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The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Greene County Memorial Hospital

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Serving Greene County and the surrounding area since 1907, Greene County Memorial Hospital's mission is to provide a continuum of health services in a cost effective manner.

The Hospital has many departments which use state-of-the-art equipment to provide both inpatient and outpatient services.

The fourth floor of GCMH was redesigned as a Skilled Nursing Unit for transitional care. 20 attractively decorated private and semiprivate rooms were created to serve as a means to prepare a person for returning home after surgery or a debilitating illness. Patients can be transferred from the acute care section of the hospital to the SNU for an individualized rehabilitation program which could include physical, occupational and/or speech and hearing therapies. Having this unit located in our County has afforded many of our residents an opportunity to recuperate fully and return to their homes ready to experience a fuller and more dignified life. While in the SNU, the residents are encouraged to dress as they would at home, and with the help of the Activities Director, to participate in many of the same activities as they would in their own home. The SNU offers the resident, as well as their family members and friends, the peace of mind in knowing that the entire services and staff of the Hospital are there, if needed. Barbara Girod is the Nursing Home Administrator, and Diane Granus serves as the Director of Nursing.

The Hospital's fifth floor houses the Center For Geriatric Psychiatry, which was dedicated and opened in June, 1996. An older adult with serious mental illness may suffer from an array of physical and emotional problems. For example, depression or anxiety can be complicated by infections or prescription medications. With these complexities in mind, GCMH's Center For Geriatric Psy-

chiatry specializes in comprehensive inpatient care in a secure, home-like setting. As Greene County's premier provider of gero-psychiatric care, the Center for Geriatric Psychiatry provides full diagnostic and treatment services to the patient while providing support and assistance to the family. All referred patients are screened for admission by the Patient Care Coordinator and Medical Director. In general, patients must meet three criteria: 1) Have a primary psychiatric diagnosis requiring acute inpatient treatment; 2) Be able to participate in the therapeutic milieu and treatment program; and 3) Be 55 years or older, or have problems common to the older adult. Scott Roberts serves as the Program Director and Lori Lasosky as the Nurse Manager.

Also located on the fifth floor is the surgical Short Term Procedure Unit which was opened in 1995. A ten-bed unit, located just outside the operating room suite, certainly simplified the surgical process for the physicians, employees, and most importantly, our patients. From the time of admission, to the point of discharge or when recovered and admitted to an acute care bed, all the activity occurs in one area. Shirley Shannon is the Nurse Manager for STPU, while Mary Lee Headlee serves as Surgical Services Coordinator. Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation are services that moved into their new location on the Hospital's 1st Floor in 1995, also. The Cardiac Rehab patients will hold an anniversary picnic later this summer to get reacquainted and chart each other's progress.

Coming soon to GCMH is a bone densitometer, which will be located on the 4th Floor next to the accredited mammography unit. This equipment measures bone density and will help to diagnose those persons who are suffering from osteoporosis, which can now be treated.

Osteoporosis is labeled a "silent disease" as it often goes undetected until a fracture occurs. This disease occurs more often in post-menopausal women than men. It is estimated that more than \$6 billion dollars per year are spent treating hip fractures, a large percentage of which are caused by this disease. This examination will be a service of the Diagnostic Imaging Department.

An attempt has been made to highlight a few of the new programs and services offered locally at GCMH. Medical education programs for the public are offered free of charge throughout the year and we welcome your suggestions for topics of interest. Support groups that have been organized by Greene County residents meet regularly in the Hospital. If you have questions regarding any program or service offered at GCMH, please call the Community and Patient Relations Office at 627-2625.

Congratulations

Carla Caldwell



1996

And Her Court!

General Membership Meeting and Speaker Wednesday, July 24, 1996 at Noon The Golden Corral

Guest Speaker: Donald T. Painter, Superintendent
Central Greene School District

All members urged to attend - Bring a guest - Bring your questions!
If you are unable to attend, please send your representative.

WHO'S NEWS

Chad M. Moore, President of the Chamber of Commerce who was honored recently by the Western Pennsylvania Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors met with members of the business community on June 27th to kickoff the "WALK FOR THE CURE" to be held on Saturday, September 7, 1996 at WANA-B-PARK in Carmichaels.

