

CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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JULY 27th MISS RAIN DAY PAGEANT “SUNDAY NIGHT FEVER . . . the DISCO YEARS”

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING EVENING, starring MISS RAIN DAY 1996 CARLA CALDWELL, Yvonne Zanos, Mistress of Ceremonies from WTAE 4 News and Andrew Corfont, Best Director for ten years and a cast of hundreds, including the following co-stars, competing for Miss Rain Day 1997: (Listed Alphabetically) Katee Barnhart of Carmichaels; Julie Anne Barrish of Waynesburg, Alissa Joy Fox of Waynesburg, Amy Maria Hagyar of Jefferson, Stephanie Michelle Hoyle of Waynesburg, Jilissa Hurd of Jefferson, Autumn Marisa of Waynesburg, Susan Maxwell of Waynesburg, Cortney Rice of Prosperity, Cheri Robbins of Greensboro, Lisa Syrek of Jefferson, Kristin Szarell of Graysville, Amanda Danielle Tustin of Waynesburg, Miranda Whipkey of Waynesburg and Katie Wilson of Rogersville.

This all-star cast will give you an evening of entertainment and excitement you won't soon forget!! MARK SUNDAY, JULY 27th 6:00 on your calendar. An indication of the professionalism of this Pageant are obvious in a recent comment by Suzanne Huffman, Vice President of the Chamber and Marketing Director/Partner for Communications Development Company . . . “As one of the tabulators for the pageant, I have had the privilege of sitting near the judges for 4 years. It is always very pleasing to hear how much they complement the pageant. They view it as a professional, entertaining production, a wonderful experience for the participants and a source of pride for the community.”

Annual Golf Outing

Annual Chamber Golf Outing: August 9th at Rohanna's Golf Club – Sign up early-Contact: Chad Moore @ 627-4249 or Stan Majesky @ 627-6181. Prize donations are now being accepted!

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations again to Christopher Caprini. Chris, his parents Peter and Glenda and his two brothers, Casey and Collin were our luncheon guests at the May 28th General Meeting. Chris read his award-winning essay to us. John Owen, representing the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce presented Chris with a plaque at the Honor Awards Dinner - Waynesburg Central High School recently.

“The Quest”

The world is full of youths that do not know what they want to do with their lives. The constant questions of others quickly become extremely annoying. “What are you going to do after graduation? What are you planning on majoring in? What college are you going to?” These are all simple questions that are hard to answer. Many people develop their own fictitious stories about what their future will hold, simply to appease the questioner. They feel that at a later date an epiphany will occur: the path to success will simply open up in front of them. For me, this was not the case. I had to set out on a quest to find out what my future will hold, and find it I did. The quest was full of many obstacles and beasts to be slain. The worst was the fear of growing up and becoming more mature. After my victory over this monster, I was able and willing to face what the future would hold.

After searching for years, I found my future career at the Governor's School for Teaching. Yes, I'm going to be a teacher. This

career had been right under my nose for years. I have always had a knack with children and I show great patience with them. This also fulfilled my purpose in life, to affect the lives of others in a positive way. What better way could this be done than by molding the minds of our youths? I then decided that I wanted to work with elementary age children. There is a great call for male elementary school teachers

With a definite major in mind I then began to search for a college that had a strong Elementary Education Program. Since then I have applied, been accepted, and enrolled in college. The school that I have chosen has a very active Education Department and is involved in my other true love—Special Olympics. The Education Program is recently revamped and should prepare me exceptionally for a future career as a teacher. The skills I will acquire will help me plant a seed, a desire, to learn that will hopefully flourish into a fruitful tree of knowledge. This is my true goal.

After years of searching I now know what I want to do. I chose teaching over medicine because I do not measure success by a large paycheck. Success is an internal feeling of self-accomplishment. I could never be more successful than by being a teacher. This was a great stage in my quest. All that is left is the vanquishing of the dragon of college. This scholarship could aid me in the completion of this task. Think of it as an investment in the future of education. I will not fail.

