



CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Rush Funeral Home, Inc.

Rogersville, Pa.

Carl E. (Gene) Rush
Funeral Director/Supervisor

Mr. Rush, owner and operator of the Rush Funeral Home, Inc. Rogersville, Pa. is a native of Greene County, being born in Waynesburg a son of the late Alvie M. Rush, Jr. and Opal Louise Burns Rush. His parents were born and raised in the Nineveh and Jacktown areas respectively. He is a grandson of the late Alvie M. Rush, Sr. (Alvie Jack) and Nellie Beabout Rush, and the late Harry (Fat) Burns and Evelyn Sanders Burns a current resident of Hillview Rest Home, Claysville.

Mr. Rush is a 1966 graduate of McGuffey High School, attended Robert Morris College and a 1975 honor graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. He has been a licensed funeral director since 1976. He was employed by the former Ferrell Funeral Home, in Claysville for 10

years, and prior to purchasing the Robert L. Lantz Funeral Home in May 1985 was associated with the Piatt & Barnhill Funeral Home, Inc. in Washington.

Mr. Rush is a Viet Nam veteran, serving with the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1972, from August 1969 to August 1970 served in Cam Rahn Bay, Viet Nam.

In August 1985 he married Judy L. Galloway Carlise Rush, and has three children from a previous marriage, Daniel C. Rush, Douglas C. Rush and Gretchen L. Rush all students at Waynesburg College, and a stepson, Kenneth J. Carlisle, a student at Douglas Business School and a step grand-son, Benjamin Carlisle.

He is a member, past president and current secretary of the West Greene Area Lions Club and a member of the Rogersville United Methodist Church.

He and his wife established the Rush Grocery & Video in Rogersville in November 1994.

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Hope

Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope.

—Reinhold Niebuhr

Enthusiasm

If you aren't fired with enthusiasm, you will be fired with enthusiasm.

—Vince Lombardi

General Membership Meeting and Speaker
Wednesday, February 28, 1996 at Noon
The Golden Corral Restaurant
\$5.00 Luncheon

Ann Bargerstock, Grant Coordinator
Greene County
"Economic Development"

All Chamber members are urged to attend and bring a guest.
If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a representative.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chad Moore, First Federal Savings and Loan Association; Andrew Corfont, Community Bank; Donna Morosky, Observer-Reporter; Loretta Garber, Integra Bank; Suzanne Huffman, Communications Development Company; Kevin Policz, Kevmar Enterprises; Melody Longstreth, Gordon Dane, Bonnie Campbell, Greene ARC; Walter R. Christopher, Christie Campbell, Observer-Reporter; Michelle Conaway, Rhodes & Hammers; Toby Fancher, Communications Development Company; Jeanine Henry, Integra Bank; Frank Gressly, Kirk Ketchum, Chamber of Commerce Service Corporation; Michael Toplisek, MCI; Shelly Brown, WANB; Farley Toothman, County of Greene; Bylye Miller, McDonald's; John Owen, Special Events Commission; Leigh Gardner, C.A.R.E.; and, Jack McCracken, McCracken Pharmacy.

Chad Moore, President, called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. The President requested a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Loretta Garber and seconded by Suzanne Huffman. In the interest of time, Chad Moore, on behalf of Kay Laskody, Secretary, requested the membership read the Secretary's Report (attached to their Agenda) and a motion was made by Andrew Corfont and seconded by Gordon Dane to accept same. Andrew Corfont on behalf of Brian Waychoff, read the Treasurer's report and on a motion by John Owen and seconded by Bonnie Campbell the Treasurer's report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Chad Moore reported that the Budget Committee met on January 23, 1996 and drafted a proposed budget which will be presented to the February Board for approval.

OLD BUSINESS: Jackie Dane reported all membership renewal letters went out on December 27, 1995 and thus far we have an approximate return of 70%. Follow-up letters will go out in the next few days. She also reported that the new "1996" membership dates for plaques have arrived. They can be picked up by paid members in the office and by those in attendance today who have paid. She reminded the membership that signup sheets were attached and we must have them complete so that the Chairpersons may call committee meetings asap. Chad Moore explained that the L.C.I. benefits to the Chamber have been withdrawn without any written or verbal notification. Apparently there existed a 36 month contract which expired in

June of 1996; however, the explanation received by Jackie when she spoke with Tom Roach, the local L.C.I. representative was that three major Waynesburg Chamber-member subscribers had changed long-distance carriers. Chad advised that we were already in a position to offer our membership a less expensive and excellent long distance service and that representatives of the Chamber of Commerce Service Corporation and MCI would address the membership and answer any questions. Chad advised that we believe the amount generated from our Chamber members was between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a month in business to LCI.

NEW BUSINESS: Chad Moore read a letter of resignation from Jim Moore and advised the Board that Donna Morosky of the Observer-Reporter was selected by the Executive Committee to fill Jim's term of office, which will expire at the end of this year. Chad also announced that Jim's residence burned down on Monday. He is receiving calls as to what Jim needs; he said that FFS&L has established a fire-fund for anyone who would like to donate and he also has a list of things that Jim needs . . . Jim came up with this list because so many people were insistent on information about personal "item" donations. Chad said the list would be with Jackie if anyone wanted to inquire. Andrew Corfont stated that after talking with Chad and friends of Jim's he realized that there are many people who would like to help in any way possible. He mentioned that Suzanne Huffman suggested a "shower." There was lengthy discussion about what might be done; however, the matter was left on the table for future discussion among members and friends. Chad welcomed as new members: Melody Longstreth and Gordon Dane and advised the membership that Melody Longstreth and Don Headlee of First Federal Savings and Loan were co-chairing the Christmas Parade for 1996. Chad Moore also advised the membership that the now defunct Downtown Merchant's Association has offered approximately \$1,800 to The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce to be used for a "downtown" project. He advised the Board that there was an announcement in the Newsletter requesting the membership to send in their recommendations on use of this money. There is also a form attached to the agenda for those present to fill in suggestions. Chad advised that sign-up sheets are attached to the general member-

ship packet and to please sign up for one or more committees and return to Jackie. Chad also discussed the idea of giving people who are new to the area a small gift from the Chamber, i.e., packets, pins or temporary membership. Chad ask Jackie to announce the blood drive since Pauline was not present. Health Trax Rehabilitation Systems Physical Therapy Center will sponsor a blood drive at their clinic from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 6, 1996 in cooperation with the Greene County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Chad requested questions, ideas, announcements and/or comments from the membership. Farley Toothman, Commissioner, talked about Economic Development and the newly-formed "Greene Team," inviting all to become involved. He said they are trying to bring people together and their mission will be retention of business & growth, attraction of new business and incubation of ideas into small business with continued stability and grow. The next meeting will be this Friday, February 2nd at the Borough Council and the following Thursday. He also discussed Bicentennial; glad to see our committee acknowledged the County's responsibility; they will have a master calendar and hopes we can all pull together. Chad assured him that the Chamber will take a leadership position if desirable; however, he requested the County keep us abreast of developments and suggestions as to our contribution. Chad introduced Kirk D. Ketchum, Director of Marketing for Chamber of Commerce Service Corporation who explained the new partnership with MCI Telecommunications, specifically **ChamberCall**, an integrated suite of telecommunications services designed to provide Chamber members with the latest in technology and dramatic savings on long distance and toll calls. He introduced Michael Poplisek, Account Development Manager for MCI to answer questions from the membership. The membership responded positively and asked numerous questions. Chad thanked the membership and representatives for their attendance.

On a motion by Andrew Corfont and seconded by Bonnie Campbell, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Dane,
Executive Director

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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.

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(Optional) Name _____

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