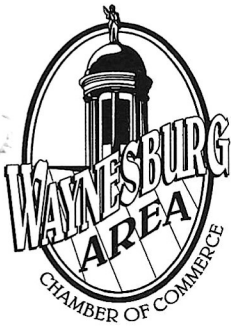


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To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Waynesburg Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 27th, 2013

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at the corner of High and West Streets
 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Lunch served at noon, networking before and after lunch

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“CONSOL Activity in Greene County – What’s on the Horizon”

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“Who is this “Federal Reserve” I hear so much about and what are they trying to do?”

Presented by Robert Schaub, V.P. and Senior Regional Officer of Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Pittsburgh Branch

MENU

Honey Garlic Pork Medallions, Roasted Winter Vegetables, Baby Skin on Potatoes.

For dessert, Tres Leches Bread Pudding with a caramel sauce.

R.S.V.P. by Friday, February 22nd • 724-627-5926 or waynesburgchamber@windstream.net • Cost Per person \$15

2013 Polar Bear Challenge at Nemacolin Woodlands

Once again the Waynesburg Chamber members will face off against members from the Fayette Chamber in the 2013 Polar Bear Challenge at Nemacolin Woodlands on Friday, March 1st.

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 *new* Sundial Lodge followed by the four competitions and end with a buffet and prize ceremony with pizza and beer at 5pm. See the brochure included in this newsletter for more details.

This is the third year for the county to county challenge and we hope to come away a winner! In 2011 our team, “The Alpha Greene Team” came away with a set of Silver Medals!

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 \$75 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 \$25 per person! This does include the buffet and fun at the Sundial Lodge.



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Chamber Chatter Newsletter Ad Slots Open For 2013

It is that time of year again for us when we renew our annual newsletter ads in the "Chamber Chatter" and accept new ones. The Annual ad rates for 2013 remain the same at \$300 for all of 2013, while the distribution will increase drastically. You will get the hard copy distribution to current members, new members, potential members and visitors to the office. We will be cutting back the number of hard copies printed slightly but will increase the distribution by now emailing the newsletter in a full color version to nearly 600 members on our mailing list. In addition, the full color version of the newsletter will be posted to our website each month, allowing visitors to our site to also see your ad. We are looking for a full color version of your ad to place into our new color electronic version. And you may change it as many times throughout the year as you'd like. If you would like to take advantage of this great advertising opportunity, please contact the office.

Mark Your Calendars!

General Membership Networking Luncheon - February 27
Polar Bear Challenge at Nemaocolin Woodlands in conjunction
with the Fayette Chamber of Commerce - March 1
Educational Scholarship Fund Entry Deadline - April 15
Administrative Professional Day Luncheon - April 24
Golf Outing - May 3
WCES Career Day - May 17
General Membership Networking Luncheon - May 22
Greene County Day at Kennywood Park - July 2
Rain Day Festival - July 29
Greene County Business Expo - tba
General Membership Networking Luncheon - October 23
Halloween Spooktacular - October 31
Annual Membership Banquet and presentation of Distinguished
Service Awards - November 23
Small Business Saturday - November 30
Downtown Holiday Open House - December 6
Annual Downtown Christmas Parade - December 7

2013 Miss America Watch Party a big hit!!

On Saturday, January 12th, 43 guests attended a Miss America Watch Party organized by the Chamber and sponsored by State Senator Tim Solobay. The party was held in support of our local hometown sweetheart, Elissa McCracken, as she took to the Miss America stage in Las Vegas! The event was held at Community Action Southwest's Waynesburg Community Center and all guests all received a complimentary sparkly tiara and tee-shirt sporting the words "Elissa, in our hometown you'll always wear a crown" The hot pink tee shirts were sponsored in part by Direct Results. Guests could enjoy a complimentary sugar hand scrub and massage by Devan from The Nail Policz and a mini-stress massage by Monica from Tri-State Health Care Associates. The evening also featured autographed photos of Elissa, lots of delicious snacks from Trisha's Treats (even a yummy chocolate fountain) and at show time, fresh hot pop corn and soda. There were door prizes galore from lots of Chamber members: McCracken's Pharmacy, Your Cookie Rookie, Grandma's Attic, Greene County Tourism, Lippencott Alpacas, Studio R, The Nail Policz, Artbeat, Back Alley Shop, and the Chamber of Commerce.



Senator Tim Solobay being fitted for his tiara by Director Melody Longstreth.



Sarah & Hannah Hughes from Tri-State Health Care.



State Representative Pam Snyder & Connie Hart.

