



CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

CONGRATULATIONS JIM SOKOLOFF, 1996 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

James Sokoloff has delivered meals on wheels to senior citizens in the Waynesburg area since 1985. Jim, who delivers along with his wife Vi, says "that this is a very rewarding job." He also leads the exercise classes at the center every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. Jim takes the responsibility of showing a movie every Monday afternoon. When a handyman is needed, he is always available to do odd jobs at the center. He has served as treasurer and member of the site council. Jim always tries to do what he can to make the Waynesburg center a good place to visit, a good place to meet and a place where many friendly but lonely people can spend several hours with others to help spend time that otherwise would be lonely hours spent alone.

Jim has also been a volunteer at the Greene County Memorial Hospital, Waynesburg, PA as an escort for the past eight years. As a volunteer, Jim remarked, "I found out how valuable it is to have a hospital in Waynesburg and realized that we have a good hospital, many good doctors and nurses and a caring staff who attend the sick and injured. Two of the doctors, Dr. Martin and Dr. Zgalama, saved me when they discovered that my blood platelets had been destroyed. They found the problem, treated it and cured it."

For six years, Jim has volunteered at the Waynesburg Hospice Center involved in fund raising, public relations, delivering secretarial kits on secretaries' day, Christmas tree decorating and tree removal and other miscellaneous jobs as needed.

Jim Sokoloff - born Feb. 27, 1923 in Bentleyville, PA, son of Russian immigrants. Attended Bentleyville schools and graduated from high school in 1941. Went to work in Cokeburg coal mine with his father as a coal loader. (This was done by hand) Loading machines came later. In 1943 he entered the service of the Navy (Sea Bees) construction battalion. Served



until the war ended. Served over-seas two years in the Pacific area. (Philippines and New Guinea) Returned home and was discharged in 1946. Fell in love and married Vi on August 4, 1946. They are the proud parents of a son, Leonard James and a daughter, Diane. They have five grandchildren. After discharge from the service, went back to work in the mines with his dad. As time went on, the mines went mechanical and Jim was promoted to a mine safety director. After thirty years with the same company, Jim became a federal mine inspector and in 1972 he accepted a job in Waynesburg and moved here in

1974. In 1985, Jim retired and started volunteering and has continued to do so until the present time.

Jim remarked that Waynesburg is a good place to live. My thought is that many people have been served by a compassionate, dedicated volunteer through Jim's effort and we are the lucky ones to have had his services throughout the years.

Mr. Sokoloff will be honored during a banquet as part of the Bicentennial "Day of Celebration" on Saturday, August 31, 1996. The Banquet will be held in Alumni Hall at Waynesburg College beginning at 6:30 PM. The public is invited to attend the banquet and the dance that will follow in Fountain Park.

Tickets for the banquet are \$20.00 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets for the dance are \$5.00 per person and may be purchased in advance or at the event. The Chamber is encouraging all who participate to wear period costumes; anything representing an era between 1796 and 1996.

Past winners include; Jack McCracken 1988, Harry Anderson 1989, Dennis Mattei 1990, J. E. Victor Carlson (deceased) 1991, Mary Clovis Parkinson 1992, Richard V. Morgan 1993, Juanita Thompson 1994, and Kenneth R. Stilwell 1995.

General Membership Meeting and Speaker Wednesday, August 28, 1996 at Noon The Waynesburg Restaurant

Suzanne Huffman, Co-Chairperson
"Day of Celebration"
Costume Carousel

All members urged to attend - Bring a guest - Bring your questions!
If you are unable to attend, please send your representative.

In Honor of Greene County's 200th Year The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Presents . . .

A DAY OF CELEBRATION

August 31, 1996



You Are Invited . . .

Come celebrate in the parks of Waynesburg with your neighbors & friends just as they might have done in 1796 or 1896. Bring your family and a picnic lunch and enjoy the free entertainment, an old-fashioned box social, crafter demonstrations and festivities. You are encouraged to dress in period clothing for all events - any era between 1796 & 1996 will be great.

OPENING CEREMONIES - 11:00 A.M.

Come witness the opening of the County's time capsule. Family entertainment and activities throughout the afternoon in the parks by Waynesburg College including a bicentennial tribute by the Renaissance City Winds-Sponsored by CONSOL

DSA Banquet . . .

Join community and chamber members in the evening at the Distinguished Service Award Banquet in Alumni Hall. A fine dinner will be served as we join in part to recognize Jim Sokoloff the recipient of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Distinguished Service Award. Tickets are available and costumes are encouraged.

BANQUET BEGINS - 6:30 P.M.

Tickets are \$20.00/person and must be purchased in advance. Everyone is welcome!

Dancing in the Park . . .

The event committee and the Bobby Nicholas Band-sponsored by First Federal-promise to have the crowd "dancing in a frenzy" around Fountain Park. Buy your tickets today...awards will be given for the best costumes.

