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# CHAMBER CHATTER

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1999

12:00 Noon

GOLDEN CORRAL

**PROGRAM: TOM HOFFMAN FROM CONSOL**

**NEW YEAR, NEW OFFICE LOCATION, NEW COORDINATOR**

**COME AND SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!**

Please join us. If you cannot attend, please send your representative.

## Membership Profile

### Peacock Keller Ecker & Crothers, LLP.

Ralph Peacock began practicing law in Washington County in 1925. Since that time the firm has grown to become an organization composed of ten partners, three associates and two senior attorneys serving as "of counsel." The primary office is located at 70 East Beau Street, Washington, Pennsylvania. There is also a network of offices located in Bridgeville, California, Claysville, Peters Township and Waynesburg.

The Waynesburg office was opened on January 1, 1987 under the local management of Mary K. Pruss, Esquire. Mary had been practicing law in Greene County since her graduation from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1980. She had previously served in the office of the Greene County District Attorney since 1981 and as solicitor for the Domestic Relations Office of the Court as well as developing a general practice of law. She had also served two terms as the President of the Greene County Bar Association.

Mary was made a partner in the law firm on January 1, 1993 and continues to practice primarily in Greene County but also handles cases in Washington County and in the Federal Court System.

One of the reasons for the stability and success of the firm has been the flexibility which the firm offers to its clients. The firm

was able to mobilize additional manpower to perform the most complex real estate or mineral law transactions and at the same time successfully represented clients in matters as diverse as anti-trust litigation to the level of the United States Supreme Court and family practice at the local level. Each of the various partners have developed expertise and achieved recognition for leadership in various fields including school law, labor law, construction law, health and hospital law, probate and estate planning, corporate and business law, personal injury law and family law.

Mary also has been active in the local Waynesburg community over the years, initiating the Greene County Victim/Witness Policy Board, serving on the Board of Directors of Care and as a member of the Waynesburg Lions Club where she became their first woman president as well as giving her services to the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mary has been married to Stanley W. Pruss for 35 years and they are the parents of four children and grandparents of one grandchild. Stan and Mary own three farms where they primarily grow Christmas trees. In their spare time they enjoy hiking and canoeing.

Mary and her firm look forward to many years of providing high quality legal services to the people of Greene County.

## CHAMBER/ TOURISM OFFICE MOVED

The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Promotion Agency of Greene County can be found in a new location! The office has been moved to the lobby of the Fort Jackson building. This area provides a wide open exposure and unique look for the office. The Tourism display of handouts is readily visible as one enters the lobby and the office operations are located in the area defined by the old bank teller window wall installed on the left of the lobby. **Please stop in** and see for yourself what an interesting presentation this is for both agencies.

## CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS

The Chamber officers for 1999 were listed in the Chamber Chatter in December, but in case you missed it, here are the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Officers for the new year:

**President:**

**Mary K. Pruss of Peacock Keller**

**Vice President:**

**Sheila Barger of National City Bank**

**Secretary:**

**Robyn Riggs of Cellular One**

**Treasurer:**

**Richard Scott of Scott Enterprises.**

These members have shown their willingness to serve and to donate their time and energy to the purposes of the Chamber and deserve the support, gratitude and assistance of other members shown by attendance to General Meetings and participation in committees.

## Welcome Back, Melody

She's ba a a ck! Melody Longstreth will start as the Coordinator for the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce as well as for the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency on January 25th. She will look very familiar to those of you are long time members as she was the Executive Secretary for the Chamber from June of 1987 to June of 1993 when she left for her most recent position as a Loan Settlement Officer at First Federal Savings & Loan Association. She has continued to work with the Chamber's Christmas Parade every year but one while working at First Federal. Her daughter, Lindsey, who was born while she was employed with the Chamber is now seven and her husband, Brian, is very supportive of her move to her new position. Upon her hiring she stated, "I have always kept the Chamber of Commerce in my heart and I am thrilled to be coming back - I have missed it." Stop in and wish Melody well in her new position and new location.

## TIME FOR THOSE DREADED DUES!

By the time you read this everyone should have received notices of 1999 dues. The process was held up a bit by the office being closed in late December and by the time required to move the office. However, the mailing finally was completed and members have been notified of their obligations. This money is the lifeblood of the Chamber operation and is essential to provide a functioning office and staff to do the necessary work. The budget is boosted a bit by fundraisers throughout the year, but the basis for it comes from the willingness of members to contribute to the cause. Included in this year's letter is a chart of the dues rates according to number of employees and types of memberships. Please remember that an individual membership category is available, but that this does not include advertising of that individual's business. If there are any questions about the rates, please feel free to call the Chamber office at 627-5926 and state you concerns or questions.

## TIME TO VOLUNTEER

This time of year Chamber Members are asked to become members of certain committees and to give their time and energy to being an active part of groups who plan and implement the activities of the Chamber. The following are short descriptions of those committees to help you decide where you can best contribute to the betterment of your organization:

### COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING

Will concentrate on planning the direction of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce over the next five years. Will develop policies for operating that are needed as the Chamber continues to experience rapid growth.

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Will follow the everyday operation of the organization and propose policies and procedures from time to time for final approval of the General Membership.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Will continue to focus on the needs of the member and investigate ways to offer more to members. Will organize and operate the annual membership drive and business after hours.

#### GOLF OUTING

Will operate the annual members golf outing which provides members with an opportunity to network and enjoy a day of fellowship and prizes.

#### MISS RAIN DAY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Will continue to provide scholarships to Greene County youth through a program of personal development, competition and community service.

#### RAIN DAY BOOTH

Will take part in the community's annual Rain Day celebration by providing entertainment through an old fashioned dunking machine. And in conjunction with the Waynesburg Borough Special Events Commission, will spread the word nationwide of the tradition of Rain Day in Waynesburg.

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Will honor one individual annually for outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the Waynesburg Area. The award will be conferred for direct

service to the community and has no relation to work performed for the Greater Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET

Will provide members with an evening of good food and fellowship with other Chamber members. Will also honor the Distinguished Service Award winner.

#### HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG

Will officially kick off the Holiday season by organizing a carol sing on the Court House steps, complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus for the children.

#### CHRISTMAS PARADE

Will continue the Holiday tradition of good will and entertainment. The Distinguished Service Award recipient will act as Grand Marshall and Miss Rain Day will lead off the parade. There are approximately 100-125 units featuring floats, bands and unusual entries from throughout Greene County and, of course, Santa Claus.

#### EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Will provide an annual scholarship to a deserving Greene County student to pursue higher education. The scholarship is based on a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average, a written essay and listing of community and school involvement.

#### BEAUTIFICATION/IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Solicit donations and explore possibility of grant funds, to be placed in special account, to begin process of formulating a beautification program; explore avenues for the purchase of trees, receptacles for trash, flower boxes and general aesthetic improvements.

#### SPEAKERS COMMITTEE:

Committee will provide speakers for the General Meetings and other Chamber events.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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