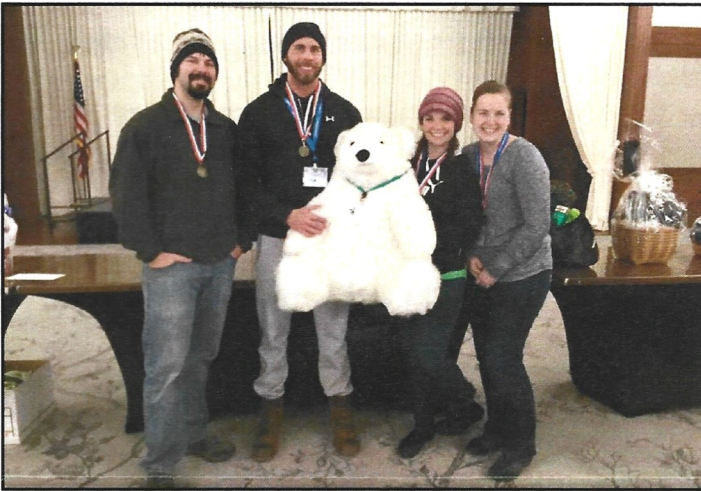


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To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Waynesburg Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and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

2016 Polar Bear Battles



Gold Medal Winners - "The Bad News Bears" from the *Observer-Reporter*.

The 6th Annual Battle took place on March 4th between teams representing the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce and the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce. Twelve teams of four participated in the 2016 Polar Bear Battle at Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Pa recently, five from Greene County and seven from Fayette County. "Team Olympics" consisted of Magic Carpet, Snowtube Bowling, Minute-To-Win-It Games and a Bowling Tournament.

Greene County teams participating included;

- First Federal Savings & Loan – "The Greene County Greats"
- Observer Reporter – "Bad News Bears"
- Community Bank – "The CBGB's"
- Lisa Brown Allstate Agency – "Mayhem"
- Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce – "The Greene Machine".

Congratulations goes out to the team from the Observer-Reporter. The Bad News Bears brought home the gold medal and "Polly" who will reside in their office for the coming year.

The day also provided for opportunities to win Free Play credits for Lady Luck Casino, a 50/50 drawing and Chinese Auction. The event was partially sponsored by the Baily Agency/Coldwell Banker and items were donated by First Federal Savings & Loan, Baily Agency/Coldwell Banker, First National Bank of PA, Senior Care Greene and the late Carol Randolph.

Visit our Facebook page or www.waynesburgchamber.com for more photos.

\$1,500 Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for the 26th Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship they will award this May. In celebration of the 25th Anniversary, the winner will also receive a Laptop compliments of PCsquared in Waynesburg.

The scholarship program is open to any Greene County student who will be a graduating senior in 2016.

The Chamber urges all high school seniors who have been accepted to a College or Technical School as an incoming freshman this Fall and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better while in high school to apply for this scholarship.

Applicants will be required to write an essay on "How do you plan to use your education to make a difference in your life and your community". Applicants must also furnish a listing of their school activities and local community involvement that will be used in the event of a tie. Applications are available at each County High School and the Greene County Career and Technical Center or can be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 724-627-5926. A copy may also be printed directly from the Chamber website at www.waynesburgchamber.com

Completed applications must be submitted by 4:00pm on Friday, April 15th. The winner will be announced in May and the Scholarship Award presented at the Chamber's monthly General Membership Luncheon on May 25th.

Mark Your Calendar – Chamber Golf Outing – May 13th

The Annual Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Friday, May 13th at the Greene Country Club. The day will begin with a light breakfast followed by a shotgun start at 8:30am.



A full buffet lunch will be provided at the end of play and prizes will be awarded. The event fills up fast so reserve your team spot now by calling 724-627-5926. Registration for a four-man team is \$400 and includes, golf, carts, breakfast, snack, buffet lunch and entries into a \$700 cash drawing. Event invitations will be coming soon!

Google Seminar



In February, the Chamber hosted the first “Lunch & Learn” of 2016 titled “Let’s Put Our Cities on the Map”. Thirty-two members enjoyed a light lunch and a humorous presentation by Chris Reidenbaugh of Google. Attendees learned how to claim their business on Google and to add details that will help drive customers to their business. Watch the newsletter and weekly eBlasts for information on upcoming Lunch and Learns.

2nd Annual Chamber Gift Card Raffle Is Underway

Last fall, the Chamber offered the first “Christmas Gift Card Raffle” which consisted of \$1,300 in national gift cards. The lucky winner, Raymond Lockart, walked away with this awesome prize package right at the perfect time of year. With the popularity of this project, the Chamber’s Fund Raising Committee opted to replace last summer’s “Cash for a Rainy Day” raffle with a second gift card raffle instead. Currently, the Chamber is looking for businesses to participate in the annual gift card raffles at various levels. Two options are available at various financial commitments. And it’s easy, you simply say “yes, I’d like to participate” and we purchase the gift card and then invoice you. The best part is that your business name appears on 1,000 tickets. Please see the attached flyer for complete details and a registration form for your use, or simply contact the office at 724-627-5926. Your participation in this project, helps the Chamber meet its financial goals to continue our operations.

