



CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce
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MISS RAIN DAY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT 1997 MISS RAIN DAY PAGEANT A RAGING SUCCESS “SUNDAY NIGHT FEVER . . . the DISCO YEARS”



By now, I'm sure you have seen the beautiful pictures and stories that were so skillfully illustrated and featured in the Observer-Reporter and The Greene County Messenger. Our media coverage this year was outstanding and we are earnestly grateful to each of you who made this possible. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce has been responsibly and professionally immersed in activities that promote our Greene County businesses while bringing the community together in support of these activities. We are very grateful to all of you and "Pennsylvania's best kept secret, Greene County" and its citizens.

CONGRATULATIONS: Miss Rain Day 1997 Autumn Marisa; and, as you know, our Miss Rain Day also captured the title of 1997 Coal Queen! We are very proud of Autumn. Congratulations are in order for Jackie & Rudy Marisa, parents of this very enchanting, unassuming and beautiful young woman. Autumn also won trophies for First Place in the Personal Interview Competition, The Rainmaker Award, The Kelly Smotzer award and shared with 3rd Runner-Up Cheri Robbins, in the John O'Hara Essay Award. First Runner-Up Kristen Szarell also won the Evening Gown Competition, Sportswear and Miss Personality. Cortney Rice, won the Top Talent Award as well as Miss Photogenic. Five talent achievement awards went to Julie Barrish, Stephanie Hoyle, Jilissa Hurd, Lisa Syrek and Alissa Fox.



(L to R) Katie Wilson, 4th Runner-Up; Katee Barnhart, 2nd Runner-Up; Morgan Rachael Moschetta, Crown Bearer; Andrew Corfont, Director; Miss Rain Day 1997 Autumn Marisa; Kristen Szarell, 1st Runner-Up; Cheri Robbins, 3rd Runner-Up.



Andrew Corfont, Director "Daddy Drew" holding his "red mustang" & Linda Corfont (The woman behind the scenes, who deserves a "First Place" Award for just being a loving and caring "Mom" to all the contestants, year after year, receiving a floral bouquet from Cortney Rice on behalf of all the 1997 Miss Rain Day Contestants.

General Membership Meeting
***Held on July 23rd**

Speaker: Raoul Walsh, President & CEO Greene County Memorial Hospital

General Membership Meeting
***Held on August 20th**

Special Program on Miss Rain Day Pageant

*Postcard reminders sent on these meetings.

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING 1997

Twelve teams competed this year in the annual golf outing at Rohanna's Golf Club. Shotgun start at 8:00 am - 4 Person Scramble held on Saturday, August 9th. Everyone had a wonderful time and prizes were donated by our wonderful sponsors and contributors from around Greene County.



1st Place Team - WANB Team

\$200.00 Award Winners

Scot Moore
Larry Scott
Jay Jones
Jim Romanus

(Pictured with Chad Moore & Stan Majesky, Co-Chairmen & Autumn Marisa, Miss Rain Day 1997)



2nd Place Team - ROHANNA'S

\$100.00 Award Winners

Trish Rohanna
Bob Rohanna
Robert Rohanna
Tom Deana

Thanks to all the players for participating and sharing their good humor and camaraderie . . . competing were: **FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN** (Chad Moore, Dave Mariner, John Mariner and Brenda Boyd; Pat O'Neil, Scott O'Neil, Miles Baker and Mike Spevack); **ALLTEL** (Ray Chaney, John Dulaney, Merle Williams and Bob Cunningham); **OBSERVER-REPORTER** (Ed DeVoge, Barry Martin, Park Burroughs and John Glass); **DAVE POLLOCK'S TEAM** (Todd Moore, David Pollock, Greg Leathers and Bret Moore) **FAYETTE BANK** (Ron Headlee, Chris Haines, John Garber, Pat Westich); **SCOTT BENKE'S TEAM** (George Howard, Scott Benke, Brian Rohanna and Steve Lemley); **BAILY INSURANCE** (Stan Majesky, Tom Hoy, Allen Hill and Dave Coldren); **GREENE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** (Brad Cumberledge, Stan Bedosky, Jim Rush and Rick Koratich) **AND**

KIRK KING'S TEAM (Tim King, Kirk King, Ron Baily and Brian Virgin).

