



CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

We Are Very Grateful To . . .

John Owen for his leadership . . . Andrew Corfont for his tireless efforts and in bringing us, year after year, the exceptionally professional Miss Rain Day Pageant, along with Linda Corfont and the multitude of volunteers who spend months planning, coordinating and executing this "must see" event; Kevin Policz . . . for his organizational expertise and dedication on many occasions, not the least of which was his Chairmanship of the Christmas Parade. First Federal for their numerous donations and "personpower" (Chad Moore . . . terrific job on Golf Outing and Juvenile Diabetes "Walk for the Cure"); Community, Integra and Fayette Bank... you are always there for the community you serve. A special thanks to our Distinguished and Honorary Members, Jack McCracken and Harry Anderson—we all know what exceptional gentlemen they are and we are grateful for their chairmanship of the DSA Banquet and their many contributions to the Chamber and their community. We thank the DSA Committee for their time and efforts in selecting and honoring one of our outstanding citizens, Ken Stilwell. Brian Waychoff, thanks for the moonlighting on the "Rain Day" construction and Christmas Wreath lights, along with John Owen (congratulations on your new position as Executive

Director of United Way) and Loretta Garber of Integra (a welcome addition to our Board this year). Particular thanks to our outgoing Board members, John Owen, Jack McCracken, Harry Anderson, Pauline Crumrine and Linda Krajnak, for their generous contribution of considerable volunteer time, reflection and service. Jim Moore will be missed on the Board by all of us who have worked with him and enjoy his marvelous wit and astute observations. GET WELL JIM - We need you! Thanks Sheila Barger for your input, our loss is Carmichael's gain. Kay Laskody for her consistent dedication; and the Greene County Job Center (Thanks Stan!!). We have received wonderful media support this year and great photogs . . . speaking of "developments," Jack & Gretchen have had a fruitful year . . . Congratulations! Rhodes & Hammers for your sense of humor, particularly over deadlines! Thanks to Mary Pruss for advice & counsel, Millie Wonderling for her gracious assistance and John Loeper for his service. Throughout the year we have tried to thank each of you who have been particularly thoughtful . . . All of you who have supported the Chamber with your membership, ads and participation are our "lifeline." You reflect the spirit and excellence of the Waynesburg Area.

1996 Officers

- Chad Moore President
First Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
- Andrew Corfont Vice President
Community Bank
- Brian Waychoff Treasurer
Fayette Bank
- Kay Laskody Secretary
Mt. View Gardens
- Jacqueline Dane .. Executive Director-Elect

New Board of Directors

- Five positions filled, effective January 1, 1996:
- Vicki Bruno Mickey's Men's Store
- Suzanne Huffman Communications
Development Company
- Kevin Policz Kevmar Enterprises
- Farley Toothman Greene County
Commissioner
- Ann Whipkey Huffman-Whipkey
Insurance Company

Blood Drive

HEALTH TRAX REHABILITATION SYSTEMS PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTER will sponsor a blood drive at their clinic: 325 East High Street, Waynesburg (412/627-9489) from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 pm., on Tuesday, February 6, 1996, in cooperation with the Greene County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Newsletter Inserts & Advertising Policy

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General Membership Meeting and Speaker Wednesday, January 31, 1996 at Noon The Iron Griddle Restaurant

Kirk D. Ketchum, Director of Marketing
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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: John Owen, Special Events Commission; Chad Moore, First Federal Savings and Loan Association; Brian Waychoff, Huntington Bank; Kay Laskody, Mt. View Gardens; Harry S. Anderson, Honorary Member; Stan Majesky, Greene County Job Center; Ann M. Whipkey, Huffman-Whipkey Insurance; Mary K. Pruss, Peacock, Keller...; Loretta Garber, Integra Bank; Suzanne Huffman, Radio Shack; Toby Fancher, Fancher Graphics; Bylye S. Miller, McDonald's; Jack McCracken, McCracken's Pharmacy & Honorary Member; Linda C. Corfont, Linda C. Corfont, CPA; Donna Morosky, Observer-Reporter; Michelle Conaway, Rhodes & Hammers Printing; Frank Gressly, Consultant; Walter R. Christopher; Andrew Corfont, Community Bank; Arthur Tennant, Retired; Farley Toothman, Toothman Dental Center; Kevin Policz, Kevmar Enterprises; Barbara Moschetta, Barbara's Dancing School; Victoria Bruno, Mickey's Men's Store; and, Robert H. Teagarden, Retired (I.O.O.F.).

