



# CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Greater Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Many of our readers may know that Greene County Office Equipment started back in October of 1977, in a small store room on High Street. Today, you can find their office at 30-32 West High Street, the former G. C. Murphy Building.

Over the past 17 1/2 years, Dave and Roberta Godisart have continued to add new products and services to the business so that Greene County would have a local source to meet most of their business needs.

Today, G.C.O.E. has 3 full time employees, Bill White who works in the sales office and does much of the purchasing. David Smith and Robert Triola who over the past years have been in the service department.

Since 1984, Dave Godisart has been a sales agent for the Xerox Corporation, recognized many times for sales achievements. The first week of April of 1995, Dave and Roberta traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to be recognized by Xerox as being one of the top sales agents in North America. This is the fourth time that Dave Godisart has received a national award from Xerox.

This time, out of 880 Xerox sales agents, there were 163 agencies in attendance. Out of these, Dave Godisart was recognized as the number 1 agent in the Pittsburgh district, also, in the top 6 performing agencies in the northeast region which covers 10 states and #2 in the nation for % of plan.

Also, Xerox has selected Greene County Office Equipment to become the authorized Xerox service agent for this area, for some of the Xerox cartridge copiers and fax machines. Over the past few months, David Smith and Robert Triola have gone through extensive training and certification to be able to start on May 1, 1995 to service these Xerox products, as members of the Xerox service team in the Pittsburgh area.

## Welcome To New Members

Moore & Moore Excavating represented by Barry Moore.

## General Membership Meeting & Speaker Wednesday, May 24th at Noon Pepper Tree

Guest Speaker: Leigh Gardner, M.S., Greene County Office Coordinator  
The C.A.R.E. Center (Crisis, Addiction, Recovery & Education)

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. You may be seated at anytime.

## Scholarship Awarded To Jefferson-Morgan National Honor Society President

Jeremy Kuharcik of Mather was selected as the recipient of our fifth annual \$1,500.00 scholarship for a Greene County Student, last month. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by John Owen, President of the Board of Directors, was certainly challenged by this difficult decision, having numerous worthy applicants from which to choose. Jeremy is a senior at Jefferson-Morgan High School and is the son of Cheri & Larry Kuharcik. Jeremy plans to attend Penn State University where he will major in Communications.

Jeremy's Essay follows:

### "What My Purpose is in Life and How I Plan to Address it Through My Education"

When reflecting on this topic, I could not choose one single purpose that I have in life, but rather a collection of ideas of what I would like to achieve and become in the future. However varied my plans or dreams may be, my most predominant goal is to be satisfied with what I become by knowing that in all things, I did my best to achieve each and every goal that I have set for myself.

My academic career has been very influential in my life, and I have dedicated many hours to make the best of my years in elementary and high school. Finally reaching the point where it is my decision on which insti-

tution to attend, I have chosen a major university where I will study in the field of broadcast journalism. In high school I have prepared myself for this field of study by volunteering to anchor the broadcast morning news, by serving as editor-in-chief of the yearbook for the past two years, and by writing for the school district's newsletter. I have taken my work in journalism very seriously and am proud of my accomplishments in this area.

If I had to limit myself to one particular goal for my life, it would be to become successful at whatever I become, and to be satisfied with my career. Eventually I plan to work for a major news station as a television anchor or reporter.

However, my primary purpose in life will not exclude everything but my career. I also plan on raising a family that will be socially aware and environmentally conscientious. What good would my education be if I were unable to share my thoughts and beliefs with others? I would have to say that another purpose in my life would be to become a significant figure in the community and to work to improve society.

In conclusion, although my education has been very important in the foundation of my life and career, I also see my purpose in life as serving others and working to better our world.



# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Millie Wonderling, Bowlby Library; Andrew Corfont, Community Bank; Chad Moore, First Federal; Ann Whipkey, Huffman-Whipkey Insurance Agency; John Owen, Special Events; Shirley Wright, McDonald's; Byllye Miller, McDonald's; Jack McCracken, Bonnie Campbell, Greene Arc; Chris Gardner, Hospice; Sheila Barger, Integra Bank/South; Jason Welling, EAL student; Chuck Baily, Jr., Baily Insurance; and Kay Laskody, Secretary.

