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PENNSYLVANIA'S OUTSTANDING OLDEST WORKER AWARD

The annual search for the Pennsylvania's Outstanding Oldest Worker and America's Oldest Worker is about to begin. Green Thumb, the nation's leading provider of mature worker employment and training services, annually sponsors the Prime Time Awards, a national contest to identify America's Oldest Worker as well as an outstanding older worker from each state. Prime Time Awards 2000 will be presented during National Employ the Older Worker Week, September 25-30.

For the past several years, Green Thumb has worked with the Pennsylvania Departments of Aging and Labor & Industry to identify and select Pennsylvania's Outstanding Older Worker, as well as our state's oldest worker. Pennsylvania is home to the past two "winners" of the America's Oldest Worker contest - 103-year-old Milton Garland of Waynesboro, Franklin County, and 100-year-old Dr. F. William Sunderman of Philadelphia. Our outstanding Older Worker for 1991, Margaret Gontz of Harrisburg, who works at the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, was a winner of the first-ever Prime Time Awards Microsoft Technology Award. With your support, we can provide similar recognition for Pennsylvania's large and productive senior population during this year's contest. For a nomination form, please phone the Chamber office or for further information call Green Thumb at 1-800-854-1578. You may download a nomination form at www.greenthumbpa.org

Greene County Represented at Pittsburgh Regional Alliance Gathering

At the Rivers Club in One Oxford Center in Pittsburgh on May 17, Jackie Kingora, on behalf of Greene County, and Suzanne Huffman, on behalf of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, became official Pittsburgh Regional Champions.

As a key component of an ambitious marketing campaign for the Pittsburgh Region, the Pittsburgh Regional Champions program has been created by the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance (PRA) and the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Leadership Pittsburgh. Champions are volunteers whose main task is to extend the marketing reach and increase the marketing impact by personally promoting the region at every opportunity, internally and externally.

The mission of the program is to inform, guide and support them in their effort to communicate the assets the Pittsburgh region, including Greene County, has to offer.

They were accepted into class #7 of the program and are the first to represent Greene County. Huffman and Kingora are both available to speak to local groups on behalf of the PRA or to arrange presentations from its speakers bureau.

For more information, call Pittsburgh Regional Champions at (412) 392-4555 or Suzanne Huffman at (724) 852-3078.

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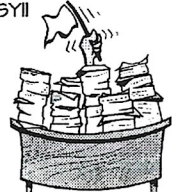
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2000

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SPEAKER: LARRY M. CELASCHI, CONTRACTS SPECIALIST, BUREAU OF CONTRACTS & PUBLIC RECORDS COMMONWEALTH OF PENNA.

TOPIC: HOW TO BID ON STATE CONTRACTS

— GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING —

May 24, 2000
Groovy's American Cafe

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robyn Riggs - Cellular One. Nance Davis - WCCC Greene County. Charles Perrine - Waynesburg College, Frank Pecjak - Pecjak's Sunoco. Shirley Stockdale - Clerk of Courts. Mary Parkinson - Honorary Member. Jeanine Henry - University of Pittsburgh SBDC, Terry O'Leary - National City. Sheila Barger - Laurel Bank, Bernice Fox - Community Action Southwest. Ruth Enci - Area Agency on Aging. Cory Grandel - Waddell & Reed, Susan Stoy - Rep. Bill DeWeese's office, Suzanne Huffman - Communications Development, Millie Wonderling - Bowlby Library and Ed Ferencak - Allegheny Power.

President Suzanne Huffman called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Introductions were made around the room. On a motion by Sheila Barger, seconded by Ruth Enci, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. On a motion by Robyn Riggs, seconded by Sheila Barger, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. On a motion by Sheila Barger, seconded by Jeannine Henry, the Secretary's Report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Susan Stoy reported that the Golf Outing is scheduled for June 10th at Carmichaels Golf Course. Over 400 invitations were sent for the four-man scramble. Currently the committee is looking for prize donors. Suzanne Huffman reported that the Revitalization Committee will be holding a Town Meeting tomorrow night beginning at 5 p.m. at the Theater. The plan for the evening will be to unveil the Main Street USA Program and Glenn Toothman's Memory Medallions. The evening will be hosted by a mystery emcee and everyone is welcome. A special thanks to Laurel Bank for allowing us to put a window display in as well as the High Street merchants for allowing us to fly balloons from their establishments this past week. Robyn Riggs reported that the Kick-Off for the Miss Rain Day Pageant is scheduled for this evening at Waynesburg College. Sixteen candidates and their mothers will attend. Donations to the scholarship pageant have been coming in from members and their support is appreciated. The candidates will be taken to Kennywood on July 10th which also happens to be Greene County Day and members were urged to visit Kennywood on that day.

