

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 NETWORKING LUNCHEON

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**Presentation of the Chamber's Membership Milestone Awards
 Election of Board of Director Members for the 2015-2017 Term
 "Business Loans Available Now!"**

Presented by: Ed Nemeth, Manager of Business Finance - Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

Wednesday, September 24th, 2014

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. • Lunch Served at Noon

Pennsylvania National Guard Readiness Center • 500 EverGreene Drive

Lunch Catered by Trisha's Treats

Chicken Romano, Pasta Carbonara, Vegetable Medley, Garlic Toast, Garden Salad and Mocha Almond Chocolate Cake
 RSVP by Monday, September 22nd to 724-627-5926 or info@waynesburgchamber.com

Cost per person \$15.00 payable by check, cash or credit card.

Harvest Ball

Kick Off

Business After Hours

Come help celebrate the upcoming
25th Annual Silver Anniversary Harvest Ball
 to Benefit

The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation

- Win a pair of tickets to the 2014 Harvest Ball (Valued at \$225) and other great prizes
- Check out photos from previous Harvest Balls
- Enjoy great appetizers and light refreshments

Thursday, September 18, 2014

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

at **The Lodge at Rohanna's**

For more information contact:

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Welcome New Members



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Mark Your Calendars

September Business After Hours – “Harvest Ball Kick Off” – Sponsored by the Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on September 18th at The Lodge at Rohannas.

Annual Greene County Business Expo on Thursday, October 16th at the Pennsylvania National Guard Armory

Annual Halloween Spooktacular on Friday, October 31st at noon on the courthouse steps.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet on November 22nd at the Benedum Dinning Hall on the Waynesburg University Campus. Invitations will be mailed soon!

Downtown Holiday Open House on Friday, December 5th and Annual Downtown Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6th at 2:00 p.m. Applications will be available on the chamber website at www.waynesburgchamber.com

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.

Member in the Spotlight

5 KIDZ KANDY'S RAIN DAY RAFFLE BENEFITS K-9 UNIT

As the sign above the store front indicates, the recently opened 5 Kidz Kandy in downtown Waynesburg specializes in candy, coffee, baked goods, fudge, fundraising, ice cream and gifts. While all of the sweets are sure to be a big hit this summer, for Waynesburg Borough police officer Asa Winters and his police dog Izzy, it is the store's specialty in fund raising that is most truly sweet. On July 29th, 5 Kidz Kandy held a raffle as part of the Rain Day festivities in order to raise money for the police department's K-9 unit. The prizes being raffled off included a giant stuffed dog, similar in appearance to Izzy, and a gift basket of chocolate and fudge. 5 Kidz' co-owners Kristy Vliet and Pansy McConnell were able to raise \$165 for the K-9 unit with the raffle. Winters said he is grateful for 5 Kidz' charitable efforts in financially supporting the K-9 unit. The money will be deposited into a general account which may be used for any number of things that K-9 unit may need, such as new training equipment, vehicle maintenance, and so on. Winters has been working with Izzy since March of 2013 and believes she is a good for the police department. The donated money from the raffle is appreciated because donations are a vital part of keeping the K-9 unit up and running. Izzy, now four years old, works hard and has assisted in arrests, making her a valuable member of the police department. To show that the work that Winters and Izzy have put in has not gone unnoticed, the 5 Kidz' staff decided to show their support for the K-9 unit through the Rain Day raffle. When Vliet and McConnell discovered that Winters could use more funding for the K-9 unit, they were inspired to help out. Furthermore, the women saw the police department's K-9 unit as a worthy recipient for their raffle because they felt that police canines often tend to get overlooked. Though the women were hoping to raise a little more, Vliet estimates that around 80 people participated in the raffle. Vliet and MConell are planning to continue to hold raffles to benefit different causes; they will be raffling off another large stuffed animal and gift basket at the Annual 50's Fest in downtown Waynesburg on September 13th.



By Faith Headlee, for the Greene County Messenger. Photo by Dave Headlee.

Annual Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet and Presentation of the 2014 Distinguished Service Awards Saturday, November 22, 2014 Benedum Dining Hall, Waynesburg University

PROGRAM SPONSORSHIPS

Diamond - \$300 Platinum - \$200
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All Program sponsors will be listed in the evening's program book, power point presentation listing and will receive special recognition in "Chamber Chatter" the monthly newsletter as well as on the Chamber's website for the next twelve months. Platinum Sponsors will also have their corporate logo appear along with their company name. Program sponsors must be received prior to printing deadline of November 7th. To become a sponsor, please contact the office at 724-627-5926 or info@waynesburgchamber.com

Chamber Accepting Nominations for Distinguished Service Awards

2014 will mark the 27th Individual Distinguished Service Award and the 11th Organizational Distinguished Service Award which will be presented to a civic organization or business who has also shown a lasting commitment to the Waynesburg area. These awards will be presented at the Annual Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting and Banquet, which is scheduled for November 22nd at the Waynesburg University's Benedum Dining Hall.