President John Owen called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room. John Owen called for approval of the October 25, 1995 minutes. On a motion by Stan Majesky and seconded by Jack McCracken, the minutes were approved. Brian Waychoff gave the Treasurer's Report; on a motion by Harry Anderson and a second by Mary Pruss, the Treasurer's report was approved. Kay Laskody requested that the membership read the Secretary's Report, attached to their Agenda (in the interest of time) and on a motion by Ann Whipkey and a second by Harry Anderson, the Secretary's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Andrew Corfont [Chairman, Holiday Sing-A-Long] reported that the Sing-A-Long was receiving the expected response. Approximately 7 groups have responded and we expect approximately 10 separate entertainment groups and/or individuals, including Margaret Bell Miller Middle School, Jefferson Morgan High School, Waynesburg Central High School, East Ward Elementary School and Amber Chaudhry will perform. In addition we will have "Santa Claus" who will pass out treats to the children, which will be provided by First Federal Savings and Loan and Community Bank. In addition, First Federal will be putting "luminaries" up and down High Street

and we ask the community to support their efforts. Corner Cupboard Food Bank will have a concession, selling hot drinks and food. We have given them this opportunity to raise money for the food bank and are grateful they will also provide refreshments for the spectators. Please encourage everyone to turn out for this wonderful occasion, since it promises to be a heartwarming evening and a wonderful beginning for the Christmas Season; this is a yearly event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; W.A.N.B. will tape the show.

Kevin Policz [Chairman, Christmas Parade] Kevin reports that over 300 letters were sent out by the Chamber Office, inviting schools, bands, queens, princesses and princes, civic organizations, scouts, horse owners, clubs, fire departments, the police department, politicians, membership, businesses and more, to participate in the Christmas Parade. Press Releases have gone out as well. Bill Molzon and WCYJ Television will tape the entire parade, which will be broadcast at a later date. He has lined up workers and the committee, including Suzanne Huffman, Andrew Corfont, are working to make this a very special day. This also is a yearly event sponsored by the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

OLD BUSINESS: John Owen announced the Board nominees are as follows: Ann Whipkey, Huffman-Whipkey Insurance; Christine Gardner, Hospice Care, Inc.; David Cline, Waynesburg College; Farley Toothman, Toothman Dental Center; Judy Rostoka, W.A.N.B.; Kevin Policz, Kevmar Enterprises; Linda Krajnak, West Penn Power Co.; Merle Williams, Alltel; Sheila Christopher, Corner Cupboard Food Bank; Shirley Stockdale, Clerk of Courts; Suzanne Huffman, Fancher Graphics; and, Vicki Bruno, Mickey's Men's Store.

NEW BUSINESS: John Owen announced the following to the membership: The membership is to vote for five (5) of the nominees. **ONE VOTE PER BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.** John advised the members present that ballots would be picked up (and signed for) from Jackie Dane. After voting (no more than five (5), please turn your ballot over to Jacqueline Dane, Executive Secretary and Kay Laskody, Board Secretary, who will in turn count votes and turn over the tally sheet to John Owen.

During the voting John Owen read a letter from Ken Stilwell thanking the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

for their presentation to him of the Distinguished Service Award. It was a thoughtful and warmhearted letter and was received with applause from the membership.

John also introduced to the assemblage Mr. Robert Teagarden, Noble Grand and Art Tennant, Treasurer of the Waynesburg Lodge #469, International Organization of Oddfellows and they presented to the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce a check in the amount of \$500.00 toward our scholarship fund. Mr. Teagarden and Mr. Tennant congratulated the Chamber on their fine work and pledged their continued support. The I.O.O.F. were roundly applauded for their presentation and given sincerest thanks from John Owen on behalf of the Chamber.

The Board meeting for December will be held on at noon on December 6, 1995, at Rohannas; and, there will be no General Meeting in December. John asked if there were any objections to this change in schedule and it was unanimously approved. At this time the Board will select the new officers for 1996. John also thanked everyone for their support and for all the help he has been given . . . he appreciates everyone who has worked to continue, maintain and promote the good and valuable services of the Chamber of Commerce.

John Owen, President, received the tally sheet and announced the following new board members to replace those members whose terms expired the end of 1995. The Board Members to be replaced are: John Owen, Harry Anderson, Pauline Crumrine, Jack McCracken, and Linda Krajnak. The new board members, whose terms will expire December 1998 are: (in no particular order)

ANN WHIPKEY, FARLEY TOOTHMAN, KEVIN POLICZ, SUZANNE HUFFMAN & VICKI BRUNO

Congratulations to our new board members!

John Owen asked if anyone else had anything to say for the "good of the order" and Farley Toothman gave his thanks and pledged his time and efforts toward a meaningful tenure with the Chamber and our community.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Stan Majesky and seconded by Harry Anderson, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jacqueline Dane,
Executive Secretary

Thank You From John Owen

Dear Chamber Members,

I want to thank each of you for the support you have given me as Chamber president over the past two and one-half years. Not only has it been an honor representing the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, it has been a lot of fun too.

I am proud of the many things we have accomplished and hope that "the surface has just been scratched" for the things that the Waynesburg Chamber can, and will do in the future....we have so much to offer.

With Greene County celebrating its 200th birthday, 1996 will be an important year for the Chamber. My hope is that you will give Chad, the other offices and Jackie the support you gave me.

Thanks for the plaque, the many, many fond memories and the friendships. Keep up the good work — you're GREAT!! John

How Would You Spend \$2,000.00?

This is not a trick question. The Chamber of Commerce may receive a donation of \$2,000 to be spent in some way that would permanently benefit the downtown merchants. Jot down your suggestions, opinion or other comments in this space and mail it to the Chamber. ALL RESPONSES WILL BE SHARED WITH YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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