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Miss Sharon C. Garber, Executive Director – Children’s Bible Ministries – cornerstonesepa@gmail.com

Dan Moore, President – Waynesburg Lions Club – danmoore@windstream.net

2016-2017 Community/Business Resource Guide and Member Directory

The 2016-2017 Community/Business Resource Guide and Member Directory is underway. The Chamber's Marketing Committee has announced the third phase in the transition aimed to combine the Chamber's Membership Directory, which is published annually, with the Chamber's Welcome to Waynesburg book, which is published every four to five years. The end result of this three year endeavor will produce a full-color publication that showcases what Waynesburg has to offer along with marketing Chamber members to new residents, new and established businesses and others. The advertising opportunities for the new publication has some distinct advantages in this final phase. Advertisers will only need to advertise once to reach the market of the two previous publications. This is not only a cost savings to the advertisers but with the final phase, an on-line ad on the Chamber website will be included for all full page advertisers. The new publication will add up to 12,000 additional views for advertisers taking part. See the flyer attached to the newsletter for additional information and to reserve your spot.

February Networking Luncheon

The sixty-two guests who attended the February General Membership Networking Luncheon were treated to a delicious lunch catered by Back Bay Catering. The event was sponsored by The Community Foundation of Greene County.

Speakers included Regina Abel, District Director from the Small Business Administration who presented their "Emerging Leaders" program available for Greene County Business owners. This program is new to the Pittsburgh area and free to those who participate; Jack Burt, Job Developer from Southwest Training Services, Inc. who informed business owners of the programs that will allow employers to provide on the job training for potential employees that can be fully reimbursable. A special guest was present, Miss Rain Day 2015, Claire Krieder of Waynesburg who filled everyone in on what her reign as been like so far.



The door prize was a \$50 Visa gift card donated by our sponsor, The Greene County Community Foundation. The prize was won by Lucy Northrop-Corwin of the Observer Reporter. Check out our Facebook page or website for more photos.

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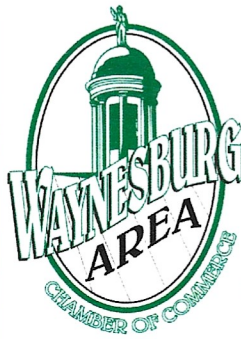
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Ken Carlisle – Farmer's Insurance, Elizabeth Menhart – Greene County Tourism, Caitlin Carlisle – Farmer's Insurance, Janice Blair-Martin – Waynesburg Milling, Co.



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Members in the Spotlight

Suits For Soliders A Success

It started with a blurb in a newsletter. That newsletter led to a newspaper article, then to a radio announcement and 300 suits later, multiple organizations coming together to give soldiers a new uniform and a new start. "We are still so humbled and thankful to see our neighbors coming together to help so many military families" said Ken Carlisle, owner of Farmers Insurance in Waynesburg. "It's been a small gesture that has inspired a lot of people" Farmer's Insurance organized a new or gently used suit drive for soldiers transitioning out of the military into new roles as civilians. With Veteran's Day as the kickoff, Ken and Caitlin Carlisle collected over 300 suits to donate to soldiers moving into a new corporate life upon the end of their military service. "Within the first days of the drive, we knew we needed to focus pretty heavily on the logistics of picking up, transporting, organizing and storing the suits. The outpouring of support was heartwarming and inspiring" said Caitlin Carlisle. Others are also working to keep Suits for Soldiers an ongoing drive, such as the VFW and other military and veteran organizations. "There is an ongoing need to have these items available when a soldiers needs the, that's the battle. We realized we need to keep things on hand to really be helpful. Our community can do tremendous good", said Caitlin. "And to everyone who has donated, 300 families were given a very thoughtful gift at a very stressful time, so thank you!" If you would like more information about Suits for Soldiers, please contact Caitlin Carlisle at 724-833-9520 or email at Caitlin.kcarlisle@farmersagency.com



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Bald Eagle Sighted in Marianna Pennsylvania

The majestic bird that is a symbol of our great nation has made its way to Marianna, PA. The Bald Eagle is a bird that few have the opportunity to see in a lifetime. You may be in luck and hopefully get to see this wonderful sight with your own two eyes if you travel to Marianna. The Bald Eagle has been spotted over the past six months numerous times making its home along North Ten Mile Creek that winds its way through the heart of Marianna.

Marianna is no longer the booming coal mining community described in photos and stories, but now is morphing like a butterfly and its turning into a recreational paradise for all to come bestow and enjoy. The old saying, "if you build it, they will come" has proven itself true once again. After ten years of habitat improvement, community clean-ups, and trout stocking in Ten Mile Creek, the beautiful Bald Eagle has decided to call Marianna home.

Upcoming Marianna Outdoorsmen Association Events

March 5th and 6th - West Virginia Sportsmen Show

April 9th - Trout Stocking at 9am

April 16th - PA Opening Day of
Trout Season at 8am

April 20th - Canoe Race signups at
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April 27th - Canoe Race signups at MVFC 6-9 pm

April 30th - 10th Annual Marianna Canow Race 11am



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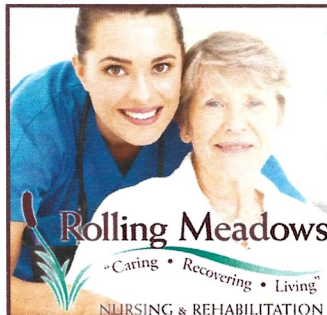
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