



CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce
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★ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ★

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1999

12:00 Noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

PROGRAM: EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WAYNESBURG BOROUGH POLICE BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Presented by: Waynesburg Borough Police Chief, Timothy Hawfield

Please join us. If you cannot attend, please feel free to send a representative.

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR MESS!!

Our new office space in the lobby of the Fort Jackson Building continues to evolve. We are still surrounded by boxes of files and bags of trash. Two storage areas were cleaned out which added to the pile. The space still needs a good cleaning although most of the dirt went home with us on our clothes. The space will be a very unique place once we reach the bottom of all the piles and boxes. Construction is also underway to provide adequate lighting, power sources and phone lines. We do apologize for any phone calls that may have gone unanswered, there were some days that we could'nt even find the phone! Our E-mail and Web Site are not back up and running after the move but should be back in service in a few weeks. Please stop in and check out the new space when you have a chance.

Christmas Ornaments

During our move, two boxes of the 1998 edition of the Chamber's Christmas Bulbs featuring the Carmichaels Covered Bridge were discovered and a list of who had taken bulbs for sale was lost! We ask any member who has them to please let us know how many you have and return them along with any money you have collected. If you think you may be able to continue selling them and would like to keep what you have, just give the office a call.

The Year 2000

"We of the generation that will reach the turn of the century at about the age of 40 can only face the century to come with a weighty consciousness of all that has ailed us in the one that is waning."

Larry Wolfe, Professor of European History - Boston University

MEMBERSHIP DUES – A Necessary Contribution

To date, about 60% of the 1999 dues have been returned. To those of you who responded so quickly - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!! As you know, membership dues represent a huge portion of our operating income. The remaining comes from various fund raisers each year. Your dues enable the Chamber to remain open and providing services to and on behalf of YOU - the member. If you have not already done so, please remit your dues as soon as possible. Your 1999 sticker for your membership plaque will be mailed as soon as your dues are received. Soon a new membership directory will be going to print. Only active members will be included so don't delay, send in your dues today. Also, some advertising opportunities will exist in the new directory, if you would like more information, please contact our office.

Hospice Care of The Washington Hospital . . .

Invites you to join the United States Postal Service in the issuance of its newest commemorative first class stamp in recognition of the 3,000 hospices, 25,000 professionals, and more than 100,000 volunteers who have made hospice the quality end-of-life choice.



The "Hospice Care" stamp design is a butterfly over a home, symbolizing life's journey to its final stage. The stamp presents an opportunity both nationally and locally to share the message that dying well, surrounded by friends and loved ones, is an option available to all Americans.

Persons facing a life-limiting illness should not feel alone or abandoned. Hospice Care of The Washington Hospital assists families in accepting the fragile nature of life, in appreciating each day, and in offering companionship.

Hospice cares for the ENTIRE person by embracing the concept of total, compassionate care for the terminally ill. The committed team focuses on living each day to the fullest with every effort to help the patient realize a dignified death. In addition, support services are provided to the loved ones caring for the patient during illness and into bereavement.

To be eligible for services, a person must be diagnosed with a terminal illness and have a prognosis of six months or less based on disease progression under normal circumstances.

Care is provided to all hospice patients regardless of ability to pay. For those individuals without adequate insurance coverage, who meet the admission eligibility requirements, care is provided through Hospice Care's Free Care Fund.

Most of us enter into this world surrounded by care, comfort, and love. Shouldn't individuals receive that same care, comfort, and love when faced with a life-limiting illness? To see how Hospice Care of The Washington Hospital can help you and your loved ones, call (724) 228-4580 in Washington or (724) 627-8118 in Waynesburg.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 27, 1999
Golden Corral Restaurant

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randall Kennedy - Greene ARC, Kathleen Gregg - Greene Co. School to Work, Robyn Riggs - Cellular One, Kay Laskody - Mountainview Gardens. Mary Parkinson - Honorary, Charles Perrine - Waynesburg College, Suzanne Huffman - Communications Development, Katy Shultz - Hospice, Susan Stoy - Rep. Bill DeWeese Office, John Glass - Observer Reporter, Ed DeVose - Observer Reporter, Andrew Corfont - Community Bank, Pauline Crumrine - Nova Care, John Martin - Nova Care, Ray Chaney - Alltel, Merle Williams - Alltel, Chad Moore - First Federal, Gloria Richter - Pizza Hut, Carol Howard - McDonalds, Wayne Malone - McDonalds, Shirley Stockdale - Clerk of Courts, John Owen - Special Events Commission, Millie Wonderling - Bowlby Library, Ruth Enci - Area Agency on Aging, Sheila Barger - National City, Mary Pruss - Peacock Keller and Tom Hoffman of Consol.

President **Mary K. Pruss** called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by those present and on a motion by **John Owen**, seconded by **Carol Howard**, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. The Secretary's Report was read by Board Secretary **Robyn Riggs**. **Kay Laskody** moved that the report be accepted, **Katy Shultz** seconded the motion and the motion passed. **President Mary Pruss** presented a review of the 1998 budget and actual finances as compiled by **Linda Corfont**. The books were audited and the findings used to prepare a proposed 1999 budget which was also presented to the members. **President Mary Pruss** asked for input from the membership to be directed to herself or the Chamber office prior to the February Board meeting. She also thanked **Linda Corfont** for her work on auditing the accounts. **OLD BUSINESS:** **Mary Pruss** introduced the new Chamber Coordinator **Melody Longstreth**. She is returning to the Chamber position after five and a half years with First Federal Savings and Loan. **Melody** will also serve as the County Tourism Coordinator for the County of Greene. The 1998 Christmas Bulb featuring the Carmichaels Covered Bridge is still available for sale, however, **Mary Pruss** asked those members who still have bulbs to phone the office if they would like to keep them on sale or to return the bulbs and money to the Chamber Office. A hand out of the new Board of Directors listing was also presented to the membership. **Secretary Robyn Riggs** read a letter of Thanks from the Waynesburg Central Quarter Back Club thanking the Chamber for the honor of the team being named as an Honorary Parade Marshal for the 1998 Christmas Parade.

