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# CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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## THANK YOU FROM ANDREW CORFONT, 1997 CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Dear Chamber Members:

It's hard to believe that my year as President is over. But before it's over I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support during the past year. It has truly been an honor to serve you once again as President of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has made some very important changes, positioning us for the future. We formed a partnership with the County of Greene to better provide services to the area. The Chamber and the Tourism Office were providing much of the same functions. By combining the two offices we were able to eliminate duplication of services and able to save expenses for both offices. We are very excited about establishing a relationship with the Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce and we look forward to future projects with them. We also worked with Waynesburg College to provide an enjoyable evening of music to kick off the Holiday season this year. All of this would not be possible without your continued support. I would like to thank the office staff, Jackie and Carol for their dedication to the Chamber and my fellow officers, Suzanne, Jackie, and Selene. A special thank you goes out to the Board of Directors and the Chairmen of the various committees. The Chamber is not run by one but by all who are concerned for WAYNESBURG BUSINESSES. I also must thank Miss Rain Day 1997 Autumn Marisa and the 1997 Distinguished Service Award Winner, Bonnie Smouse for being wonderful Ambassadors of the Chamber. I look forward to continuing my work with the Miss Rain Day Pageant as we celebrate its 20th Birthday!

I would like to wish John Owen and the new officers good luck. I also ask that you continue to support and encourage their good works.

One again thank you for your support and let's continue to work together for the betterment of Waynesburg and the surrounding area.

## Welcome New Members

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Stephen Drizos, President of Omni Staffing Services for your informative presentation to the General Membership on November 19th at the Pepper Tree Restaurant. Omni Staffing Services is a Pittsburgh based professional employment organization that provides an integrated, cost effective approach to managing a company's human resource, payroll and employment functions. Under a subscriber agreement Omni Staffing Service takes on the responsibility and contractual relationship of a co-employer. Omni is recognized as the general employer and the subscriber company as the work-site employer. In return, Omni becomes the employer of record for benefits, tax and payroll purposes. For further information, Omni may be reached at (412) 343-3880.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations each of you who accepted the nomination and election to our Board:

Mort Gamble	Waynesburg College
Terri Barbetta	National City Bank
Kay Laskody	Mountain View Gardens
Richard Scott	Scott Enterprises
Mary K. Pruss	Peacock, Keller, Ecker
Christine Gardner	Filling unexpired term

## General Membership Meeting Wednesday, January 28 The Golden Corral 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Kirk Ketchum, Director of Marketing  
Chamber of Commerce Service Corporation  
"Chamber Membership Opportunities"

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

## “GOOD” NEWS

Valerie Wilson, Musical Director at Waynesburg College is one of those persons you just can't say enough *good things* about. What a delightful woman to work with her . . . enthusiasm, dedication and enormous talent brought us a liturgical production entitled "Sounds of Praise and Celebration" at the college the evening of December 5th. It was a most successful and moving evening . . . Autumn Marisa, our 1997 Miss Rain Day, who sparkled like the Bethlehem star was the emcee for the evening and began by thanking everyone and introducing the evening of music beginning with Dave Coldren directing the Waynesburg Elementary Chorus, gathered around the fountain in our park singing holiday songs . . . the beginning of a magical evening. The children didn't seem to mind the snow falling as they sang surrounded by their families and friends from the community. From there the crowd walked up to the front steps of Miller Hall and were blessed with the music of the Margaret Bell Middle School Chorus under the direction of Jason Falvo, they sang in perfect harmony as the crowd continued to grow and thereafter entered Miller Hall to the music of Waynesburg Central High School Show Choir directed by Bridget Montgomery. Their performance was outstanding and festive, warming our hearts (and allowing our bodies to thaw as well). Thereafter, the First Presbyterian "Bell Choir" under the direction of Becky Humble. Lined the staircase to the upper floors as we made our way to Alumni Hall and the star production featuring the Waynesburg College Lamplighters, Twilight and the Waynesburg Community Choir. Ferd Dolfi, Jr., was pianist; there were featured soloists and instrumentalist: "Fuzzy Randolph - Bagpipes; Jamie Minder - Flute and Eli Polovina, III - Percussion. Waynesburg College, Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Greene County Tourism proudly worked together for this "historic coming together." We look forward to future opportunities and thank all those who made this evening possible.

The following day the Waynesburg Area Chamber sponsored your annual Christmas Parade. Despite the freezing cold and gusting wind and snow, the parade was a great success. Special thanks to all of you, too numerous to name, who made this "historic" parade a success. Our very special guest, Grand Marshall Emeritus General Nathaniel Greene, tipped his hat to all, seemingly mindless of the harsh weather that pelted the crowd and participants. Miles Davin proudly drove the General down High Street on a truck bed surrounded by poinsettias and draped in red, white and blue bunting.