DANCING STARTS - 9:00 P.M.

Enjoy the fun and music for only \$5.00/person. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the event. Call the Chamber Office at 627-5926 for tickets or more information.

Please join with the Community and our County to make this Chamber event a truly outstanding "Day of Celebration."

Box Social Luncheon

In Greene County's two hundred year history, folks have enjoyed a variety of social events. As part of the "Day of Celebration" presented by the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce on August 31, 1996, one of the most popular fund raisers will be revived . . . and you are invited to take part! Beginning at 12:30 p.m. on that Saturday, an old fashioned box social auction and picnic lunch will be held at the Gazebo in the park in front of the Presbyterian Church in Waynesburg. If you've never been to a box social . . . you're in for a fun and flavorful treat! Here's how it works:

Participants prepare a picnic lunch for two, and pack it in a decorated box or basket, and bring them to the registration table near the gazebo between 11:30 and 12:00 on Saturday. The auction begins at 12:30, when each lunch is sold to the highest bidder. Once sold, the buyer immediately enjoys his/her picnic lunch with the preparer. The proceeds will benefit the cause or charity of the preparer's choice. Individuals or organizations can take part. The challenge for the buyers of the picnic lunches is to win the high bid on the most attractive and appetizing lunch, prepared by the person with whom they most want to enjoy it with. Keep in mind . . . the preparer of each box or basket is a secret . . . the name of the preparer is not disclosed when being offered by the auctioneer.

Historically, the box social was a great way for young ladies and gents to raise funds for a worthy cause and enjoy a social occasion. If a young lady wanted to enjoy lunch with a particular fellow, she might slip him a hint or two about the appearance of her box or basket. And if the fellow felt so inclined, he had to be sure to win the high bid. The success of the fund raiser was certainly enhanced when two or more fellows had the same idea.

Of course today, roles might very well be reversed . . . as our modern day gents are welcome to prepare as well as purchase lunches. If you would like to participate, simply fill out this form and begin planning your lunch. Be sure to invite as many bidders as you can to help raise funds for your favorite cause.

YES . . .

I will participate in the Box Social during the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce "Day of Celebration" on August 31, 1996. I will prepare a picnic lunch for two to be sold at the auction, and share it with the highest bidder.

NAME: _____ PHONE: () _____

ADDRESS: _____

I designate the following organization, club or charity to be the recipient of the funds raised by the sale of the lunch I prepared:

Name, Address and Contact's Phone Number: _____

Please return completed form to:

Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Box Social
26 West High Street, Suite 101, Waynesburg, PA 15370

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Laskody at 627-3632.

Day of Celebration

August 31, 1996

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 11:00 Opening Ceremonies-Monument Park (Time Capsule Opened)
Crafter Demonstrations
Begin/Vendors Open
- 11:30 Registration for Box Social-Gazebo, Ritchie Park
- 12:00 Charicature Artist (12-6)
- 12:30 Box Social Auction Begins-Gazebo, Ritchie Park
- 1:00 Children's Games Begin (1-4)-Ritchie Park
Story Telling (Father Al McGinnis)-Ritchie Park
Country Guitar & Yodeling-Gazebo, Ritchie Park
Hillbilly Band-Main Stage, College Park
College Museum Opens (1-5)
- 2:00 Surrey Rides Begin-College Street (2-4)
Dulcimer Players-Gazebo, Ritchie Park
- 3:00 The Renaissance City Winds performing a "Bicentennial Tribute" Main Stage, College Park. Sponsored by CONSOL
- 4:00 Percival Pickers-Main Stage, College Park
- 5:00 Sponsor's Reception
- 6:30 Distinguished Service Award Banquet (Jim Sokoloff, recipient) Alumni Hall, Waynesburg College
Dinner/Dance Tickets \$20.00/person advance purchase
- 7:00 Surrey Rides Resume (7-9)
- 8:30 Town Crier Announces Dance Guests
- 9:00 Costume Gala Begins (9-12) College Park
Featuring the Bobby Nicholas Band Sponsored by First Federal Savings & Loan
Tickets \$5.00/person available in advance or at the event

MEETING MEMOS

Calendar of Events UPDATE!

August 28 General Meeting 12:00 Waynesburg Restaurant

August 31 Waynesburg Area Chamber Bicentennial Day
Patron's Reception
Distinguished Service Award Dinner and Gala Ball

December 6 Holiday Sing-A-Long

December 7 Christmas Parade

Note: Mark your calendars each month 2nd Wednesday Board Meeting - Will be advised of location

4th Wednesday General Meeting - Location in Newsletter

Maps: Free - Waynesburg/Greene County Maps are available to Chamber members at no cost; however, we will charge a fee for more than a limited quantity. Also we have a limited supply of Pennsylvania State Maps right now.

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