

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce Phone: (412) 627-5926 • Fax: (412) 627-8017 E-mail: wbgchamb@greenepa.net

# "TOGETHER WE CAN" Community/Teen Resource Center

Anne Hails spoke on behalf of Catholic Charities at our April 23rd General Meeting . . . if you weren't there, you missed a most enlightening and very well-received presentation by Ms Hails. Needless to say her persuasive and irresistible personality had most of us contributing ideas and lending our musings to her "Mission." Basically, the mission is to provide a safe, supervised, ecumenical center for our community youth and adults. The Center would provide inter-generational opportunities which bring the family into focus in our community.

As the Tribune-Review recently stated this "GROUP HAS BOLD VISION FOR YOUTH CENTER IN WAYNESBURG." According to Ms. Hails, Catholic Charities is providing leadership to get the Youth Center started and could be owned by the Churches; she talked of a particular location in High Street that would be ideal for such a center. They have mailed surveys to area high school students and the responses were interesting and enthusiastic. The students were interested in dances, table games, sports activities, art classes and other recreational activities. They would like to provide a "safe place for young people."

Ms. Hails provided some fairly startling but, somehow not surprising, statistics that provide understanding for why our community families would greatly benefit from a Community/Youth Center.

For more information, contact Anne Hails 727-6410 and/or Wanda Tanner 627-8852.

### Our Thanks To All Scholarship Applicants And Committee Members

This year we received 26 applications for the Scholarship Award which gave the Committee a very big job indeed to select this year's winner. A special thanks to Committee Members: Stanley Majesky of the Greene County Job Service and Chairman of the Committee John Owen, Special Events Commission and Director of United Way; Mary Pruss, Attorney-at-Law with Peacock, Keller, Ecker & Crothers; Loretta Garber, of National City Bank; Selene Sowden, Fayette Bank and Millie Wonderling, Bowlby Library.

We know it was a difficult task and thank you for your diligence. The applicants were:

WINNER	
Christopher Caprini Waynesburg	

Leslie Latusek Greensboro

Rachael E. Steinberg Waynesburg

Rebecca Readd Greensboro

Jennifer Knisely Waynesburg

John Blosnich Rices Landing

Crystal Bailey Waynesburg

Frank A. Bupka Mather

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# WAYNESBURG AREA **CHAMBER HOSTED JUDGE CANDIDATE FORUM**

We were delighted to provide this public service to Greene County. The Greene County candidates for Judge spoke for approximately ten minutes each about their backgrounds and vision on April 30 - 7:00 PM at the Margaret Bell Miller Middle School Auditorium in Waynesburg.

An impressive crowd enjoyed the evening and afterwards were treated to some artistic and delicious refreshments arranged by John Owen our "cuisine connoisseur." Andrew Corfont, President and Chairman of the event conducted the evening and a special thanks to Suzanne Huffman and Jackie Brodak-Kingora for greeting our guests and making everyone comfortable. Of course, we would like to thank the very able candidates and our congratulations to:

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William R. Nalitz, Attorney at Law.

### General Membership Meeting Wednesday, May 28, 1997 The Golden Corral

Speaker: CHRISTOPHER C. CAPRINI 1997 Winner of \$1,500 Educational Scholarship

"The Quest"

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

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#### **ANNOUNCING - MISS RAIN DAY CANDIDATES**

Carla Caldwell, Miss Rain Day 1996 and Andrew Corfont, President of the Chamber and Chairman of the Miss Rain Day Pageant announced that we have accepted 16 Candidates to compete in the Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant: Members of the committee are: Andrew Corfont, Chairman and President of the Chamber, John Owen, Linda Corfont, Suzanne Huffman, Kevin Policz, Pauline and Barry Crumrine, Jackie Brodak-Kingora, Barbara and Jackie Moschetta, Kay Laskody and Jackie Camp-Dane, Executive Director of the Chamber.

The pageant, now in it's nineteenth year, will be held on Sunday, July 27th at the Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium. The pageant is open to girls age 14 to 18 as of Rain Day, July 29th, that reside in Greene County, Pennsylvania.

