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Message from the President

It is with great pleasure and pride that I accept the President's "gavel" from Mary Pruss this month to carry on the momentum of our Chamber. I want to thank the membership for electing me to the board of directors and thank the board of directors for their show of confidence in the election.

There are many big footsteps to follow in this position including those of Mary (and I am not implying that she has big feet) who, as I recall, had some reservations about accepting the position, but rose confidently and competently to the occasion. The other set of feet I am honored to follow are those of my father (size 10¹/₂) who held this position in the 70's when he, the late great Jim Moore and Ralph Sommers revised a defunct, or nearly defunct Waynesburg Chamber. I, however, do not think I will don a Donald Duck head in the Christmas parade like he did. Though I night find a way to put my own mark on the history books of our town (if I haven't already).

I am enthusiastic about the coming year and all the possibilities a new century brings to all of us. As members, I encourage you to keep involved, keep positive and keep believing in our great town.

Susan, Richard, Robyn, Melody and the rest of the Board – I am excited to work with all of you . . . but, is the world is ready for us!?

Hope to see you all at the January 26 general membership meeting.

Great Things Are Happening in Greene County and your chamber is a part of it.

Respectfully, Suzanne C. Huffman

Welcome to Our Newest Members

The Baltimore Life Companies

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Advertising spaces are still available for the 2000 Chamber Chatter. Twelve issues for a business card size ad is \$200.00. Ads are rotated from the inside to the back cover monthly.

Newsletter inserts can be included at a cost of \$65.00 per issue, and will reach 225 area businesses.

For more information or to reserve your spot call the chamber office.

Relay for Life 2000

On behalf of the American Cancer Society, Greene County Unit and the RELAY FORLIFE Committee, we'd like to invite you to have a team in our second annual Relay for life event. The Relay will be held May13-14, 2000 at the Waynesburg Central High School Stadium.

TEAM PACKETS are available giving you details on how to form a team, information about the event and ideas for team fundraising. We encourage teams to set a goal of raising \$1,000. Participants can begin their fund raising NOW by asking for donations individually or having team money-raising activities. Register your team now . . . your team members' form can be mailed later.

Greene County's FIRST Relay event, in May 1999, raised over \$32,000 to benefit the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education and local patient services. We had thirty teams participate from local businesses, schools, churches, health care organizations and student and adult clubs and groups. Our goal is to have forty teams at our 2000 Relay for Life!

Please call Jeanne: 852-2225 / Earlene: 627-6915 or call Nancy Tilley at the Cancer Society: 627-6542 if you have questions or would like to request a team packet.

Return your team registration form and fee as soon as possible the earliest teams can choose their own campsite . . . perhaps nearest the restrooms/concession stand OR close to the activities tent / DJ, etc!

Join us, have fun and help a great cause at Greene County's RELAY 2000!

Sincerely,

Jeanne Katruska, Relay Co-chair Earlene Schifko, Relay Co-chair

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2000 Old East Franklin School

Speaker: Dr. Nancy Davis
Topic: Greene County Education Center of
Westmoreland County Community College

LUNCH: WILL BE PROVIDED BY GREENE COUNTY VO-TECH AT A MINIMAL CHARGE

Mark Your Calendars

2000 General Membership Meeting dates:

Feb. 23 Aug. 23 Mar. 22 Sept. 27 Apr. 26 Oct. 25 May 24 Nov. 22 June 28 Dec. – No Meeting July 26

Locations to be announced in Chamber Chatter.

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The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and the business journals of Pennsylvania are seeking the 50 most powerful and influential business women in the state to be honored with the prestigious Pennsylvania's Fifth Annual 50 Best Women in Business Award.

Last year over 300 nominations were received, and 50 women of diversified business interest were honored. They were women from financial institutions, utilities, health care agencies, temporary services, publishing houses and law firms. Successful small business owners represented marketing, technology, trucking & transportation, specialty manufacturing apparel industry, restauranteurs, exporting and more.

Because of your visibility in the business community, you can assist in the search for the best of the best from across the Commonwealth. Do you know of a businesswoman who is outstanding in her field? We need your recommendations for the 2000 awards! Forms are available at the Chambe Office or by calling 627-5926.

TEN MINUTES THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

For members of the community who are interested, Life Line Screening will be at Washington St. United Methodist Church. Life Line screens the carotid artery in the neck for stroke, (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage) and the arteries in the legs for peripheral arterial disease, which is linked to heart disease. They also offer a third test for aneurysms in the aortic vessel in the abdomen. Life Line will also offer on that day a bone density screening for women to test for Osteoporosis. This is a prevention program, and with early detection, these problems can be cared for. The results are sent directly to you and referred back to your own doctor. These tests, which are non-invasive, completely painless and take only about ten minutes each, are offered for thirty-five dollars apiece YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER. PLEASE CALL I-800-407-4557 FOR YOUR AP-POINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFOR-MATION.

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The Classes consist of four 3 hour sessions plus a preclass interview. Preregistration is required.

Next classes will be held on: February 8, 10, 15, & 17, 2000 at 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

To register call 627-2645

February 2000

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