

CHAMBER CHATTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"Six more weeks" according to Punxsutawney Phil that means it is chamber membership renewal time. If you have already renewed, glad to have you back, if not now is the time.

Last week I had the chance to speak with Don & Jeanette Lindsey of Waynesburg Milling Co., they were touched by the kind notes from the chamber members. As of now they are open for business at the old Big Wheel plaza, plans for rebuilding are underway. They will have our continued support.

By now the entire chamber membership should have received a letter in regard to the Community View Book. If you want to participate it is important that you return the pink card that was enclosed with the letter to Melody at the chamber office. The published color book will be a great asset to the chamber members and potential residents and industry's.

The revitalization is alive and well, the committee met last month with Bill Fontana from Pennsylvania Downtown Center. Bill gave a great layout of how we can make revitalization work for our community. He has made a commitment to work with the committee in helping us move forward to accomplish our goals. It's not too late to join in, just let Melody know you want to be included.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Respectfully,
Susan W. Stoy

Welcome New Member

Advanced Physical Therapy Services
130 Bill George Drive
Contact – Ms. Lisa D. Bower
(724)627-0685
Fax (724)627-0849
Physical Therapy – Out Patient
2-3 employees

Regional Artists Serve Up Ceramic Platters Exhibition

Ten Pennsylvania and West Virginia Clay Artists will exhibit their works at the Benedum Fine Arts Gallery On the Waynesburg College campus from February 12 through March 1. Local Artists will include:

Laura Schlesingar of Carmichaels; Jim & Linda Winegar of Graysville; Ami Hirata, Susan Keresztury, Louise Lamar - Fuller of Morgantown; Lambros Tshulares of Wheeling; Susan Phillips of Amity, Richard (Duke) Miecznikowski of Monessen and Dale Huffman of Pittsburgh.

Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m. and other times by appointment by calling 724-852-3274. The public is invited to a closing reception on Thursday, March 1 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The artists will be present to greet the public. Refreshments will be served.



The Lyric Consort

*The Lyric Consort Musical
Riches of the Acappella Tradition*

March 3, 2001- 7:30 PM
Waynesburg College Performing Arts Center, Waynesburg, PA

Children's Performance
March 3, 2001- 2 PM
Waynesburg Theater, Waynesburg, PA

"Perfectly sung. Compelling, for all the right reasons. It was music fit for a king."

The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

Greene County Council on the Arts is pleased to invite the Lyric Consort to Greene County. Garnering consistent critical acclaim, this group's vocal work has been compared to a full orchestra's spectacular sound. The Lyric Consort will perform a concert with music chosen to appeal to a young audience in the afternoon, with an additional concert for adults in the evening. Children may attend the evening performance also.

"This exemplary group possesses all the ingredients for resounding success."

The Scranton Times



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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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FEBRUARY 28, 2001
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Greene County Vo-Tech School Culinary Department

**SPEAKER: JOHN LOVINGOOD, EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATES
CHAMBER MEMBER, OWNER OF EAGLE ONE AVIATION & RETIRED U.S. AIR CAPTAIN**
TOPIC: THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE AIRPORT IN GREENE COUNTY

Community View Book Sales Associate To Join Chamber Staff In February

Beginning in February, a sales associate from *Village Profile* will take up residence in the Chamber office to begin the ad sales process for Waynesburg's Community View Book. The response to the initial mailing has been wonderful and it appears that many of our members are very interested in becoming a part of this book. *Village Profile* will produce a full color quality of life magazine for Waynesburg. This book will be used to recruit new residents and businesses for the Waynesburg area. The publication will be distributed by the Chamber office and the Kirby Welcome Center. It will contain full color photos that show the true quality of life and charm that Waynesburg has to offer. Articles will cover education, employment, recreations, history, etc. It is the goal to have the book ready by Rain Day. If you have not received a letter and would like further information regarding the advertising opportunities please contact the Chamber office at 627-5926.

Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee Meeting

*All Members Are Urged To
Attend This Meeting*

Mr. Bill Fontana, Director of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center will review the Visioning Process. The process will take place during a series of four public meetings which will be planned at this meeting. Various committees are needed to execute the plan and they will be explained and set up at this meeting. It is expected that this process will take four to six months. Your participation in this committee meeting is vital, we need your input and support to make this project happen.

Monday, March 12th, 2001
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Stover Center, Waynesburg College
Lunch - \$6 (includes, tax and tip)
R.S.V.P. is necessary

American HEART Month

February is American Heart Month, the perfect time to let you know about the Dr. Dean Ornish Program for Reversing Heart Disease. Since Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield began offering this internationally acclaimed program in November 1997, approximately 400 area men and women have participated in the year long treatment program or as part of the week-long retreat called Camp HealthPLACE.

The program is administered through Highmark's HealthPLACE Centers in McCandless, West Mifflin and downtown Pittsburgh at Fifth Avenue Place. The program focuses on comprehensive lifestyle changes to improve coronary heart disease.

