmas Parade Thanks


First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County and CONSOL Energy, Inc. - Christmas Parade Co-Sponsors.  
Waynesburg Borough Street Crew and Borough Manager-Bruce Wermlinger  
Waynesburg Borough Police Force and Chief Tim Hawfield

- Greene County Constables
- Penna. Army National Guard
- Rlynex Private Investigation and Security Service Guards - Bill Knight, Owner
- Waynesburg University WCYJ Television Station under the direction of Bill Molzon
- Allan's Waster Water
- Kelcee Headlee - Vocalist
- Rocky Ridge Acres - Fred & Jessica Kiger
- County of Greene
- First Baptist Church
- United Methodist Church - Rev. Gary Grau
- Law Office of Hook & Hook
- WANB Radio – Doug Wilson and Benji Law
- Nathan Rossi
- The Observer Reporter
- GreeneSpeak
- Direct Results-The Greene Saver
- The Greene County Messenger
- Belko Foods
- The Perfect Arrangement
- Mr. Ed Zeglan and Ms. Mary Lewis - Santa & Mrs. Claus
- Waynesburg Volunteer Fire Department
- Rhodes & Hammers Printing
- Greene Community Church
- Volunteers** - Danielle Shrader, Dave Crowe, Jeanine Henry, Karen Calvert, Cassie Bryan, Travis Basinger, Liz Menhart, Darlene Cogar, Mike Baily, Michelle King, Tim Logan, Lindsey Longstreth, Jonathan Briggs and Jay Hammers



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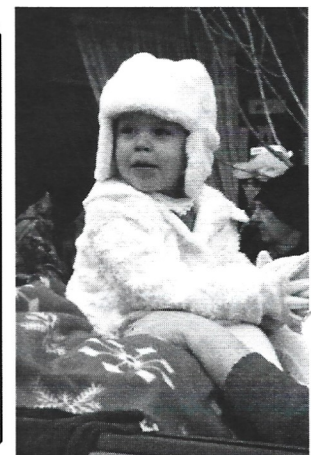


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