



CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Greater Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

1994 Committee Listing

Scholarship Fund:

Mary Pruss - Chairperson
Linda Corfont
Mary Pruss
John Owen

Golf Outing:

Chad Moore - Chairman
Brian Waychoff
Clark Patterson
Pauline Crumrine
Jim Moore
Barb Trempus

Miss Rain Day Pageant:

Andrew Corfont - Director
Pauline Crumrine
Barry Crumrine
Christine Owens
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Linda Corfont
Lin Cappellini
John Owen

Rain Day Booths:

Clark Patterson - Chairman
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Chad Moore
Richard Scott
Barb Trempus
Peggy VanScyoc

DSA Banquet:

Jack McCracken - Co-Chairman
Harry Anderson - Co-Chairman
Sheila Barger
Kay Laskody
Lisa Mascara
John Owen
Mary Pruss

Holiday Sing Along:

Sheila Barger - Chairperson
Lisa Mascara
Mary Pruss

Long Range Planning:

Pauline Crumrine - Chairperson
Linda Corfont

General Membership Meeting & Speaker Wednesday, May 25th at Noon Elks

Speaker: Carol Fisher
Greene County Council of the Arts

All Chamber Members are urged to attend and to bring a friend.
If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a representative.
Meetings begin promptly at 12:15. Please feel free to be seated anytime.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO PRE-MED STUDENT

Melissa M. Jones of Carmichaels was selected as the recipient of the fourth \$1500.00 scholarship for a Greene County Student last month. The committee, chaired by Mary K. Pruss of Peacock, Keller, Yohe, Day & Ecker, had a very difficult decision to make. Melissa is a senior at Carmichaels Area High School and is the daughter of Art and Paula Jones. Melissa plans to attend Washington and Jefferson College this fall and study pre-medicine.

Melissa's Essay

Our area is in dire need of help! Economically, we are struggling. The mines are closing more quickly than new ones are being created. People who have lived here all their lives are becoming desperate to make a living. We, in Western Pennsylvania have a heritage of hard working people who stick together and help each other, through thick and thin.

Kay Laskody
Dick Robinson
Clark Patterson

Christmas Parade:

Clark Patterson - Co-Chairman
Jim Moore - Co-Chairman
John Owen

Millie Wonderling, representative from the Bowlby Library, has been appointed by the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Judy Rastoka, representative from WANB, until the end of 1994.

Our children have, historically, carried on the tradition of our parents and the family unit has been sacred. But, lately this tradition has begun to crumble. The lack of jobs for the young has caused them to move away from the area with an alarming rate, eroding the family ties that are so inherent to our heritage. Additionally, health care costs are skyrocketing, making it virtually impossible to make ends meet, so to speak.

My purpose in life is to attempt to ebb the mass exodus of my fellow students from this area by contributing something to the community that I have been born in and learned to love. I intend to become a doctor. Not a specialist! Not the physician who will find the cure for cancer! Not the physician who will win the Nobel Prize in medicine! No, I just want to be the family doctor who cares for those people who are in dire need of help, both physically, and mentally. I want to provide for their health and yet preserve their dignity.

I have learned from an early age that satisfaction cannot be judged by the amount of money placed on an IRS form, or by the sticker price on the automobile you drive. Nor, by the fancy restaurants you frequent. The true meaning of life is to help your fellow man! The true reward of that effort is a feeling of satisfaction from within. By being a doctor, staying in our area, raising my own family with the same morals and work ethics which were instilled in me, I feel confident that I can be what I should be—a contributor!

Note From President Of Carmichaels Chamber

I read recently that a Carmichaels young lady, Melissa Jones, won a scholarship that was sponsored by the Waynesburg Chamber. I "tip" my hat to such a worthwhile project. I wish you continued success in all your endeavors. Coral Brodak, President, Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce.