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 Chad Moore, seconded by Chris Gardner, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. On motion by Shirley Wright and seconded by Jack McCracken, the Treasurer's report was approved. On a motion by Chuck Baily and seconded by Shirley Wright, the Secretary's report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Jack McCracken [Co-Chairman DSA Banquet] reported nothing new is happening other than the banquet is scheduled for October 21st at the Elk's Lodge and Ferd Dolphi would provide the entertainment. Andrew Corfont (Director/Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant) reported applications were sent out to county high schools and also the area dancing schools the week of April 17. He also reported Kevin Policz and his staff will be staging the pageant as well as the sound this year. Ann Whipkey questioned the budget for the Miss Rain Day Pageant and Chad and Andrew explained how each year the budget is decided upon. John Owen [Scholarship Committee] reported the committee has met and Jeremy Kuharcik, a senior at Jefferson Morgan High School was chosen as this year's winner. Jeremy plans to attend Penn State University in the fall. Chad Moore (Annual Golf Outing Chairman) announced the golf outing is scheduled for June 24th, and asked members in attendance to drop off prizes at the Chamber Office or First Federal. Chad also mentioned Baily Insurance was the first to return their entry fee. John reported the Chamber has agreed to co-sponsor Kennywood Day [July 10], along with WANB. Last year WANB and the Greene County Messenger sponsored the day, however it became too overwhelming to the Messenger Staff. The Chamber would be responsible for only selling tickets, and would receive fifty free. The board decided to give the free tickets to the 1995 Miss Rain Day Contestants. John reported that the Cham-

ber was approached by the IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL, a bike ride across the United States, stopping in Waynesburg on August 26, to secure camping facilities for one night. A committee of Mary Pruss and Jim Moore was formed during the monthly board meeting to coordinate activities with our community and the bike riders.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John announced Patty had submitted a letter of resignation during the April 12 Board Meeting and the Executive Board would be interviewing applicants on Thursday, April 27. Chad and Beth Moore are forming a Support Group for Juveniles with Diabetes. If anyone is interested in joining this group, please call Chad.

**SPEAKER:** John introduced Chuck Baily, a representative with EAL. The Greene County EAL College Opportunity Program was started in the fall of 1985. The program was designed to prepare high school students for college. There are three criteria for the program; must come from a low to moderate income family, first generation college student, and must be a motivated student. In this program the students attend many field trips creating leadership skills, building confidence, oratory and, team skills. EAL - Educational Assistance Limited, a nonprofit organization was formed in 1982 in Chicago consisting of religious oriented corporate salespeople. These individuals approached corporations, shaking loose inventory/material, not being used, donating these materials to colleges around the country. This inventory ("shopping list") is faxed to participating schools monthly, i.e. filing cabinets valued at \$500 - participating schools can purchase these items at 10% of the handling fee and the schools agree to place the remaining value in a scholarship fund to be used for students in the EAL program. There are now three to four hundred students participating in this program. Jason Welling, an EAL student explained to the membership his excitement for the program. In closing, Chuck asked for any questions, and thanked the Chamber for their invitation to speak.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion made by Jack McCracken and seconded by Chad Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia A. Houglund

## Special thank you . . .

. . . to Patricia "Patty" Houglund for her dedicated and remarkable two years with the Waynesburg Chamber.

## Warm welcome . . .

. . . to Jacqueline "Jackie" Dane, our new Executive Secretary.

## Chamber Members . . .

If you have not paid your 1995 Membership Dues, please do so as soon as possible.

## Fighting

Never get into fights with ugly people because they have nothing to lose.

—unknown

## Gwen R. Nicholson Joins J. K. Willison Real Estate, Inc.

Gwen R. Nicholson, daughter of William E. and the late Joyce Gwynn Nicholson, of Carmichaels has joined J. K. Willison Real Estate, Inc., located at 116 W. High St. Waynesburg. Nicholson was born and raised in Greene County and graduated from Carmichaels Area High School in 1992. She has been a member of the First United Methodist Church of Carmichaels, for the past twelve years.

Nicholson completed her Real Estate education at Polly Associates in Greensburg, and later passed her state salesperson examination. Nicholson is also a member of the National Association of REALTORS, the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS and the Washington-Greene Association of REALTORS.

## Trouble

Borrow trouble for yourself, if that's your nature, but don't lend it to your neighbors.

—Rudyard Kipling

## 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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