Highmark is the only health insurer in the country to provide and pay for this program. It is free to qualified members enrolled in any Highmark plan A doctor's approval is necessary to participate if you meet eligibility criteria. So, speak to your primary care physician or cardiologist and see if the program can benefit you.

More information is available by calling 1-800-447-1352 or www.highmark.com

If you are interested in providing healthcare coverage for your employees contact a ChamberChoice representative at 1-800-377-3539.

THANKS...THANKS!!!

A special thank you goes out to the Observer Reporter who donated ad space to the Chamber so we could thank all those who were involved staging the Annual Christmas Parade. The parade is our biggest community service projects and one that does not generate any revenue. Our community service mission is important to the quality of life here and thanks to the Observer, we were able to give a pat on the back to our outstanding volunteers. Thanks again!



2000 Christmas Parade Grand Marshalls Miss Rain Day Abyssa Corfont and Distinguished Service Award Winner - Arthur Tennant.

MEMBER PROFILES TO BEGIN

Each month, as space permits, we would like to profile as many members as possible. If you would like to have your business considered for a profile, please complete the following and submit with a photo if possible. We will use all that is presented as soon as space permits. If you have any questions regarding the profiles, please contact the office. This is a great way to introduce your business and services to other members!

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Owners: _____

Phone: _____

Local Contacts: _____

Web Site: _____

Type of Business: _____

Attach a Description of Business and Services

WE LOVE RENEWALS!!

Thank you to the following members for promptly renewing their 2001 membership investment:

Waddell & Reed
 Waynesburg Chiropractic Clinic
 Waynesburg Milling Company, Inc.
 Bowlby Public Library
 Community Action Southwest
 First Baptist Church
 Greene County Historical Society
 Greene County United Way
 Humane Society of Greene County
 Special Events Commission
 University of Pittsburgh Small Business
 Development Center
 Washington-Greene Job Training Agency
 Waynesburg Lodge #469 I.O.O.F.
 Sandra J. Wise, Individual Member
 Walton Financial Services
 Waynesburg Lions Club
 West Penn Motor Club
 American Legion-James Farrell Post #330
 Child Care Information Services of
 Greene County
 Corner Cupboard Food Bank
 First Presbyterian Church
 Greene County School to Work
 Hospice Care of the Washington Hospital
 Social Service League of Waynesburg
 Team Penna. CareerLink
 Warrior Trail School
 Waynesburg Fraternal Order of Eagles
 George Keener, Individual Member
 Thomas R. Wise, Individual Member
 Honorable Bill DeWeese State Representative
 Interval Chiropractic Center
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 Southwestern Pa Area Agency on Aging
 Specialty Herbal Products & Alternatives
 Stanley E. L. Falor, M.D.
 Janice Flynn State Farm Insurance
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 The Locker Room
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 Landscape Supply
 Timothy N. Logan, Esquire
 Travel Savers
 Triangle Hotel, Inc.
 Vissman Therapeutics Inc.
 Neubauer's Flowers

Pecjak's Sunoco
 Producers Supply Co.
 Rhodes & Hammers Printing
 Toothman Dental Center
 Acorn Acres Bed & Breakfast
 Barna's Furniture & Appliance
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 Borzik Photography & Ident-a-Kid Services
 Carmichaels Hose Company
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 Westmoreland County Community College
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 Chuck's Collision Shop, Inc.
 Greene County Messenger
 Humble Carpet
 Kiwi Fence Systems, Inc.
 State Senator Barry Stout-46th District Office
 Groovy's American Cafe
 Carl Tustin-Individual Member

Update on Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield's One-life Groups

In December 2000, it was announced that the PA Insurance Department (PID) denied Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield's request to a new rate factor filing. This rate factor filing was intended to develop a factor (differential) between a group of one, and groups of two to fifty insured employees.

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield is now in the process of working with the PID to obtain a fair actuarial rate factor for the insurance risk related to groups of one enrolled through association business. This includes ChamberChoice. Highmark is evaluating additional product options developed for sole proprietor.

Currently, those groups of one enrolled through ChamberChoice will continue to remain insured, and the July 1, 2001 renewal process will include the development of renewal rates for groups of one.

ChamberChoice will provide any new information as it is made available. Their representatives are available to assist in your employee benefits needs and can be contacted at 1-800-377-3539.

NEW BOARD OFFICERS

Officers for 2001 were elected recently. They are; President Susan Stoy, Vice President Charles Perrine, Treasurer Jeanine Henry and Secretary Pam Bogucki.



Left-Right: Pam, Charles, Susan and Jeanine.

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Training Events for the First Quarter 2001

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	TIME
3/8/01	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	Washington Federal 77 S. Main Street Washington, PA	8:00-10 a.m.
3/8/01	"SBIR/STTR"	University Club 532 Masonic Temple	8:00-4:00 p.m.
3/14/01	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	Pitt's Main Campus	8:00-10 a.m.
3/20/01	"Keeping Your Finger on the Pulse of Your Business"	University Club	1:30-5:30 p.m.