The contestants will take part in many activities during June and July such as a Mother-Daughter Dinner and Fashion Show, a field trip, annual golf outing, meet the commissioners, Grocers Fight Cancer Day a special Rain Day Contestant Outing and activities on Rain Day, July 29th. Each contestant will compete in Personal Interview,

Sportswear, Talent and Evening Gown competitions. Scholarship savings bonds and trophies will be awarded to Miss Photogenic, Miss Personality, the contestant who collects the most sponsorship and the contestants who score the highest in the Sportswear and Evening Gown competition. In the talent division, a top talent award will be presented as well as five talent achievement medallions. Miss Rain Day 1997 will be named along with four runners-up who will serve as the guests of honor during this years Rain Day celebration. All contestants will be presented with some very special gifts just for participating. This year's contestants are:

# **1997 Rain Day Scholarship Candidates** (Listed Alphabetically)

Barnhart, Katee, 15, daughter of Gary & Lois Barnhart of Carmichaels

Barrish, Julie Anne, 17, daughter of John & Linda Barrish of Waynesburg

Corazzi, Jolin Victoria, 17, of Jefferson; daughter of Thomas & Betti Corazzi of McClellandtown

Fox, Alissa Joy, 17, daughter of Dave & Nancy Fox of Waynesburg

Hagyari, Amy Maria, 18, daughter of Larry S. & Linda G. Hagyari of Jefferson

Hoyle, Stephanie Michelle, 17, daughter of Terry & Brenda Hoyle of Waynesburg

Hurd, Jilissa, 16, daughter of Jill Monas and Jonathan Hurd of Jefferson

Marisa, Autumn, 17, daughter of Rudy & Jackie Marisa of Waynesburg

Maxwell, Susan, 16, daughter of Mike & Sue Coss of Waynesburg

Rice, Cortney, 17, daughter of Rusty & Christie Rice of Prosperity

Robbins, Cheri, 16, daughter of Thomas & Denise Robbins of Greensboro

Syrek, Lisa, 17, daughter of John & JoAnn Syrek of Jefferson

Szarell, Kristin, 14, daughter of Dr. David & Thelma Szarell of Graysville

Tustin, Amanda Danielle, 16, daughter of George & Annette Tustin of Waynesburg

Whipkey, Miranda, 16, daughter of David & Beth Whipkey of Waynesburg

Wilson, Katie, 15, daughter of Kevin & Meg Wilson of Rogersville

#### THANKS - LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members of the Long Range Planning Committee, Suzanne C. Huffman and Jackie Brodak-Kingora, Co-Chairpersons, along with committee members Walter Christopher, Andrew Corfont and Donna Morosky have formulated a draft proposal for a five year plan for the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce:

Chamber Mission: We suggest that because the chamber is experiencing growth, not only in membership, but in expanded activities and services, that a mission statement be written and utilized to convey our purpose to the community.

Mission Statement Sample: To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in Greene County. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to the community at large. To serve as an ambassador for one of the nation's best places to live and work.

#### Goals:

 To form a positive, productive alliance with the Carmichaels Area Chamber of Commerce through joint meetings and projects.

- To promote business development and tourism in conjunction with the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency and the Greene County Industrial Development Authority through the coordination, not duplication, of efforts.
- 3. To serve and
- 4. A positive and resourceful role-model to the community by continuing to support and sponsor informative, community-enhancing events.

#### Objectives 1997:

- Undertake the beautification committee responsibilities by leading and pulling together interested parties and volunteers.
- Begin regularly scheduled meetings with representatives of the Carmichaels Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 3. Study the feasibility of offering natural gas service alternatives through the Chamber Office (more info to follow).

#### Objectives 1998:

1. Sponsor a Greene County Business Fair – an opportunity for local busi-

- nesses to show off their products and services to county residents
- Host/find host for Chamber Social Hours – a time to flow down and celebrate all the good stuff and good friends we have in the business community.

Objectives 1999-2002: Continue evaluating and researching better ways to sell ourselves and our wonderful county. Continue to develop and strengthen relationships with anyone and everyone interested in the wellbeing of the area.

CHAMBER MEMBERS: THIS IS A DRAFT PROPOSAL PRESENTED AT THE MAY 14TH BOARD MEETING. YOUR COMMENTS ARE WELCOME AND THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR MAY 28TH GENERAL MEETING.

# 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!

#### WELCOME NEW **MEMBERS**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc. 32 Church Street Waynesburg, PA 15370 Contact: Anne L. Hails, Director (412) 627-6410

Note: If any of the membership has not received their 1997 sticker to place on their plaque; or, if you need a Plaque, please contact the Chamber office.

#### GOOD NEWS

All members will be featured on our INTERNET WEB PAGE, alphabetically and under service provided. The Web page will be similar to the Membership Directory you now have and we will update for new members. Check and see if you are on the Web Page; if you have any problems with your listing, please advise Communications Development at 852-3078.

Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce held a very successful dinner with over 480 guests in attendance. Congratulations Carmichaels and all of those who worked so

industriously for this wonderful occasion. The community "camaraderie" is evident and we applaud your achievements.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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