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CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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A MESSAGE FROM ANDREW CORFONT, YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Chamber Members:

This may sound a little cliché, but here we go again. It seems just like yesterday that I was President of the Chamber of Commerce, but that has been a few years ago. I thank you once again for the opportunity to serve you as President. The Chamber has really grown in the past and we look forward to continued growth in the future. I remember back to the times when we had to close the office in December due to lack of money in the treasury, but now we have been able to save money and develop some extra.

We look forward to bringing the Chamber office into the 21st century as we work on a project developing a Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Home Page on the Internet. This will put our name and OUR MEMBERS names where anyone, anywhere can access the information about you and your business. Watch for more exciting details about this project. The office is also on the Internet and able to send and receive E-Mail.

Another exciting committee is going to be the Beautification Committee. We will be working on making Waynesburg a BEAUTIFUL place. We are just starting to make plans, so if you are interested in being on this vital committee, contact the chamber office.

I can go on and on . . . but then I must keep this brief. NOTHING IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND INPUT, BECAUSE REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CHAMBER!!! We have an excited, enthusiastic, excellent executive director in Jacqueline Dane, so call her and volunteer for the many different committees.

Thank you, and remember YOU are a vital part of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Herrington & Long Real Estate Services

1495 East High Street, Waynesburg
(L. Keith Herrington and Mike Long)
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Carousel Creations

345 Zimmer Lane, Waynesburg
(Melody Longstreth)
627-9533

The 1997 Carousel Princess Pageant will be held on Sunday, April 6, 1997 at Mountainlair West Virginia University - Gold & Blue Ballroom. Registration: 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Pageant: 11:30 a.m. Age Divisions: Baby to one year old; Tiny-two through three; Mini-four through six; Little-Seven through nine; Pre-Teen-Ten through twelve; Teen-Thirteen through fifteen and Carousel MISS-sixteen through eighteen. Contact Melody for more information or pick up your application here at the Chamber of Commerce.

CONGRATULATIONS

UNITED WAY for your outstanding 17th ANNUAL REPORT MEETING & RECOGNITION DINNER on February 20th. It was a packed house and wonderfully festive occasion. John Owen and staff and the outstanding Board of Directors deserve several rounds of applause for their dedication and commitment. We all "Shared Your Magic" and thank you for the opportunity.

THANKS AGAIN

The Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc., has provided a Clerical aide to the Chamber for ten (10) weeks. Her name is Michelle Thomas and you will reach her frequently, when you call the Chamber. She is a lovely addition to this office and a tremendous help to the Chamber. When you call, please welcome Michelle! A special thanks to Jan Brunell at the Job Training Agency for her very able assistance!

WAYNESBURG LODGE #469 I.O.O.F. - for their very generous donation of \$1,500 to our Educational Scholarship Fund. Art Tennant and Bob Teagarden were presented a plaque in appreciation for the Odd fellows' generosity at our General Meeting February 26th.

Commissioner Farley Toothman for his enlightening and straightforward remarks regarding potential development of County-owned property. Commissioner Toothman spoke at length about the economic issues facing Greene County. He described himself as a conduit for information and stated that "when I know as much as I think makes the story complete, I have a responsibility to convey it" and that he did! He asked for dialogue from the community and Chamber members remained long after the meeting to ask questions and discuss the issues with the Commissioner, which he graciously discussed and answered. He said he welcomed further input from all Greene Countians.

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, March 26, 1997 at noon The Golden Corral

Guest Speaker: Roy Barnhart, Vice President for Business & Finance
Waynesburg College
"Stover Student Center"

All Chamber members are urged to attend and bring a guest.
If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a representative.

SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

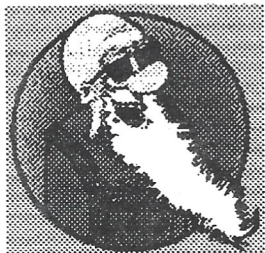
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WHAT'S NEW

Change your Address Book: Communications Development Company (CDC) is moving **APRIL 1st!** Toby Fancher, Creative Director, Suzanne Huffman, Marketing Director, Becky Woods, Production Manager, Alicia Eddy, Production Assistant and Nathan Ealy, Web Page Creator will now be located at 137 East High Street in Waynesburg, (412) 852-3078. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about their opening!