Yours truly, would like to help raise money for JVD as well as put together a team of walkers for that day on behalf of the Chamber. PLEASE JOIN ME IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE EFFORT!! Even if you aren't interested in the actual walk, you can show up and support all of us . . . My husband, son and I walked last year along with Pauline Crumrine, representing the Chamber and it was a wonderful occasion . . . We had hot dogs, roasted marshmallows with the kids and enjoyed the fellowship, the open fire place with warm drinks and observed the happy faces of children and adults alike. Won't you

join our team? . . . I have pre-registration forms here at the Chamber and hope you will join us . . . Hope to see you soon, or give me a call and I'll mail you a form - Thanks, Jackie Dane

District Attorney Dave Pollock dropped off some brochures regarding A Fine Art Tribute to Greene County's Original Log Courthouse . . . "FIRST JUSTICE" By Tom McConville. His interpretation is now available in a Limited Edition printing of five hundred. Drop by and pick up a brochure.

Borough Council Meetings are the second Monday of each month. If you have questions about your community and future plans . . . try to make these meetings. We need concerned voices and I know they would welcome our interest and involvement. **Thanks to the Borough Council** for allowing us to be a part of the planning in our Downtown Beautification Program as well as their support and counsel on the Bicentennial Celebration we are planning for the community. Thanks also to Elaine Puglia and Terri

Rohanna of the Park Commission and Bill Ross from the Borough Council who recently attended our **Bicentennial/Distinguished Service Award Committee** meeting. We look forward to working together. Since there were no polarized plans for the community for Bicentennial, and the Chamber of Commerce had a Bicentennial Committee in place, we were asked to plan an "event;" the Chamber accepted this challenging responsibility and our Distinguished Service Award Banquet and Bicentennial Committee joined together, chaired by Suzanne Huffman and Andrew Corfont with a very dedicated committee, we moved up our date for the annual dinner and the committee has worked diligently to bring this celebration to fruition. The membership along with major sponsors are making this event possible through their donations of patronage and support.

Thanks **Jack McCracken** and **McCracken's Pharmacy** for setting the pace (once again). Your Bunting and decorations for the Bicentennial are Great!

Special thanks to everyone who has renewed their support of the Chamber. A **warm welcome** to new members: AMES DEPARTMENT STORE, 110 Central Greene Plaza, Waynesburg, Contact: Pete Rumskey (412) 627-6143 J. MARIE WEBB, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Observer-Reporter Building, Suite 208, 32 Church Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370 (412) 852-2792 (Fax) 852-1334; JACQUELINE BRODAK KINGORA, Tourism Coordinator, County Office Building, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg 627-TOUR; THE WAYNESBURG RESTAURANT, 128 West High Street, Waynesburg (412) 627-7700, Contacts: Nancy Novogradac & Diane Pantoly; and, the GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, Contact: Cassandra Marks, 58 East Cherry Avenue, Washington 15301, (412) 225-5800.

Thanks & Thoughts

Thank you Dick Robinson of Edward D. Jones & Company for your very enlightening Retirement Planning Remarks at our June 26th General Meeting. He spoke about Retirement Planning with calculations and savings projections, Tax Advantaged Savings, and information about diversifying our investments. If you could not attend, you missed a very informative and interesting presentation. Dick will be happy to consult with you personally - give him a call at (412) 627-4045.

Jim Sokoloff Chosen as Distinguished Service Award Recipient for 1996 . . . Picture and story in next issue!

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Where Are They Now?

Send us Pictures, or update us on former Miss Rain Day Contestants. **First Federal Savings & Loan** is featuring some "former Miss Rain Day Contestants" and activities of . . . Pageants gone by . . .! Don't miss a look-see!!!

Call Jackie at the Chamber with news bits - Deadline - Second Wednesday of each Month.

Bicentennial "Day of Celebration" is moving along nicely . . . Sponsorships are starting to come in. If you haven't received your Sponsorship Sheet, please advise me (Jackie) at the Chamber. Sponsorship is as follows:

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These sponsorships will enable us to provide a memorable event for all. There will be a separate **Patron** page in the directory listing individuals and companies that contribute a minimum of \$100.00.

MEETING MEMOS

Calendar of Events UPDATE!

July 30	Bicentennial - Distinguished Service Award Meeting	12:00 Elk's
August 14	Board Meeting	12:00 Elk's
August 28	General Meeting	12:00 Waynesburg Restaurant
August 31	Waynesburg Area Chamber Patron's Reception Distinguished Service Award Dinner and Gala Ball	
December 6	Holiday Sing-A-Long	
December 7	Christmas Parade	

Note: Mark your calendars each month 2nd Wednesday Board Meeting - Will be advised of location
4th Wednesday General Meeting - Location in Newsletter

Maps: Free - Waynesburg/Greene County Maps are available to Chamber members at no cost; however, we will charge a fee for more than a limited quantity. Also we have a limited supply of Pennsylvania State Maps right now.
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