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Welcome to Our Newest Member

Jackie Camp
 Individual Member

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BICYCLE EVENT

May 27, 2000 "Road to Prosperity" 35 mile local ride from our Porter Street work site followed by an open house, refreshments, and speakers to answer questions on how *YOU* can get involved with Habitat for Humanity.

For registration or information on this or any other Habitat for Humanity event please contact;

Greene County Habitat at
 (724) 852-2598
 John (724) 966-8415
 Kim (724) 966-8499

Mechanics of Starting a Small Business

Sponsored by the SBA, a seminar on the Mechanics of Starting a Small Business will be offered on April 8th from 8-10 a.m. at National City Bank's Community Room in Waynesburg. There is no charge for the seminar and you may register by calling Jeanine M. Henry at 724-627-9054.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE

BLOCKS & BLANKETS LEARNING CENTER

Blocks & Blankets has recently joined the membership and also recently opened its doors to the Waynesburg community. It is a day care center and learning facility that is geared to providing high-quality child care in the area. It is located at 130 Bill George Drive and provides care for children ages 6 weeks to 16 years, including any special needs parents may require. The center is directed by Angel Doty and Co-Director Steve Stevens. Preschool is conducted from 9 a.m. to noon daily. School age children receive assistance from the center with their homework. Drop in service is also available with a 24 hour notice. A summer program and evening hours will be offered if enrollment allows. Daily lesson plans are conducted by PA. certified teachers and all staff members are first aid certified. For more information, please contact the center at 627-7450.

COLE'S B&B GETS STATEWIDE ATTENTION

Recently, Cole's Log Cabin Bed & Breakfast was featured in Pennsylvania Magazine. Staff writer Linda Feltman spent a weekend with Jane & Terry Cole as she visited five Bed & Breakfast's in four counties for the magazine. She was so impressed with her stay in Greene County that Cole's was the first site to be featured in her series on unique stays in Pennsylvania. Congratulations!!

Supervising & Managing People

The University of Pittsburgh will be offering a seminar in April titled "Supervising and Managing People." This course will benefit new and experienced supervisors who have limited or no formal training in current supervisory skills, current or upcoming direct supervisory responsibility. Proven, straight forward, and powerful, this course takes the complexity and confusion out of how to supervise your people better. It incorporates the training technology used and validated by some of the largest and most successful companies in the world. Skills taught in this course are based on and in-depth analysis of what hundreds of supervisors and their managers have shown they need most to be top performers. To register or get more information, please contact the Katz Graduate School of Business at (412) 383-8818.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2000
Noon • Golden Corral

SPEAKER: LAUREL LONG - CHAMBER CHOICE INSURANCE PLANS

WAYNESBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Membership Meeting

February 23, 2000

Waynesburg Elks Club

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary C. Parkinson-Distinguished Service Award Winner, Susan White-Prothonotary, Shirley Stockdale-Clerk of Courts, Pauline Crumrine & Chris Staub-Nova Care, Inc., Debbie Thompson-Baltimore Life, Robyn Riggs-Cellular One, Connie Clark-Kyowa America, Richard Scott-Scott Enterprises, Susan Stoy-Rep. Bill DeWeese, Judy Loughman-Census Bureau, Katy Shultz-Hospice Care, Lena Hughes-Morris Insurance Agency, Cory L. Grandel-Waddell & Reed, Ralynn Lund-G.C.I.D.A., Jeanine Henry-S.B.D.C., Karen Zalom-RAG American Coal, Chad Moore-First Federal, Ed DeVoge and John Glass-Observer Reporter, Sheila Barger-Laurel Bank, Kathleen Dukate-Dukate's Lasting Impressions, Denise Pierson-Waynesburg Rotary, Frank Pecjak-Pecjak's Sunoco, Ruth Enci-Area Agency on Aging and Kay Laskody-Mountainview Gardens.

Vice President Susan Stoy called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. On a motion by Mary Pruss, seconded by Richard Scott, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. On a motion by Robyn Riggs, seconded by Kathleen Dukate, the Treasurer's Report was approved. On a motion by Kay Laskody, seconded by John Glass, the Secretary's Report was approved.

John Glass, chair of the Golf Outing Committee, reported that the Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce has placed the idea of a joint venture golf outing before their members. They had no one interested in participating with us on this project. He announced that we will keep the date of June 10th at the Carmichaels Golf Course and will proceed with planning the event ourselves. Anyone interested in helping with the project is encouraged to join the committee. Susan Stoy reported that Suzanne Huffman, chair of the Revitalization Committee is in Pittsburgh at this time attending a 'Grantmakers' seminar to learn more about the grant process to help the committee execute their plan. The next meeting of the Revitalization Committee is Tuesday, February 29th at 8:30 a.m. at Greene County Memorial Hospital. The Education Fund will be meeting soon and a chair for that committee is still needed. Sheila Barger volunteered to chair the committee. Mary Pruss reported that the By-Law Committee will meet today immediately following the meeting. They are beginning the process of reviewing and presenting changes to the current By-Laws and Polices and Procedures.

OLD BUSINESS: The search continues for a new computer, fax machine and typewriter

for the office. Bids are currently being accepted from members. Susan thanked Connie Clark from Kyowa for their donation of a hard drive to use in case the current office computer crashes.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan announced that the next Board meeting will be held on March 8th at Waynesburg College. She thanked the college for the opportunity to meet there. Pauline Crumrine introduced Christopher Staub, a new therapist at Nova Care's location. He will be the Chamber representative for their office.

Susan Stoy introduced Judy Loughman, Recruiting Manager for the 2000 Census. Getting people to respond to the Census is the biggest problem they face. An undercount can cost the county money in federal funds. In 1998, Greene county received money based directly on census figures. The School Lunch Program received \$856,000, WIC \$747,000, JTPA \$499,000, Highway Construction \$3,708,000 and Title One Education Grants \$1,948,000. It is estimated that each person not counted costs the county \$1,000 annually in federal money for the next ten years. Add those figures for a family of five and you can begin to see the importance of being counted. Currently, they are at 67% of goal for recruiting volunteers needed for census takers, office staff, special site workers, etc. The rate of pay is very good and the individual can still work their full time job and devote as many hours a week to the project as their time allows.

On a motion by Katy Shultz, seconded by Richard Scott, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melody Longstreth
Chamber Coordinator

More than a Leader in Christian Higher Education, Waynesburg College is a Significant Financial Partner in the Region . . .

The economic impact of the College to Greene County and the surrounding area exceeds \$37 million annually, reaching people of all ages and walks of life.

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Historically, the College provided pre-college education at a time when the region had no high schools. Today, the College is still active with local schools, particularly in the field of technology. Our Technology Literacy Camps have been enjoyed by more than 1,000 elementary students, and countless families have received free computer instruction when the Mobile Technology Vehicle made more than 400 community visits.

Education grants from various foundations, in collaboration with the Greene County Educational Consortium, total more than \$4.5 million. Through these funds, the college has been able to provide such services as free computer and educational technology training for more than 300 Greene County teachers.

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