OLD BUSINESS: Suzanne Huffman reviewed the Greene County Day at Kennywood and announced that tickets are on sale in our office. At the last meeting, Millie Wonderling asked the Chamber to look into the situation with the Masontown Bridge. She was concerned over its current state of disrepair. Upon discussing the concern with PennDot, it was announced that the bridge is scheduled to be replaced in the next few years. A new bridge will be built alongside of the current bridge so that link between the counties will remain open. The By-Laws were recently presented to all members through the newsletter and the floor opened at last month's meeting for further discussion and changes. On a motion by Sheila Barger, seconded by Robyn Riggs, the By-Laws and Policies & Procedures were approved as presented and will be adopted by the membership.

NEW BUSINESS: Suzanne Huffman announced that the first mile of the Rails To Trails project was dedicated yesterday morning. The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by Suzanne as President and Melody Longstreth, the Executive Director. She congratulated the village of Millsboro and the County of Greene for their efforts in bringing the trail to the county. She encouraged everyone to visit the trail which begins at Greene Cove Yacht Club. She also announced that she and Jackie Kingora have been selected as Champions for the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance to promote Southwestern Penna. as a place to live and do business. They are scheduled to attend their first meeting to learn about the program and will report back at a later date.

Sheila Barger, Chair of the Educational Scholarship Fund introduced the winner of the 2000 Scholarship. Miss Jessica Lemley was chosen from twenty-two entries. Jessica introduced her parents and thanked the Chamber for the award. She presented a brief speech about her life and life goals and then read her winning essay to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Longstreth
Executive Director

Where are they now?

The Chamber has awarded its tenth scholarship in the year 2000. We have attempted to contact the previous winners to see where their education has taken them. We will give you updates as the office receives them. Here are just a few.

Dear Chamber:

It was nice to hear from you. Currently, I am working as a legislative intern at Bill DeWeese's office. As for my education, I will be a junior at Saint Francis College in the fall. I am majoring in Physical Therapy and also run track and cross country for the Red Flash. I have made the Dean's List the past two semesters and have also been named to the North East Conference's All Academic Team for track.

I really do appreciate all that you have done for me. The scholarship helped tremendously with all the books I had to buy.

Thanks again,

Ronda Rose

Jeremy Kuharcik
1995 Scholarship Winner
Jefferson-Morgan
Junior/Senior High School

After graduating high school, I attended Penn State University. I graduated in the spring of 1999 with a double major in Broadcast Journalism and English. While a student, I was named 1999 Penn State Student of the Year by the Golden Lion Society, was President of Omicron Delta Kappa Senior Leadership Honor Society, Overall Chairman of the Senior Class Gift Campaign, a member of the Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity, Lion Ambassadors, and Vice-President of the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society.

My first job out of college was as an on-air personality and advertising executive for WBHV, located in State College. I left that position in December of 1999 and am currently working as a national newscaster for AccuWeather.

I am living in State College and am a board member and spokesperson for the Mid-State Literacy Council and attend the State College Presbyterian Church. I am also an active member of the Penn State Alumni Association, the Blue and White Society, and the Golden Lion Society.

SIXTEEN CONTESTANTS TO COMPETE FOR THE 22nd MISS RAIN DAY TITLE



Sixteen young ladies from throughout the County gathered Wednesday, May 25th at the Stover Center on the Waynesburg College Campus to officially kick off their quest for the Miss Rain Day title. The young ladies, along with their mothers were treated to dinner courtesy of the Greene County Memorial Hospital.

The 22nd annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant sponsored by the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Sunday, July 23rd at 6 p.m. in the Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium in Waynesburg with a seating capacity of 900. These Greene County girls between the ages of 14 and 18 will be vying for the coveted Miss Rain Day Crown.

The contestants will be judged on the basis of Personal Interview, Sportswear, Talent and Evening Gown Competitions. Awards will be presented to those with top scores in these areas as well as Miss Personality, Miss Photogenic, and the Kelly Smotzer Memorial Award. Participation awards will be given to all contestants. A Rain Maker award will be presented to the contestant who collects the most sponsorship and a John O'Harra award will be given to the contestant who composes the best essay on why they want to become the next Miss Rain Day.

The contestants will have a very busy schedule for the next two months. They will have contestant photos taken the first week of June, WANB Radio Interviews, Photo Shoot and Meet the Commissioners. They will take part in the photo sessions, a Kennywood Day

Outing and Tour of the Channel 11 TV Studios where they will get a behind the scenes look at a news broadcast. The Kennywood trip is part of Greene County Day at Kennywood which is sponsored by WANB Radio. The girls will also be treated to a special dinner at Groovy's and attend a theater performance at the WVU Creative Arts Center. After the Miss Rain Day Pageant on July 23rd, Miss Rain Day 2000, her court and the contestants will participate in the Chamber of Commerce Dunk Tank on July 29th and the winners will perform for the festival goers.

