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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.

### President's Letter

Greetings!!

Congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Rain Day, Paige Shlosky. Paige "blew the audience away" with her voice on July 27 at the 25th Anniversary of the Rain Day Pageant.

Once again, the committee worked hard to make the pageant a success. The newly formed Rain Day Scholarship, Inc. paid special attention to all the details to ensure future pageants will maintain the high standards of the past pageants.

I would also like to thank all of you that attended the Business After Hours on July 16 at First National Bank of Pa. It was a huge success as we had 65 individuals attending. The next Business After Hours will be a picnic sponsored by RAG. These events give you an excellent opportunity to network with other members. It was great to see new faces at the event on July 16.

Last but not least, I must note that even without rain on Rain Day the Special Events Commission of the Waynesburg Borough did a wonderful job of organizing the festivities. Who would have guessed with so much rain this year, that it would miss July 29th!!

Respectfully, Sheila Elliott Barger You're Invited to the...

# August Business After Hours

Thursday, August 14th 4:30 – 6:30 P.M.

hosted by

RAG Pennsylvania Services Facility 158 Portal Road – off of Route 218S

Join fellow Chamber members for a good old fashioned cook-out...



Raffle Prizes for the evening will be 3 underground mine tours . . .

Also meet the 2003 Miss Rain Day – Paige Shlosky . . .

RSVP requested at 627-5926 or 627-2288



Miss Rain Day 2003 – Paige Shlosky, the 16 year old daughter of Lyn and Peter Shlosky of Carmichaels. Paige is a student at Carmichaels Area Jr./Sr. High School.

## 2003 Job Fair

Pennsylvania State Representative H. William DeWeese, The Greene County Commissioners, and the Greene County Team Pennsylvania CareerLink will sponsor the fifth annual Job Fair on Thursday, September 11th from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Greene ARC Building in Ruff Creek. The goal is to offer a significant representation of employers from business, industry, government, nonprofit, health and human service organizations to the job seeker. School and agencies that offer training have also been invited to participate. Businesses may plan to accept applications and resumes, offer information about positions currently available, and conduct interviews for part-time or full-time positions. Participating businesses are encouraged to provide information that promotes their business. The event is offered free of charge to business participants and potential employees. To reserve your space, please call Barbara L. Cole, CareerLink Administrator at 724-852-2900 extension 229.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2003
Noon - 1:00 p.m. • Waynesburg Moose Lodge - Upstairs Meeting Room

Buffet

SPEAKER:

Door Prize This Month – \$25 Gift Certificate from Lewis RV Rentals and a Supreme Car Wash from High Street Exxon Car Wash

Networking Opportunity - Bring Your Business Cards for Door Prize Drawing

## Welcome New Members

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## July Renewals

Girl Scouts of Southwestern Penna.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ami Cree of Padget Business Services for being the lucky winner of the door prize at the July General Membership Meeting! She won a exterior car wash and interior vacumming from Chuck's Collision Shop. Also congratulations to Lamont Duke, a guest of David Crowe of the Greene Community Church for being the lucky winner of the second door prize, a set of tickets to a Washington Wild Things game courtesy of the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center Greene County Economic Outreach Initiative.

## July Membership Business After Hours

THANKS to member, FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PENNA. and Sheila Barger for hosting the July B.A.H. at their High Street location. The event boasted the largest attendance to date and the everyone enjoyed the handwriting anayalsis!!! The evening was enhanced by music by Nelson Fox. A delicious buffet, wine and sweets were enjoyed by all. Door prizes were donated by First National Bank and the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center. Several lucky winners walked away with some great prizes. We hope to see you all at the next Business After Hours.

AUGUST 14th - RAG American Coal SEPTEMBER - Peaceful Springs Fishing Lake OCTOBER 15th - Greene County United Way NOVEMBER - CareerLink DECEMBER - Resolutions









## **Scholarship Donations**

A thank you goes out to the following members who have made donations to the continuation of the Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund in July.

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## For Sale

The Golf Committee has four passes good for 18 holes of golf and a cart at the Country Club on any weekday for sale at a cost of \$40 each. The proceeds will benefit the Golf Committee and can be obtained by contacting the Chamber office at 724-627-5926.

## Member To Member Discount Program

This program, exclusively for Waynesburg Chamber members, is aimed at creating an awareness of the value of doing business in our community and with other Chamber members. Members are encouraged to offer savings to their fellow Chamber members to encourage business between members. Savings can be added to the program at any time through out the year and can run for a set period of time. Special updates will be published monthly and included in the newsletter reminding members of the special savings being offered. If you are interested in offering a special discount to fellow Chamber members, please contact the office at 724-627-5926. What you decide to offer and the length of time the sale is good is entirely up to you. What have you got to lose? You'll attract fellow members to your business and in turn, you'll be attracted to theirs!

