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February General Membership Meeting Wednesday, February 24th at Noon Rohanna's Restaurant

– Speaker –

William C. Mayberger of White, Nagle, Mazza and Associates
 Topic: "Why you need to know the value of your business"

All Chamber Members are urged to attend and to bring a friend.

If you are unable, please feel free to send a representative.

Meetings begin promptly at 12:05. Please feel free to be seated anytime.

Group Health Care Plan Announced

Our Chamber has joined forces with 39 other area Chambers of Commerce to offer their member firms Blue Cross group health care and other employee benefits plans effective April 1, 1993. Through the Chambers of Commerce Service Corporation, employers can take advantage of the group buying power of a 7,000 member organization to obtain coverages and services previously unavailable in Greene County. Member firms can choose one of four Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans in addition to group life, short and long term disability, and dental and vision coverage. There is no medical underwriting restrictions for preexisting conditions and plans are available to firms as small as one person.

An informational meeting was held on February 18th to review the various plans. If you were unable to attend, please call the Chambers of Commerce Service Corporation at 232-6555 and ask for Kirk Ketchum. Companies interested in joining the plan have until April 15, 1993 to enroll for this year.

Educational Fund Scholarship Applications Are Available

We will be awarding our third \$1500 scholarship for a Greene County student this April. The criteria for consideration are as follows: must reside in Greene County, must

**\$1500
 Scholarship**

be a graduating member of a class of 1993, must have been applied and accepted to a College of their choice as an incoming freshman in a four year academic program and must have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Applicants must submit a listing of their community and local involvement and write an essay on "What is your purpose in life and how do you plan to address this purpose through your education?" Applications are now available from local guidance counselors or the Chamber office. Entry deadline is April 15th. The committee is chaired by Dick Robinson of Edward D. Jones & Company.

General Membership Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Robinson - Edward D. Jones & Co., Chad Moore - First Federal, Lisa Torri - William H. Martin, Linda Smith - Hospice Care, Inc., Pauline Crumrine - Greene County Commissioner, Barry Crumrine - Greene County Airmen's Association, Shirley Shipman - Shipman's Sanitation, Jack McCracken - McCracken Pharmacy, Richard Visser - Waynesburg Rotary Club, Frank Pecjak, Jr. - Pecjak's Atlantic, John Owen - Greene County Memorial Hospital, Mary C. Parkinson - Lifetime Honorary Member, Harry Anderson - Lifetime Honorary Member, Jim Moore - Greene County Messenger, Linda Corfont - Linda Corfont, C.P.A., Sheila Barger - Integra Bank, Bob Eichenlaub - Observer-Reporter, Diane Bowlen - Super 8 Motel, Millie Wonderling - Bowlby Library, Richard Scott - Scott Enterprise, Barbara Cappellini - Community Bank, Kay Laskody - Mountainview Gardens and guest Police Chief Timothy Hawfield.

President Tracy Burns-Suter called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room. On a motion by John Owen, seconded by Richard Visser, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Chad Moore presented a verbal review of the final financial standings for last year. The office was able to remain open with about \$5 remaining. He also briefly reviewed the budget for 1993.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Tracy Burns-Suter passed around a sign up sheet for the 1993 committees and asked everyone to sign up. Chad Moore reported that the Holiday Sing-a-Long was a success even though it rained. He thanked all the helpers and First Federal and Integra Banks for their donations to purchase candy for the children. Tracy Burns-Suter reported that the Christmas Parade fell within its budget. No profit is expected on this event as it is a community service project. She also reported that the Christmas Concession committee made about \$150 but it was a large undertaking for such a small profit, however, it did provide parade goers with hot beverages and cookies. Dick Robinson reported that the Educational Fund Committee had its reorganizational meeting

for 1993. He reviewed the account balance at present and announced application dates for this year's scholarship. He also discussed fund raising ventures that will be held this year for the fund.

OLD BUSINESS: Diane Bowlen reported the Morrisville Project has been placed on the 12 year plan. The highway and railroad bridges will be widened and the intersection at Sugar Run Road upgraded. Tracy Burns-Suter announced that the Executive and Insurance committees will meet tomorrow with Chandler Ketchum to finalize the insurance coverage for our members. Richard Scott, a member of the insurance committee, briefly reviewed some other programs that had been investigated. Tracy Burns-Suter announced that one advertising space remains on the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: Tracy Burns-Suter asked all members to bring a 'buddy' to the General Membership Meetings to increase awareness of our program of work. Diane Bowlen mentioned that the Rain Day Booth committee needs to repair the dunk tank before this year's event due to several minor injuries last year. Tracy Burns-Suter also announced that volunteers are needed to help with the Miss Rain Day Pageant this year since it is the 15th anniversary and special activities are being planned.

SPEAKER: Tracy Burns-Suter introduced Waynesburg Borough Police Chief Timothy Hawfield. He spoke on the new patrol car video and audio system which was installed recently. This system is designed to gather evidence, protect the community from officer misconduct and provide the officer with a silent backup partner. He explained how the system works and that it is tamper proof. The system will potentially keep cases out of the court system by providing exact detailed record of incidents. Waynesburg is the only town in Western PA that has the system so far, however, it is widely used in West Virginia. No taxpayer money was spent to purchase the \$7100 system, all funds have been raised through donations.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Diane Bowlen and seconded by Chad Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

WELCOME to our new members

Kyowa America Corporation represented by Robert Grove and Mike Moribayashi.

Knights of Pythias represented by President John 'Buzz' Walters and Secretary Burdette Carpenter.

We hope to see you at this month's General Membership Meeting.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Members are eligible for a discounted long distance phone service through LiTel International. For further information call Hank Compernelle at 1-800-837-1019.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Chas Huffman of Huffman Electronics - Waynesburg Radio Shack for his donation of an accounting software program for the Chamber office. - THANKS!!

Educational Fund Needs Your Support

The Educational Fund Committee is asking for your support. Each year the committee must raise funds so that we may continue to award the scholarship. If each member would donate only \$5 each, the fund raising goal for the year could be met and the continuance of the program secured. It is such a small amount, won't you please send your \$5 today!!! Watch upcoming newsletter issues to see the progress.

Let's Hear From You

All members are entitled to place articles in the newsletter. If you have something that you would like other members to know just drop us a line. The deadlines for submission are the second Tuesday of the month for inclusion in that month's edition. The Chamber reserves the right to edit as needed and the articles will be placed on a first come, first serve, basis. However, we will attempt to use all material as it is presented to us.

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 8x11 sheets. For arrangements, please call the office at 627-5926.



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