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SPECIAL THANKS

Chad Moore and Stan Majesky for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the Golf Outing. They were a great "Team," arranging for prizes and Golfers . . . It wasn't easy . . . looks as though we have been deluged with GOLF OUTINGS. We had moved ours forward to August 9th, hoping that most of the outings would have already occurred; however, a few others had the same idea. Nevertheless, our energetic Co-Chairmen persevered and we had a wonderful day of Golf, lunch, pictures with Miss Rain Day and prizes.

Walk for the Cure

Western PA Juvenile Diabetes Foundation local Chairman Chad Moore advised that pledges are already coming in for the "Walk" to be held again this year at WANA-B-PARK in Carmichaels on September 27th. Contact Chad Moore at First Federal - 627-4249 and sign up for this very worthwhile event. The Chamber of Commerce is putting together a team . . . it would be wonderful if we were well-represented. Any donation will suffice . . . contact Jackie at the Chamber Office and become a part of your local Chamber's efforts to help in this rewarding event.

CONGRATULATIONS

Selene Sowden of Fayette Bank was just elected **Treasurer** of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; replacing Donna Morosky who retired.

Groovy's American Café - Won first place in the Rain Day Window Decorating Contest sponsored by the Special Events Commission.

First Federal Savings and Loan placed second with their yearly outstanding display.

Rich's Reflections "Thunder and Lightning (flashing light and all) won third place.

We are proud to acknowledge that each of these businesses are members of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce!

Distinguished Service Award Nominations Now Being Accepted!

You should have received, under separate cover, a NOMINATION BLANK to fill out. We are anxious to receive as many nominations as possible. This is your opportunity to submit the name of someone you feel should be honored for their service to the community. The award is for Direct, Outstanding Service and has no relation to the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** The Award Ceremony, Dinner, etc., will be held in October. Tentatively, the date of October 11th has been set aside; however, we are awaiting further event developments before firming up this date.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Contact: Rev. Dr. Richard E. Visser
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627-6244 (Fax)

Greene County Industrial Development Authority (GCIDA)

93 E. High Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
Contact: Ernest Closser, III,
Executive Director
Gordon Dane, Deputy Director
Pat Jackson, Executive Assistant
(412) 627-9259

Groovy's American Café

46 South Morris Street
Waynesburg, PA 15370
Contact: Mark Lemezis
(412) 627-5045

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Raoul Walsh, President and CEO of Greene County Memorial Hospital was our guest speaker at the July 23rd General Meeting of the Chamber and spoke of the changes and future goals of our hospital: He explained the impact of Environmental Variables • **Competition** -Proprietary vs. Non-profit -Gigantic Systems (Little Local Input) • **Managed Care**, -BC/Keystone/High Mark (\$300 Million Loss & No Competition) • **Medicaid** -State Mandated 1998; stumbling blocks encountered with Allegheny and Washington; **The Demand for Post Acute Care in a Managed Care Environment** -Listed high to low (**Patient Acuity**) as follows: **ICU; Acute Care; Inpatient Rehab; Subacute Care/SNF; Outpatient Services and Home Care. Environmental Variables** •Service Configuration changes: -SNU -Geo-Psych -Ambulatory Surgery -Redesign M/S Floor -Ambulatory Service (Radiology, etc.) •Medical Staff Enhancements and state of the art improvement and replacement of ER physicians: -Ophthalmology -Orthopedic -ENT -Cardiology -Pulmonology -Neurology -Nephrology -Urology -OB/Gyn. Mr. Walsh is a very amiable and earnest speaker and delivered a most informative and direct presentation. Numerous members asked questions and generally were very pleased with the explanations and discussions regarding the future of Greene County Memorial Hospital. We sincerely appreciate his optimistic and enlightening remarks.

Tidbit from **Mary Parkinson** - In 1968 Mary Ann Gideon was crowned Miss Rain Day and she too was #13 (Autumn Marisa's number). Mary Ann works for the Washington/Carmichaels Clinic now and Mary Parkinson, a past Distinguished Service Award Winner, chaired the 1968 pageant!