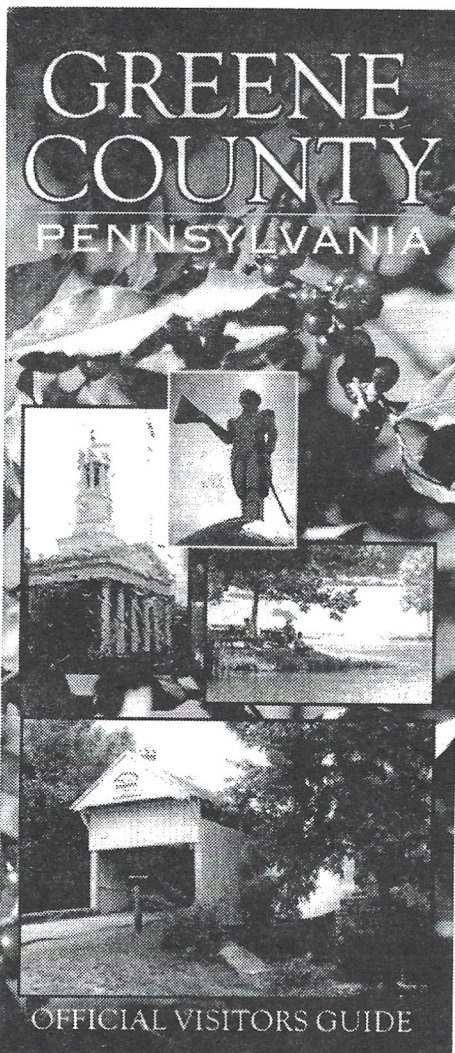
General Membership Meeting *Held on Wednesday, June 25th, 1997 The Golden Corral

Speaker: Anthony Zelenka, Vice President
Clinical Support and Plant Operations
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*Postcard went out this month – Newsletter delayed . . .

WONDERFUL!!!!!!

The new Greene County Visitor's Guide is available through the Tourism Office and, courtesy of the County Tourism Office we will have the Guide to distribute as well. Greene County's Tourism Coordinator, Jackie Brodak-Kingora and her team deserve our praise for their integrity and commitment to this project; as do the businesses who sponsored this outstanding and long-awaited guide for our County. We are also grateful for the foresight and prudent action of the County planners as they focus on promotion of Greene County Tourism and Economic Development. We look forward to working together for Greene County citizens, businesses, industry and tourism. Call 627-TOUR (8687) FOR COPIES OF YOUR GREENE COUNTY VISITOR'S GUIDE!



Congratulations

The 1997 Pioneer Festival at the West Greene High School was truly two days of old-fashioned fun.

The special events, crafts, food, displays, reenactments and activities were outstanding . . . a well organized event. Congratulations to all those who worked so diligently with The Pioneer Festival, Inc.; West Greene School District and the Greene County Commissioners.

The First Annual Brodak Fly-In featuring numerous stunts and racing was a very exciting event . . . hope this continues to be an ANNUAL EVENT!

Walk for the Cure

Western PA Juvenile Diabetes Foundation local Chairman Chad Moore hosted a luncheon at First Federal Savings and Loan Thursday, June 5th. An impressive turn out of forty were in attendance and pledges are already coming in for the "Walk" to be held again this year at WANAB-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.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Kevin Policz resigned from the Board of Directors, due to other pressing commitments; however, he will still take an active part in Chamber events. Kevin, as you all know, has been at the forefront of so many of our fund-raising activities . . . always ready and willing to give his all . . . we owe him our thanks, many times over.

We were very fortunate that Kathleen Dukate of DUKATE'S LASTING IMPRESSIONS, a board nominee last year, agreed to fill this position. We are very gratified that she will be working with the Board. Her foresight and creativity will be a bonus to our already outstanding Board of Directors. Welcome aboard Kathleen!

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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.

RAIN DAY PAGEANT SCHEDULE

June 13th Sponsorship Collection Deadline	July 15th & 17th Opening Number Rehearsals and Practice
June 19th WANB Radio Interviews	July 15th & 19th Radio Interview Playbacks
June 26th Photo Shoot and Meet the Commissioners	July 19th Personal Interview Competition & Talent Competition Rehearsals
June 27th John O'Hara Award Essay Deadline	July 19th West Virginia Public Theater "Sugar Babies"
June 30th Kennywood Day for Rain Day Contestants and Committee	July 22nd & 23rd Opening Number Rehearsal
July 4th Waynesburg Lions Club 4th of July Parade and Fairground activities	July 26th Full Pageant Rehearsal
July 8th & 10th Opening Number Rehearsals & Practice	JULY 27th MISS RAIN DAY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT 6:00 pm
July 11th American Cancer Society Grocer's Day at Shop n' Save	July 29th RAIN DAY FESTIVAL - WAYNESBURG

THANKS - Beautification Committee

John Owen, Chairman of the Beautification Committee has already begun his R&D on how we can all work together to help revitalize, renew and beautify downtown Waynesburg. The ideas are flowing thanks to a great committee Kevin Policz, Richard Scott, Mary Pruss, Selene Sowden, Toby Fancher, Kathleen Dukate, Donna Morosky, Jackie Kingora and yours truly. We took a walk around our historic town last week and the light bulbs were popping . . . if you're interested in a dynamic committee, this one will be very satisfying.



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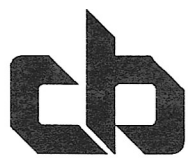


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