## Mark Your Calendar!

## HEALTHY KIDS TO HEALTHY ADULTS

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SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR IMPROVING HEALTH

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003

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Registration forms will follow soon!

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## Stuff The Bus

The Greene County United Way is participating in a new program called "Stuff the Bus" designed to help local children receive back to school supplies this fall. Items needed include paper, pens, pencils, crayons, folders, rulers, notebooks, lunch boxes and backpacks. If your business or organization would like to participate, please call the United Way at 724-852-1009.

## Newsletter Advertising Spaces Available

The advertising that appears in the newsletter is available to any member at a cost of \$300 annually, or \$30 per issue. Call the office now at 724-627-5926 to sign up. Your ad will reach 335 businesses in the Waynesburg area at a cost to you of only .06 cents per copy. That's a great advertising rate and you are targeting your fellow Chamber members. Be sure to take advantage of this great marketing tool.

## Athena Awards Nominations

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking nominations for the 2003 ATHENA Award. The recipient is an individual recognized not only for professional excellence and community service, but also for actively and generously assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills. Candidates should meet the following criteria:

- The individual actively assists women in realizing their full leadership potential.
- The individual demonstrates excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession.
- The individual provides valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community.

Nominees must be from Washington or Greene counties. To receive a nomination form, please contact the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce office at 724-627-5926 or the Washington Chamber of Commerce at 724-225-3010. The deadline for nominations is August 30th, 2003.

## Doing Business with the Commonwealth of PA

Are you a small business owner who is puzzled by state government contracts?

Let us help you put the pieces of the contracting puzzle together.

WAYNESBURG
September 30, 2003
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pre-Registration Required! Call Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce at 724-627-5926

#### Get Answers to Questions Like:

Does the state buy what you sell?
How does state government buy goods and services?
How can you find state bidding opportunities?
What information is available on the Internet to help?
How can you receive state certification as a
minority or woman-owned business?

Presented by: PA Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development Sponsored by: The Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce

## **Upcoming Seminars**

August 12 - QuickBooks Made Easy

August 28 - QuickBooks Advanced September 4 - CE Marketing Basics

September 10, 17, 24 - Business Owners'

Legal Issues Series September 12 - Purchasing Agents Program

October 7 - Small Business Financing

September 25 - CE 123

October 15 - Writing An Effective Business Plan

For more information on any of these seminars, contact the Duquesne University Chrysler Corporation Small Business Development Center at 412-396-6233 or visit www.duq.edu/sbdc

## Distinguished Service Award Nominees Sought

Applications are currently available for the 2003 DSA, which will be presented at the annual banquet in October. The honor is bestowed on an individual for outstanding service to the Waynesburg community. The winner is selected based on contributions to community welfare and betterment, participation in 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. Deadline for submission is August 25th. Applications are included in this mailing and are also available in the lobby of the Fort Jackson Building.

## **Door Prizes Needed**

Do you have an item promoting your business that you would like to donate to be used as a door prize at the monthly General Membership meeting? If so, please contact the office.



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## **Chamber Chatter Articles and Inserts**

We always welcome your news articles and press releases concerning your business. Photos are also encouraged. There is no charge for articles and photos to be included. Inserts may be placed in the newsletter at a cost of \$65 per issue. 350 inserts must be provided and folded to 4 1/4 x 5 1/2 inches to fit inside the newsletter. There is a \$20 charge for material provided unfolded. A non-profit insert rate is available at \$32.50 per issue. Please submit all material for the Chamber newsletter by the 1st business day of each month for the month in which you would like it published or inserted. Questions may be directed to the office at 724-627-5926.

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One winner selected from each of the following counties: Fayette, Greene, Washington & Westmoreland

- \* Deadline for application is Friday, September 5, 2003
- \* Winners announced in October 2003

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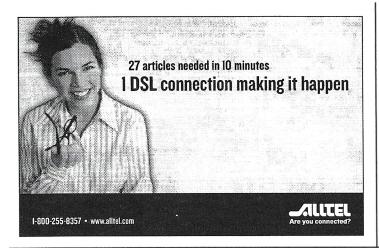
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  - Greene
  - Washington
  - Westmoreland
- Applicants must be 18 years of age
- Instructions are provided at www.e-magnify.com

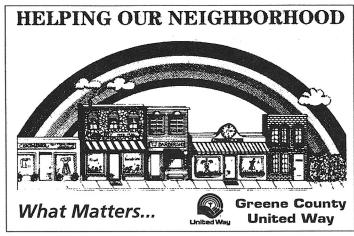
Applicants are encouraged to contact their local Small Business Development Center for assistance in preparing their business plans.

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