Nominees are judged on contributions to community welfare and betterment; participation in community activities and civic enterprises; lasting contributions to community welfare; leadership abilities; success in their individual vocations; personal progress; and cooperation with other individuals and organizations. The awards will be presented for direct, outstanding service to the community and has no association to the Chamber of Commerce involvement.

Anyone can nominate an individual, organization or business for the awards by submitting a completed nominee application no later than Friday, October 3rd by 4:00pm.

A nomination application is included in this newsletter.

Board of Director Elections

In this issue you will find a 2015-2017 Board of Directors ballot. Each member business has one vote available to them. You may respond by mailing your ballot back to the office, faxing it back, emailing it back, dropping it off in person, or by attending the September 24th Luncheon and turning it in in person. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Those nominated are:

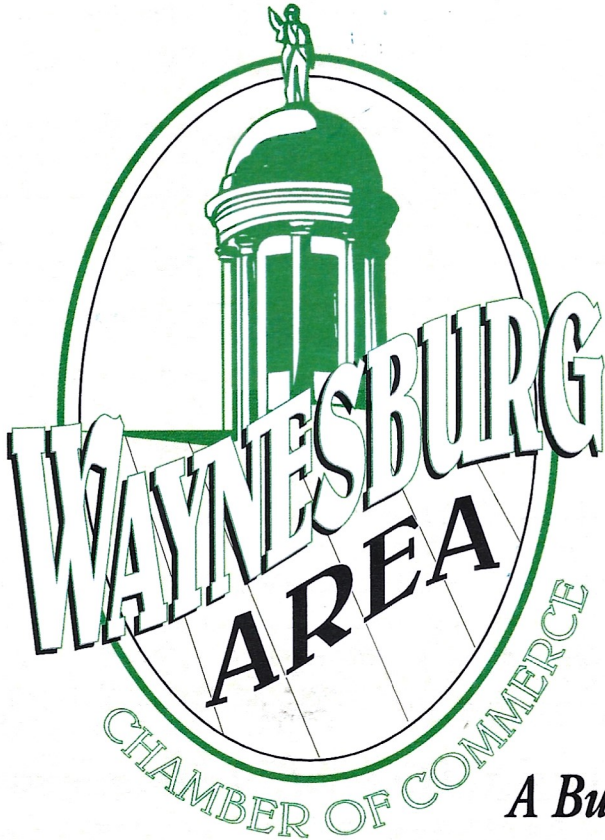
- Janice Blair-Martin – Waynesburg Milling Co.
- Karen Calvert – Lucky Breaks Mosaics
- Donald Chappel – Greene Alliance for Development
- Kelli Crowe – Crow's Nest Creative
- Lena Galing – Lippencott Alpacas
- Jeff McCracken – Lifetime Honorary Member
- Elizabeth Menhart – Greene County Tourism
- Jon Stevens – Observer Reporter
- Josh Sumpter – First Presbyterian Church
- Judi Tanner – First Federal Savings & Loan

eBlast Gets A Facelift

The weekly Chamber eBlast has been absent for a few weeks. We encountered technical difficulties once again and this time our growth made it impossible for us to continue the eBlast in its current format. After several weeks of research and hours of technical support, we have finally switched to Constant Contact. We are in the process of uploading our data and hope to have a brand new eBlast product available to our members in the very near future.

We thank everyone for their patience during this process.





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Save The Date

Thur., October 16th – 8th Annual Greene County Business Expo - PA National Guard Armory

Fri., October 31st – Annual Halloween Spooktacular Costume Contest

Sat., November 22nd – Annual Chamber Membership Banquet and Presentation of the 2014 Distinguished Service Awards. Plus the Annual Chinese Auction to raise funds for the Chamber's Scholarship Fund.

Sat., December 6th – Annual Chamber of Commerce Downtown Christmas Parade

September Business After Hours

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Thursday, September 18th

4:30 to 7:00 p.m. -

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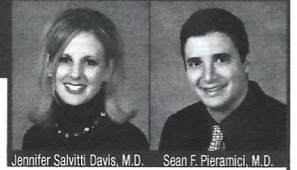


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