Note: If any of the membership has not received their 1997 sticker to place on their plaque; or, if you need a Plaque, please contact the Chamber office.

Change Your Records

Remove Donna Morosky from your list of Board Members. Thanks Donna for all your wonderful dedication and hard work. You've been a wonderful trooper, participating as well as attending all the meetings and we hope your other obligations allow you to return to us soon. Pauline Crumrine has graciously accepted this vacated position; approved by the Board. We are very fortunate to have her back as a board member.

Pennsylvania Visitor's Guide

While they last, pick up a free copy of the 1997 PA Visitor's Guide and Pennsylvania Map at your Chamber office or call and we will take your order.

CHAMBER BUSINESS NEWS

Long Range Planning Committee submitted their 5 year plan and Mission Statement which was unanimously approved by the Board and General Committee Members. If you check the wbgchamb@greenepa.net you will find our Mission Statement, alphabetical and service listings. Please remember this is from our 1996 membership book; it will be up-dated further, but we want you to provide us with any updated information about your business, including internet info.

Membership Dues have well exceeded the Budget this year. We budget at \$12,000 and we are now at \$13,295.00. There are many businesses out there that have not yet joined the Chamber. Won't you please encourage anyone who doesn't have a Chamber Sign to join. In the meantime, Merle Williams, Chairman of the Membership Committee will be waging a campaign in the near future.

CALENDAR - September & October

1. The 27th Annual Covered Bridge Festival will be on Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st. The Chamber has brochures describing directions and locations of each bridge. The Covered Bridges are: Henry; Ebenezer; Baily, Hughes, Sprowls, McClurg, Pine Bank, Carmichaels and White.
2. The last week in September - Art in the Park @ Ryerson State Park.
3. The first week in October, Pigs in the Blanket festival in Carmichaels.
4. October 10th, commemorates completion of Mason-Dixon Park - Red Barn.
5. 3rd Weekend October - Harvest Festival - Greene County Historical Museum.
6. **William B. Northrop - Observer Reporter speaker @ Chamber Sept. 24th General Meeting.**

GREENE COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Volunteers are needed for short-term projects! These projects include:

1. Photographs, identified, filed and indexed.
2. Archives indexed.
3. Exhibit rooms researched and interpreted.
4. Special exhibits researched and set-up
5. Resource list and assistance with coordination and requests.

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Loretta Garber - National City Bank of Pa. RD#3 Waynesburg Plaza Waynesburg, PA 15370 852-2728	1999	Ann Whipkey - Huffman Whipkey Insurance Agency, 1122 East High Street Waynesburg, PA 15370 852-1811	1998	John Owen 80 Crabapple Drive Waynesburg, PA 15370 852-1009 or 627-6260	1999
Shirley Stockdale Clerk of the Courts The Court House Waynesburg, PA 15370 852-5282	1999	Kathleen Dukate* Dukate's Lasting Impressions 168 E. High Street Waynesburg, PA 15370 627-7478	1998	Pauline Crumrine* HealthTrax Rehab. Systems 325 E. High Street Waynesburg, PA 627-9489 Fax: 627-9417	1999
Millie Wonderling - Eva K. Bowlby Library 311 North West Street Waynesburg, PA 15370 627-9776	1997	Merle Williams* ALLTEL of Penna. 55 West Greene Street Waynesburg, PA 15370 852-8260	1998	Richard Scott* Scott Enterprises 265 Rolling Meadows Road Waynesburg, PA 15370 627-5723	1997

*Appointed to fill term
Executive Committee

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION BLANK 1997

Name of Nominee _____

Address and phone of Nominee _____

Sponsor Name, Address, Phone _____

(person or organization submitting nominee)

List and explain in detail the achievements, nature of service, nature of participation and leadership of nominee, bearing in mind that judging will be on the following basis: contribution to community welfare and betterment; participation in all-around community activities and civic enterprises; evidence of lasting contribution to community welfare; evidence of leadership ability; success in own vocation and personal business progress; cooperation with individuals and organizations. (Use reverse side if needed and attach supporting articles as necessary).

I/we nominate:

Signed _____

Award will be conferred for achievements, leadership and service to the community. The award is for direct, outstanding service and has no relation to the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Remember – Deadline Friday, September 5, 1997

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