Those competing for the title of Miss Rain Day 2000 are:

Kerbie Adamson, the 15 year old daughter of Jay & Judy Adamson of Jefferson. She is a student at Jefferson Morgan Jr.-Sr. High School.

Heather Bradway, the 14 year old daughter of Kathy & Carter Phillips of Graysville. She is a student at West Greene Jr.-Sr. High School.

Rachel Marie Burack, the 15 year old daughter of Charles & Cyndee Burack of Greensboro. She is a student at Mapletown Sr. High School.

Lindsey Coneybeer, the 15 year old daughter of William & Sharon Coneybeer of Jefferson. She is a student at Jefferson Morgan Jr.-Sr. High School.

Alyssa Corfont, the 14 year old daughter of Andrew & Linda Corfont of Waynesburg. She is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Jennifer Eddy, the 16 year old daughter of Mike & Lisa Eddy of Waynes-

burg. She is a student at West Greene Jr.-Sr. High School.

Lydia Goodwin Glass, the 15 year old daughter of Elizabeth Goodwin and John & Katy Glass of Waynesburg. She is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Tiffany Ann Gluvna, the 16 year old daughter of Mark & Jennette Lewis of Carmichaels. She is a student at Carmichaels Area Jr.-Sr. High School.

Alicia Hamel, the 16 year old daughter of Todd & Hope Hamel of Waynesburg. She is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Shera Lynn Hill, the 17 year old daughter of Clarence & Shree Hill of Waynesburg. She is a student at Jefferson Morgan Jr.-Sr. High School.

Rachel Lynn Magerko, the 15 year old daughter of David & Roxanne Magerko of Garards Fort. She is a student at Mapletown Jr.-Sr. High School.

Cassie Mooney, the 14 year old daughter of Robert & Helen Mooney of Waynesburg. She is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Lyndsay Sheranko, the 17 year old daughter of Ron & Sandra Sheranko of Dilliner. She is a student at Mapletown Jr.-Sr. High School.

Emily Spade, the 14 year old daughter of John & Rosetta Spade of Waynesburg. She is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Alyssa Spitznogle, the 16 year old daughter of Gary & June Spitznogle of Spraggs. She is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.

Jessica Wise, the 17 year old daughter of Richard & Patty Wise of Waynesburg. She is a student at Waynesburg Central High School.



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College Graduates Largest Class In History

Waynesburg College conferred degrees on 353 students, the largest class ever, at the College's commencement.

College President Timothy Thyreen noted that the increase in the number of graduates is a reflection of the growth of the College. "Both undergraduates and adults are seeking an institution that is positive, respectful, and professional toward all students," said Thyreen. "Our changes in the recruitment process were designed to meet new market demands and attract students committed to be character-building education. Our vision of education challenges students to be thoughtful scholars, leaders within a global community, and to lead lives of purpose through service."

The class valedictorian, Rebecca Stevens of Hundred, WV, is the daughter of Steve and Karen Stevens. Stevens, a Mathematics Education major, recently received the Earle F. Myers Mathematics Student Teaching Award for her work during the fall semester of 1999 at Waynesburg Central High School.

CHAMBERCHOICE RENEWAL

If you're concerned about your company's health care program, now is the time to contact your dedicated service representatives at *ChamberChoice*, the health care program of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

Health care is going through dramatic changes this year. New products, new carriers, new rating structures and new eligibility requirements all make it critical that you review your company's program and make the most of your options.

ChamberChoice offers the best selection of coverage, providers and price. In addition, they can provide a complete benefits plan for firms, providing dental, vision, life and disability on a payroll-deduct basis. Subscribers to *ChamberChoice* also receive \$50,000 of Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage for all covered employees.

2000 is shaping up to be a year of changes for health care programs. Make sure your company keeps up with these changes. Contact Laurel Long at 1-800-377-3539, ext. 757 for more information.

CHAMBER AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, the 10th for the Chamber, is presented each year to a Greene County senior who plans to attend a college or trade school. The scholarship is awarded based on grade point average, community involvement, school activities and a 500-word essay on "What their life goal is and how they plan to address it through their education."



The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce recently announced that the annual \$1,500 scholarship was awarded to Jessica Lemley of Jefferson-Morgan High School. Pictured (l.to r.): Suzanne Huffman, president, Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce; Sheila Barger, chair, Educational Scholarship Fund; Jessica Lemley, scholarship winner; and her parents, Sheila and Roy Lemley.



MISS RAIN DAY SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT SPONSORSHIP



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