NEW BUSINESS: A sign-up sheet for the Chamber Committees was passed around the

room and **President Mary Pruss** encouraged members to sign up to volunteer on those committees. **Kay Laskody** expressed her interest in the Beautification Committee in the hopes that committee may be able to work with the Waynesburg Borough to combine funds and ideas for the area. **Charles Perrine** of Waynesburg College announced that on February 10th at 7:30 p.m. in Stover Center, Bruce Bickle, Vice President of the PNC Charitable Trust Department would be speaking on Business Ethics and encouraged everyone to attend.

President Mary Pruss introduced the speaker, Mr. Thomas Hoffman, Vice President - Public Relations for Consol, Inc. He reviewed the impact of Coal in Greene County. Greene County is in the middle of coal country and is a major coal producer. In the United States 1.1 Billion tons of coal are mined, in Pennsylvania 74 Million tons are mined making Pennsylvania the 4th largest producer in the United States. Greene County mines 35 Million tons ranking it first in production in Pennsylvania. Washington county and Greene county combined make up 65% of all coal mined in the state. Greene County is the 3rd largest coal producing county in the Country, only a county in Wyoming and one in Kentucky produces more. 90% of the coal mined in the United States stays in the states to generate electric. Pennsylvania utilities have consumed 15% more electric over three years ago. We take for granted that there will always be power to operate all of our appliances and the like. In Greene County, a total of 1,217 people are employed in the coal industry with an average salary of \$57,000 a year. 320 of those employees are residents of Greene County. In the state of Pennsylvania 7 Billion is spent for the coal industry to do business with other business in the surrounding area from such things as uniform cleaning services and catering services, all the way to the purchase of a Long Wall Miner from a manufacturer in Washington County. Coal in Greene County remains an important economic engine.

Ruth Enci suggested that our Chamber combine with the Carmichaels Chamber to do a Business Fair at the Fairgrounds to promote all the area businesses. **Suzanne Huffman** stated that, "that idea is part of the Chamber's long Range Plan" and invited her to join that committee.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on February 24th here at the Golden Corral. The speaker is Waynesburg Borough Police Chief, Timothy Hawfield.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by **Kay Laskody**, seconded by **Andrew Corfont**, the meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melody R. Longstreth

Miss Pennsylvania to Visit Greene County

Mayra Acosta, the reigning Miss Pa. will visit Greene County on March 3&4. She will visit WCES to read to the students and the Middle School to discuss CPR Training. She is being sponsored here by Pennsylvania Services Corp. Any business wishing to donate an item for a welcome basket being presented to Miss Acosta should contact Andrew Corfont at 852-1715.

COLLEGE RADIO STATION NOW BROADCASTS ON THE WEB

Waynesburg College's radio station, WCYJ-FM "The Buzz", can now be accessed through the World Wide Web. Listeners can log onto the College site at <http://waynesburg.edu> and locate the direct link to the station. "The Buzz" programming includes the latest music, sports, news, and College information. The station operates 24 hours a day.

Waynesburg Male Chorus Seeks New Members

Men who like to sing and want to join a local chorus are invited to participate in a March 2 evening concert. Coordinated by Waynesburg College, no auditions are required—just a willingness to attend rehearsals and sing in the concert. Repertoire will include some barbershop tunes, a Renaissance motet, familiar hymn arrangements, and southern gospel tunes.

Contact 724.852.3347 for more information.

LOCAL FOSSILS FEATURED AT COLLEGE MUSEUM

The Waynesburg College Museum is featuring a special fossil show for the month of February. The displays include fossils from all over the world, with special emphasis on fossils made by the coal from the ancient swamps of Greene County. One featured display is of dinosaur bones which includes part of a woolly mammoth jaw bone found near West Greene High School.

This display is both interesting and educational for all ages. Admission is free. Group tours should call in advance. Arrangements can be made by contacting Professor Randolph at 724.852.3214. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Volunteers Needed

Our committee sign up sheet will be passed around at the next few meetings. Some committees still need volunteers. The committees are a very important part of the Chamber. They plan for the Chamber's future, they plan for the future of our area, they award our Distinguished Service Awards and Scholarship money, they plan and execute community events such as the Christmas Parade and Miss Rain Day Pageant. These committees also provide you an excellent chance to meet other business people and provide a great networking opportunity.

CHAMBER CHATTER INPUT

If anyone would like to submit articles to be printed in the newsletter, we would love to have your input. The deadline for each month follows:

March 10th	April 5th	May 10th	June 7th
July 6th	August 9th	September 7th	October 12th
November 8th	December 6th		

Inserts are also accepted, however there is a charge of \$65.00 to help cover the additional postage. Approximately 250 8 by 11 1/2 folded inserts are required. Deadlines for the inserts are the same as above. Please phone ahead to be placed on the schedule for inserts.

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