



# CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Greater Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

### Greene County Messenger

The Greene County Messenger, founded in July, 1990, is a weekly, tabloid-size newspaper concerned with local news only.

Over the past five years, circulation has continued to grow along with the number of advertisers. This can be mainly attributed to the fact only Greene County news is published leaving the state and national news to television and major publications.

Daniel I. Morris and James L. Moore are co-publishers with Moore, a veteran of some 35 years in local publishing, serving as editor.

One of the main attractions of the newspaper is the variety of local columnists. Bill Watkins covers the outdoors; John Hoy, the local sports scene; John Dorean, religious subjects; Jeannie Cerar, travel and features; Michelle Moore, features and Jennifer Shaneyfelt, sports.

The paper also employs a number of correspondents (stringers) who cover the smaller towns around the county such as Bobtown, Graysville, New Freeport, Sycamore, Greensboro, Mt. Morris and many others.

Daniel V. Morris, son of the co-publisher, is an award-winning compositor and page designer while Mary Abbot is responsible for the circulation department. Miles Davin is in charge of the mail room and Barbara Morris is the chief bookkeeper.

The Greene County Messenger is sent to at least one subscriber in all 50 states and five foreign countries. As the subscription costs continue to rise at daily newspapers, the mailing list at the Messenger continues to grow because of the low subscription price.

Having nothing but local news including obituaries and sports in one issue and leaving out the stock market, news in areas that don't concern us and comics, allows the Messenger to give subscribers a better price and a better selection of local news.

## General Membership Meeting & Speaker Wednesday, April 26th at Noon Golden Corral

Guest Speaker: Chuck Baily, Greene County EAL College Opportunity Program  
Jason Welling, EAL student

All Chamber Members are urged to attend and to bring a friend.  
If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a representative.  
Meetings begin promptly at 12:15. Please feel free to be seated anytime.

## Annual Golf Outing Scheduled for June 24 at Rohanna's Golf Course

Any member wishing to donate prizes can leave them at the Chamber office and/or First Federal.

### Chamber Members . . .

If you have not paid your 1995 Membership Dues, please do so as soon as possible.

## Welcome To New Members

Fancher Graphics, Toby Fancher.  
Golden Corral, David McKay/Manager.

## Did You Know???

Coal generates 56 percent of all electricity used in the United States.

### Explanations

Never explain – your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe you anyway.

– Elbert Hubbard

## What Do You Have To Say??

Has someone in your company recently been promoted? Is there a special event coming up in your businesses or organization? Has your firm recently reached a significant milestone or received a prestigious award? Or maybe you've changed locations, hours, or added a unique new product or service?

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IT so we can try to share your news with other Chamber members by printing it in CHAMBER CHATTER. Give us a call or drop us a line and give us the scoop! We'll be happy to hear from you.

The deadlines for submission are the first of the month for inclusion in that month's edition. The Chamber reserves the right to edit as needed and the items will be placed on a first come, first serve, basis. However, we will attempt to use all material as it is presented to us.

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Parkinson, Kay Laskody, Mountainview Gardens; Millie Wonderling, Bowlby Library; Andrew Corfont, Community Bank; Chad Moore, First Federal; Walter Christopher, Ann Whipkey, Huffman-Whipkey Insurance Agency; Tim Christopher, Waynesburg Electric; Stanley Majesky, Greene County Job Service; John Owen, Special Events; Shirley Wright, McDonald's; Gisele Pernell, McDonald's and Millie Stahl, Green Thumb.

President John Owen called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room. On a motion by Chad Moore, seconded by Mary Parkinson, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. On motion by Stan Majesky and seconded by Kay Laskody, the Treasurer's report was approved. Kay Laskody, Secretary presented the Secretary's report. On a motion by Millie Wonderling and seconded by Stan Majesky, the Secretary's report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Andrew Corfont (Director/Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant) reported a Kennywood trip had been discussed for the Miss Rain Day contestants this year on July 10 working together with the Greene County Messenger and WANB on Greene County Day. John Owen [Scholarship Committee] reported there would be a meeting held on Monday, April 10 at 5:00 pm in the Chamber Office to select this year's scholarship winner. Members of the scholarship committee are; Sheila Barger, Millie Wonderling, Kay Laskody, Chad Moore and John Owen. Chad Moore [Annual Golf Outing Chairman] announced the golf outing is scheduled for June 24th, and asked members in attendance to consider donating prizes early this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John reported to the membership the Executive Board had selected Linda Krajnak and Mary K. Pruss to replace Lisa Mascara and Clark Patterson. John announced the Rotary would present a Small Business Workshop on Tuesday, April 4, in the Community Room of the Integra Bank from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**SPEAKER:** John introduced Millie Stahl, a representative from Green Thumb. Millie explained that Green Thumb is an Employment Agency for persons age 55 or older. Green Thumb began in the 1960's and was established in 1965 as a nonprofit corporation to provide part-time employment and training opportunities for economically disadvantaged seniors. Green Thumb initially began by serving 280 participants in four states, and is now serving in forty four states. Funding for the Green Thumb program comes from the Comprehensive Older Americans Act Amendments redesignated the Senior Community Service Employment Program as Title V of the Older Americans Act. Millie explained her job was to recruit for Green Thumb. Most Green Thumb employees work for non profit organizations, i.e., the Bowlby Library, Community Action, Elder Care, City Missions, Senior Centers, only to name a few. \$9340.00 (single) \$12,059.00 (couple) are Guidelines for employment, working twenty hours a week at minimum wage. Anyone qualifying and wishing to become a Green Thumb worker can reach Millie at Community Action. John Owen and Millie Wonderling commented their Green Thumb employees are reliable and always willing to learn. In closing Millie stated she represented Pennsylvania at a miniconference in Baltimore.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion made by Andrew Corfont and seconded by Stan Majesky, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia A. Houglund

## A Message:

### How To Save Lives

Throughout the country, April is celebrated as "Prevent A Litter" month. Since the Humane Society of Greene County opened 7 years ago, we have taken in over 11,000 animals. Thousands of other animals that never passed through our doors were "given away" by their owners or abandoned by the roadside. Many of the pets surrendered, given away, or abandoned are kittens and puppies. There are simply not enough homes in Greene County, or elsewhere, for all the animals being born and then dumped on someone else because they are disposable and unwanted.

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## Newsletter Inserts and Advertising Policies

If you would like to place inserted material in the newsletter the rate for doing so is \$50 per issue. The material can be no more than two 8½ x 11 sheets. For arrangements, please call the office at 627-5926.

If you would like to place a business card size ad in the newsletter the fee for doing so is \$180 per year - 11 issues. As each issue is printed the fee is pro-rated so please contact the office if you would like to reserve ad space. Each month the ads are rotated so that each ad will appear on the outside cover.

## Tell Us How We Are Doing

Here's your chance to tell your Chamber what you think we need to be doing. Jot down your suggestions, opinion or other comments in this space and mail it to the Chamber at 26 West High Street.

ALL RESPONSES WILL BE SHARED WITH YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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## 1995 Officers

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Special Events Commission

Chad Moore ..... Vice President  
First Federal S&L Assoc.

Brian Waychoff ..... Treasurer  
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Patricia Houglund, Executive Secretary . . . 627-5926

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