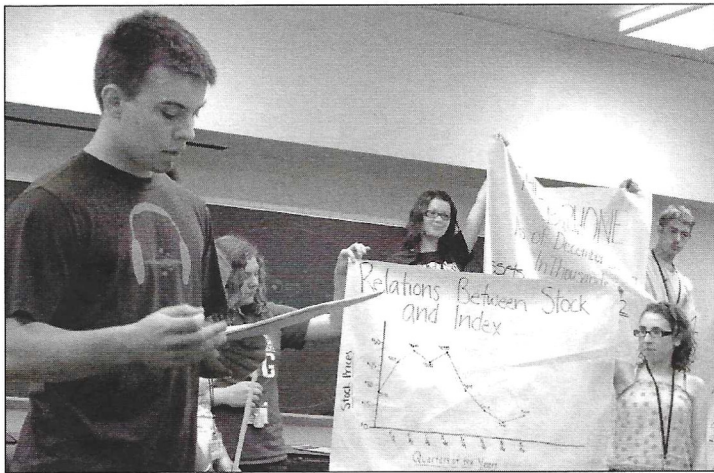


The crowd watching for Elissa to appear on t.v.



Devan Policz giving Darlene Cogar a hand massage while Monica from Tri-State Health Care gives a mini stress relief massage.

Celebrating Private Enterprise – PA Style!



At a time when you can't pick up a newspaper or turn on the national news without hearing bickering and divisiveness over what's "wrong" with our economy, something truly uplifting is happening in Pennsylvania. Without much fanfare, more than 2,000 young adults and business executives will converge in Williamsport, Pennsylvania during the months of July and August to both explore and celebrate the world of business and what free enterprise means to America. Thirty-five years ago, business leaders in Pennsylvania responded to a perceived lack of awareness in most young adults about how the private sector operates. In 1979, a marvelously innovative program was born to teach our young people (juniors and seniors in high school) about those issues that face business people every day. **Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW)**, internationally-acclaimed for its excellence, now graduates approximately 1,800 students annually with a vastly improved understanding about the free market and how economic opportunity is so integrally tied to personal freedom.

Each summer, PFEW holds four, one-week individual sessions in July and August. The focus of the week is to group the participants into "management teams" of senior executives who have inherited imaginary "companies." These teams, under the guiding hands of "executives-on-loan," called Company Advisors, operate their firms for a computer-simulated three-year period of

time. To add a sense of reality, they are competing against two other student "companies" manufacturing and distributing the same product. These fledgling corporate executives are faced with decisions that any real-life business person confronts daily.

PFEW is designed to give every participant an idea of what is important in the business world of today. Each day's activities include four to five presentations from world-class business people from a list that reads like who's who in Pennsylvania. The students hear about: Business and Finance, the Role and Relationship of Business and Government, Taxation, Business Ethics, Labor Relations, and much, much more. Is it effective? Said Elizabeth Snell of West Chester East High School, *"Being part of PFEW has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. (It) was the best part of my entire summer and I will never forget the amazing people and learning opportunities about business and life. I will carry these memories with me forever!"*

The Chamber is proud to support PFEW to give our local students an eye-opening experience like Elizabeth described. We encourage our local companies and civic organizations to provide sponsorships for our students and, if possible, volunteers for the sessions. (PFEW is completely a product of the private sector.) Every student attends PFEW on a fully tax-deductible \$525 scholarship (the actual value of the scholarship exceeds \$1,500) which is provided by a local firm. Each graduate also corresponds with his or her sponsor following graduation to report on the program and what they learned. PFEW is also an approved organization through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program through the Department of Community and Economic Development.

If you would like to learn more about this award-winning program and how you can help, you can visit their website at www.pfew.org or contact John Trombetta, President of the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education at (814) 833-9576 ext. 1 or e-mail him at john@pfew.org. **PFEW is open to all current sophomores and juniors in Pennsylvania and information on attendance, as well as program applications, can also be found on the website. Questions can be directed to Ms. Michelle Warofka, Manager of Schools for PFEW by calling her office at (814) 833-9576 ext. 3 or emailing her at michelle@pfew.org.**

Join a Committee

Membership - Will continue to focus on the needs of the member and investigate ways to offer more to members. Will organize and operate the annual membership drive and business after hours.

Golf Outing - Will operate the annual member's golf outing, which provides members with an opportunity to network and enjoy a day of fellowship and prizes.

Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee and Annual Banquet - Will honor an individual and an organization for the outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the Waynesburg Area. This committee will also provide members with an evening of good food and fellowship with other Chamber members.

Educational Fund Scholarship - Will provide an annual scholarship to a Greene County student to pursue higher education. The scholarship is based on grade point average, a written essay and listing of community and school involvement. This committee will also be responsible for judging the essays and selecting a winner.

Christmas Parade - Will continue the Holiday tradition of good will and entertainment. There are approximately 100-125 units featuring floats, bands and unusual entries from throughout Greene County and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Fund Raising - Will supplement the general operating budget of the Chamber through special events and promotions such as special raffles and other fund raising opportunities

Greene County Business Expo - Will continue the planning and execution of the newest Chamber event. The Greene County Business Expo which showcases over 50 area businesses.

Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon - Will continue the planning and execution of this event to honor those who keep the businesses in our area running smoothly.

Marketing - Will help develop a plan to market the Chamber and continue its growth.

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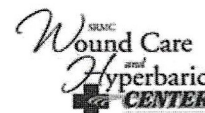
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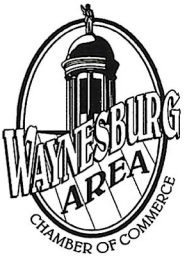


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