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- Panel discussions on **Subcontracting with Prime Contractors** and **Technical Aspects of Government Contracting**
- Attendees at our 1988-1993 Trade Fairs and Workshops have reported receiving more than **1,000 Federal Contracts, State Contracts, Subcontracts and Exporting Contracts Totalling Over \$20,000,000.**

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GENERAL ATTENDANCE: \$40.00
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Owen, President, Jack McCracken, McCracken Pharmacy; Tim Christopher, Waynesburg Electric; Pauline Crumrine, County Commissioner; Kay Laskody, Mountainview Gardens; Sheila Barger, Integra Bank/South; Linda Corfont, CPA; Karen Palmer, WANB; Chad Moore, First Federal; Pam Blaker, Greene County Messenger; Jim Moore, Greene County Messenger; Millie Wonderling, Bowlby Library; Richard Scott, Scott Enterprises; Lisa Mascara, William H. Martin, Inc.; Mary Parkinson, Greene County Nurses Assoc.; David Lesako, Greene County Historical Society.

President John Owen called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room. On a motion by Jack McCracken, seconded by Richard Scott, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. On motion by Chad Moore and seconded by Kay Laskody, the Treasurer's report was approved. On a motion by Pauline Crumrine and seconded by Jim Moore, the Secretary's report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pauline Crumrine, Hospitality Committee chairperson, reported the directory should be ready to present to the Prison in two weeks. Pages are going to be condensed to make a smaller directory because of cost and there will be 100 sets printed with 50 for the Prison and 50 to remain in the Chamber office. Linda Corfont, Pageant Committee, reported there would be a change in age for this years pageant, it had always been 14 to 19 and is being changed to 14 to 18, due to the difficulty in college age students participating in evening events. She also mentioned May 28th would be the "Kick Off" Mother/Daughter Luncheon. Chad Moore, Golf Outing chairman, reported the Golf Outing is scheduled for July 16 at Rohanna's Golf Course, and stated the Committee is looking for prizes, which can be sent to the Chamber office, First Federal, Huntington or at the Greene County Messenger. He also mentioned there would be a Grand Prize of a weekend at Nemaocolin Woodlands this year. John Owen reported the Scholarship Committee met yesterday and selected a winner and it would be announced Friday.

OLD BUSINESS: Jack McCracken reported the DSA Banquet is well under way and would like to start collecting advertisement sponsors as soon as possible. He distributed the lists of last sponsors to his committee and booklets will be given to the committee at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to report.

SPEAKER: John introduced David Lesako, Co-Chairman of the Greene County Bicentennial for 1996, who began by thanking the Chamber for all its help in sending out donor cards to the Chamber membership. The Centennial was held in August 26, 27, and 28 of 1896 and at that time was a very big celebration. The centerpiece of that celebration was the Old Courthouse (now Davin's Strip Shop). Through private donations a \$5000.00 down payment has been made for the Old Courthouse by the BiCentennial Committee with an option to purchase. By July 1st another payment of \$5000.00 has to be made to exercise that option, leaving the committee to raise \$40,000.00. (This does not include the \$100,000.00 the committee will need to restore the building). A campaign has begun with banklike log cabins located in the area banks and the Iron Griddle. David distributed cards with a sketch of what the Courthouse might have looked like as well as old memorabilia. Jim Moore suggested having a Bicentennial office someplace in town for visitors to call, if there were any questions, etc. Pauline suggested a space on south Morgan, however David thought something in the middle of town where a banner could be hung, which could be seen by everyone. Richard Scott suggested the space that was held by Knisely's Locksmith. In closing David requested the Chamber form a committee to be a liaison between the Chamber, himself and Terry Cole, and the Historical Society. The Committee would suggest to the Chamber ideas on parades, festivities, decorations, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Richard Scott and seconded by Jim Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia A. Hougland

Just A Reminder

For those members who have not paid their 1994 Membership Dues, please do so as soon as possible.

New Member

Welcome to our new member:
Sears Optical, represented by Mary Hupp.

Tell Us How We Are Doing

Here's your chance to tell your Chamber what you think we need to be doing. Jot down your suggestions, opinion or other comments in this space and mail it to the Chamber at 26 West High Street.

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