The Christmas Float Winners were: Greene ARC's "Christmas at the ARC" - first prize of \$200; "Santa's Workshop" presented by Nanny's Creative Learning Center - second prize of \$150 and "Snoopy's Christmas" by Greene County AVTS - third prize of \$100. Honorable Mention to Community Action Southwest, the Girl Scouts of SWPA, Junior Troop 3159 and Franklin Care Center. Our thanks also to GI Johnny -

the children were thrilled as he "marched" down the street and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus were the usual "hit" of the parade. Special thanks to Carol and David Williams. There are a number of people who generously assisted with their time, talent and donations to the success of this occasion. Suzanne Huffman, who emceed the parade and was co-chair along with Jackie Brodak-Kingora; Committee Members and participants John Owen, Andrew Corfont, Richard Scott, Melody Longstreth, Selene Sowden, Carol Brodak, Kathy Cepsic, Pat Jackson and Kathleen Dukate. Also, we are most appreciative and thankful for the financial assistance and donations from Neubauer's, McCracken's Pharmacy, TCI, WANB, Rev. Richard Visser, McDonald's (Byllye Miller) for the liquid refreshments and Domino's Pizza for the "food fuel" donated for the workers. Also, ALLTEL donated time and lines for communication from the Baptist Church to the Washington Street "headquarters." Chief Hawfield, the Borough Office and Larry Marshall, along with the Department of Public Welfare for their yearly cooperation and assistance. Rhodes and Hammer Printing provided assistance for our numbered signs and "our very own" Carol Patterson was a yeoman "yeowoman" coordinator and sign-maker extraordinaire.

Waynesburg College and Mort Gamble - thanks for your financial assistance.

SHIRLEY STOCKDALE, CLERK OF COURTS - THANK YOU FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS YOU SOLD. Our "first edition" Christmas ornament with a likeness of the Courthouse sold very well; unfortunately, we were unable to sell them during the parade and still have ornaments left to sell. Remember, this is a first in a series - so begin your collection now! At \$5.00 apiece, they are a real bargain call or drop by the office . . . you will be contributing to your Chamber and beginning a collection you will enjoy for years to come . . . 1997 the year the Courthouse was renovated and General Greene came down to visit.

## DUES NEWS

Number of Employees	Dues
1-5	\$ 65.00
6-10	\$ 75.00
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By now you have received a notice of dues renewal, along with the new Membership Please pay your dues promptly so that we may "get on" with the business of recruiting NEW members and not spend administrative time sending late notices. I know you'll cooperate and if you have any questions, call Carol at 627-5926.

1997 was a memorable year for Greene County and the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. We are grateful that we were able to give back to our community; and, feel we have taken some vital steps forward in our quest to serve our membership and our citizenry. The outstanding volunteer efforts by fellow members was heartwarming and we look forward to comparable and continued commitment from each of you. Thanks to those very special individuals who participated in some memorable occasions. You may take pride in your contribution to this county. Our offices have moved to a wonderful new location, we have a partnership with the Greene County Tourism and have additional office assistance; we have taken an active role in working with our College; we were proud to host an evening forum for the judicial candidates; provide a \$1,500 scholarship award to Christopher Caprini, one of 26 applicants; raised substantial capital from our Miss Rain Day Pageant, crowning the beautiful Miss Autumn Marisa as Miss Rain Day 1997, and providing thousands in scholarship savings bonds to the sixteen contestants. In addition we hosted a Golf Outing in August, participated in the Western PA Juvenile Diabetes Foundation "Walk for the Cure" in September. We supported our Board Secretary and County Tourism Director Jackie Kingora as she and the county planners focused on the development and production of the first "Official Visitors' Guide" for Greene County. We welcome the opportunity to work hand in hand with Tourism and Economic Development for Greene County. We were also proud to present Bonnie Jean Smouse with the 1997 Distinguished Service Award, which we presented at the Corner Cupboard Foodbank's Annual Dinner in October. 1998 will bring some surprises as we continue to take a leadership role on behalf of business, industry, service organizations and tourism. Our Beautification Committee intends to initiate an aggressive campaign to assist in the revitalization of downtown Waynesburg and we look forward to serving our membership throughout the year. Let's graduate in '98 to more activity and dynamic involvement.

Jackie Camp  
Exec. Director

## Pennsylvania

"Memories Last a Lifetime"

The following is a list of our new Officers and Board of Directors . . . keep this in a handy place, and don't hesitate to call any of us with suggestions for a better Chamber, ideas for speakers, news about our fellow members.

## WAYNESBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### 1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Jacqueline A. Camp, Executive Director • Carol Patterson, Exec. Secretary*

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<b>Mort Gamble,</b> Exec. Director for College Relations WAYNESBURG COLLEGE 51 West College Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370 852-3289	2000	<b>Ann Whipkey -</b> Huffman Whipkey Insurance Agency 1122 East High Street Waynesburg, PA 15370 852-1811	1998		
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