GREAT NEWS

All members will be featured on our **INTERNET WEB PAGE**, alphabetically and under services provided. The Web page will be similar to the Membership Directory you now have and we will update for new members. We have been told that **YOU** should be on the Internet by April 15th!

WHO'S NEWS?

Contact Jackie Brodak-Kingora, Tourism Coordinator: the county is offering you an opportunity to advertise in their new 1997-1998 Visitor's Guide.

Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce is having their 51st Annual Dinner-Dance on Saturday, April 26, 1997. Cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30. Dancing will follow from 8:30 to 11:30. \$15.00 per person. If you would want to buy tickets locally, **Shirley Stockdale, Waynesburg Chamber Board Member is selling tickets. Call her at 852-5282.**

Melody Longstreth, Director of Carousel Princess Pageants, was invited by Jacqueline Mayer-Townsend, Miss America '63 to be a judge for the 1997 Miss Ohio Valley Pageant, a preliminary to the Miss Ohio & Miss America Pageants, held in Steubenville, Ohio on March 1st; the contestants they selected go on to compete in the Miss Ohio Pageant in June. Congratulations Melody, that was quite an honor! (We understand the stretch limo and all the great food was an added bonus!)

3rd Annual Area Health Fair, Greene County Memorial Hospital announces the 3rd Annual Area Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 12th at the Greene County Fairgrounds. For further information contact the hospital at 627-2625 or WANB radio station at 627-5555.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

HOME SHOW at First Federal Savings & Loan on Sunday, APRIL 6th (Community Room 2nd Floor). Public invited - Come and visit your local realtors and find out what homes and real estate are for sale. Refreshments will be served.

MAY 20th - CHAMBERCHOICE (Health Plans for Small Business) Open enrollment begins in May! Don't miss this informative meeting at First Federal Savings and Loan (2nd Floor) at 12:00 Noon. Medicare Supplement, Healthcare Visioncare, Short term disability, Travel Assistance Program, Accidental Death and dismemberment coverage. **This is an important meeting - This service is one of our finest for Chamber members. Find out how you can save healthcare \$ with your membership in ChamberChoice!**

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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 Applications available at Chamber and your local high schools. Deadline April 25th!

Miss Rain Day Scholarship Applications will be out the first week of April Pageant July 27th!

DUES NEWS

Some of you are running late on your dues don't waste any more time **RENEW TODAY** so we may go forward!

LETTER TO CHAMBER MEMBERS

I came across this article the other day "Reinventing Main Street", and thought that it would be of interest to you. It came from a magazine called "Walking", so their main point is, of course, exercise. What struck me however, is the fact that they have spent millions to develop the "ideal" town, and we already live in one. Almost all the ideas are drawn from the past; green spaces, residential mixed with business, but most of all, accessibility by foot to necessary services. When my husband and I came here in 1979, most of these services were still available downtown. Unfortunately, we have lost many of them; (drugstore, large grocery store), since that time. However, we found great charm in Greene County then, as we still do now. We have high hopes that our downtown and community can revitalize itself in the coming years. It is still a wonderful place to raise our children, and we plan on being here for a very long time. I hope you find the article of interest. Sincerely, Jeff and Lisa Schwarz.

NEWSLETTER INSERTS & ADVERTISING POLICY

If you would like to place INSERTED MATERIAL, the rate for doing so is \$50 per issue. The material can be no more than two 8-1/2 x 11 sheets. For arrangements, please call the office at 627-5926. If you would like to place a business card size ad in the newsletter the fee is \$190 per year - 11 issues. As each issue is printed the fee is pro-rated. Please contact the office if you would like to reserve ad space. Each month the ads are rotated so that each ad will appear on the outside cover.



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