For more information on SBIR, Entrepreneurial Fellows Center & Family Enterprise Center programs call 412-648-1542.

Multimedia Technology for Adult Education, Training Available

Team Pennsylvania Career Link announces a new partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education, Verizon and PBS to provide Workplace Essential Skills training throughout Pennsylvania.

Workplace Essential Skills is a multimedia system for adults that combines print, video and online learning to improve vital workplace basic skills. The Workplace Essential Skills series helps adults develop the skills they need to locate and maintain jobs. Accompanying workbooks and online components are designed to reinforce the critical skills presented in the video; and to assist learners as they apply these practices in real-life contexts.

Workplace Essential Skills was created for pre-GED (6th to 8th grade reading level) adult learners. The tapes and workbooks also help students move toward GED-level work. Material is included to help learners design the most effective course of study. A teacher's guide accompanies the series. The first eight programs will:

- enhance the viewer's chances of finding a job and of developing short-and long-term career goals, with an emphasis on reading, writing, math, communication, and problem-solving skills, and
- enhance the viewer's chances of making a good impression, making the most of introductory/training period on the job, and growing into and with the job.

The remaining 16 instructional programs will help learners develop basic skills in reading, writing, math, problem solving, and communication. The skills content in each program is introduced and demonstrated via scenarios drawn from four workplace contexts, construction, manufacturing, health care, and retail/service. An orientation program for participating viewers rounds out the series.

Businesses find the series helpful for current employees seeking to maintain or add to their work skills. Workers can accommodate busy work and family schedules and still pursue training

utilizing the self-study student workbooks. These programs allow employees to set their own pace, whether viewing the video tapes or logging on the Internet at any time, 24 hours-a-day/seven days-a-week or a combination that best meets their personal schedules.

Local Team Pennsylvania CareerLink partnerships will also mobilize resources to enable customers to select from a wide variety of options tailored to their local community needs. Television broadcasts, videotapes, workbooks, public access to online Internet portions of the program and "virtual classroom" support (in selected pilot areas) are available program components.

Last October, PBS stations began broadcasting the series of 25, one-half hour episodes that focus on employment, communication, writing, reading and math skills to improve basic job skills and opportunities. Stations participating in the project include: WHY-Philadelphia, WQED-Pittsburgh, WITF-Harrisburg, WVIA-Pittston, WLVT-Bethlehem, WPSX-University Park, WQLN-Erie, and WNJN-Trenton, NJ.

CONGRATULATIONS VO-TECH STUDENTS

Eight culinary students from the Greene County Vo-Tech School had the opportunity to work in the kitchens of several large hotels during the Presidential Inaugural weekend in Washington DC. They worked at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel and the Grand Hyatt Hotel in various food service jobs. Director of the Vo-Tech's Culinary Arts program, Dan Wagner was able to obtain permission for the students to travel to Washington and take part in these prestigious parties. Several of the students met stars and had the opportunity to work with award winning chefs.



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The Observer Reporter recently donated a copy of "A pictorial History of Washington and Greene Counties" To the Chamber office. Accepting the book is President, Susan Stoy. Presenting the book is John Glass.

**Interested in state contracting?
State MBE/WBE certification?
Don't know where to turn?**

Meet *one-on-one* with the Western Regional representative for the PA Bureau of Contract Administration and Business Development

Where can I do this?

When will it be?

What do I have to do?

How much does it cost?

At the SBA's new Business Information Center located at Riverside Commons
Once a month beginning in January
(see dates below).

Call Donald Nemchick at 412-322-6441 to schedule an appointment.

It's free!

That's February 28th, March 28th, and April 25th at 700 River Avenue, Suite 510, Pittsburgh, PA, 15212.



Schedule for 2001

- February 22 Todd Beckham, Harpsichord Recital
Waynesburg College PAC, 7:30 PM
- March 3 Lyric Consort, Vocalists
Waynesburg Theater, 2:00 PM
Waynesburg College PAC, 7:30 PM
- April 8 Pitt Civic Orchestra
Waynesburg High School, 3:00 PM
- May 17 Radio Days (part of Gift of Music Series)
Capital Music Hall, Wheeling, WV, 7:30 PM
- July 16-21 Art Show
Held in conjunction with Waynesburg College
- October 17 Rand Whipple performs Shakespeare's Clowns
In the local schools and Waynesburg College PAC



Pageant Chair, Robyn Riggs, presenting school plaque to Miss Rain Day Alyssa Corfont and WCHS principal John Barbero.

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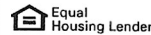
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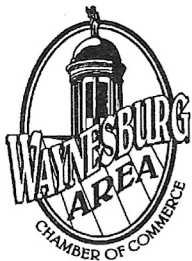
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