

# CHAMBER CHATTER

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## President's Letter

The call went out May Day, May Day, and the townspeople responded to assist with finding a solution to downtown revitalization. I would like to thank the many people that attended the April 25th public meeting and shared their visions on what they would like Waynesburg to be in 2011. Bill Fontana from Pa. Downtown Center will be returning for the next public meeting May 31st. Discussion will be centered around the strengths, and weaknesses of our downtown and ways to improve. We need YOUR input!

I have been kept busy representing the chamber at several events. These included the "Biker Chick For A Day," with A.B.A.T.E on the Annual Cancer Society Run. I also attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at Resolutions, the new fitness center.

We are always pleased to have new members. When they combine with the faithful members that already participate, utilizing their time and talent, we will have a flourishing Chamber.

Everyone is looking forward to the Pirate bus trip to PNC Park on June 22nd. Fox Charter Service will provide our transportation. It will be hassle free, you won't have to fight the traffic or find a parking space. We only have 100 tickets and they are going fast so make your reservation NOW.

Susan W. Stoy

## We Love Renewals!!!

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## WELCOME New Representatives

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of Greene County

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY**  
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**MAY 23, 2001**

**Noon to 1:00 p.m. • Groovy's American Cafe**

**SPEAKER: LAUREL SWARTZWELDER**

**TOPIC: CHAMBERCHOICE INSURANCE**

**SPECIAL GUEST: STACY LYNN BARGERSTOCK, WINNER OF THE CHAMBER'S 2001 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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## Revitalizing Downtown Waynesburg

The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce requests your help in the planning for a revitalization project for downtown. You are invited and strongly encouraged to attend the following meetings to voice your opinions and suggestions for improving our downtown area.

**May 31, 2001**

Discussion of strengths, weaknesses of our downtown and way to improve.

**June 21, 2001**

Discussion of Vision Statement for consensus.

**August 9, 2001**

Unveiling of Vision Plan to the Community.

All meetings will take place at the Waynesburg Theater and Arts Center (Opera House).

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the Chamber office at 627-5926.

*The Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce is a member of Main Street USA and the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.*



## Community View Book – Last Chance To Participate!!!

It's not too late to join your fellow progressive and community minded businesses in the Waynesburg Area Community Profile Book. Since this book will not be redone for three years, act now so you will not be left out. The deadline for participating is approaching quickly. You will receive a \$100 Chamber member discount and 5% cash discount. We will be going to press very soon and if you have lost the pink reply card, just give Marsha a call at the Chamber office. The Board of Directors greatly appreciate the support of the following businesses who have joined in to make this project become a reality.

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## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

### ALERT \*\* ALERT!!!

Last Fall, while trick-or-treating with my daughter, Jeff McCracken of McCracken Pharmacy wished me good luck with the new Chamber map project. This came as a great surprise to me because the Chamber was not producing a new map project. After several minutes of discussion it was clear that a group was in town approaching businesses using not only the Chamber's name, but my name as well in their sales pitch. This is not the first time this has happened, and I'm sure it won't be the last. But each time it does happen, it infuriates me. Jeff was lucky we ran into each other. Our conversation saved him a few hundred dollars. But before I could get the issue to the attention of the Board of Directors, they struck again. This time they phoned my husband who is the District Manager for the Waynesburg Wendy's. He played along and when he asked who was sponsoring the map, they told him the Chamber and when he asked who their contact was, they told him—ME!! When he confronted them with the fact that he was my husband and he knew that they in fact were not sponsored by the Chamber, they hung up! We immediately ran a press release in the local papers and in the Chamber newsletter warning businesses that a map project through Hometown Productions was indeed happening, but was not in any way being sponsored by the Chamber. Dave Burd of Waynesburg Agway phoned after he saw the piece in the newspaper and after several months of phone calls with his credit card company, he was able to retrieve his money. I phoned their headquarters in Texas, thanks to the information that Jeff was

able to provide to me, however, I basically got no where. They informed me that this was not any of my business.

To my surprise, this past month I received a box full of the maps produced by Hometown Productions. The map information does not contain the new 911 addresses and is a poor attempt at representing the county. There were several Waynesburg and Carmichaels businesses on the map. I have spoken to a few from Waynesburg and had been told the same thing. They were told it was a Chamber publication and that is why they bought the ad.

Anytime that you are approached by someone who is not known to you, even if they tell you they are working for the Chamber, be cautious!! If we contract with a company, such as we are currently doing with Village Profile, the sales people will have identification and a letter of introduction from my office. Plus, if you are reading your newsletter, you will know in advance that someone will be approaching you and what the project is. Currently, your Chamber produces a Waynesburg City Map and a Waynesburg Community Profile Book using outside sales people. The Profile book is underway right now and once it is complete, we do not intend to redo either publication for at least three years. All other publications are done in house and you are contacted directly from this office. Should you ever have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,  
Melody Longstreth

## Stormwater Permits

Certain small businesses may be required to apply for a stormwater permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Stormwater is drainage runoff from the surface of the land, including runoff from stored materials and stockpiles that may carry contaminants. Only those industrial activities with a point source discharge of stormwater to surface water (including dry swales) that fall under a Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code starting with the numbers 10 through 51 are required to submit a stormwater permit application. Call the ENVIROHELP hotline at 800-722-4743 for a full listing of the SIC categories.

Pennsylvania has developed a general permit, PAG-3, that will cover all industrial activities with stormwater discharges

needing permits. There is a separate application and discharge permit (PAG-2) for construction that affects more than five acres. You cannot use the general NPDES permit if your industrial activity is subject to existing effluent limitation guidelines for stormwater or if your stormwater activity occurs in a high-quality or exceptional value watershed area. An individual permit is required in these situations. For example, York County has four such areas: East Branch Codorus Creek, Otter Creek, South Branch Muddy Creek and Trout Run. Runoff in these areas requires an individual, site-specific NPDES permit. Information about your local watershed area can be found on DEP's website at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) (directLINK "watersheds").



# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 25, 2001  
Greene County Vo-Tech

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pam Bogucki-Rolling Meadows Road, Susan Stoy-Representative DeWeese, Jeanine Henry-University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center, Cindy Baily-Greene County Messenger, Merle Williams-Alltel of Penna., Inc., John Glass-Observer-Reporter, Dr. Craig Smith-Tri-State Health Care, Millie Wonderling-Bowlby Public Library, Ruth Enci-Area Agency on Aging, Frank Couch-CareerLink, John Owen-Habitat for Humanity, Mary C. Parkinson-Honorary Member, Nancy Davis-Westmoreland County Community College, Ginny McClelland-Dance Studio and guests Bill Fontana-Pennsylvania Downtown Center and Graham Crichton.

President Susan Stoy called the meeting to order at 12:25. Introductions were made around the room and business cards were collected for the door prize drawing. New member, Greene County Country Club represented by Bill Bartoletti was welcomed to the membership. Member representatives, Gerry Simonetti of Beverly Health Care and Melissa Holbert of Cellular One were also welcomed. Member, Andrew Corfont, recently underwent Kidney surgery and a Get Well card will be sent on behalf of the Chamber. On a motion by Jeanine Henry, seconded by Pam Bogucki, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. On a motion by John Glass, seconded by Nancy Davis, the Treasurer's Report was approved. On a motion by Ginny McClelland, seconded by Ruth Enci, the Secretary's Report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Susan Stoy introduced Bill Fontana, Director of the Pennsylvania Downtown Center who is in Waynesburg today to attend the first of a series of four public meetings to begin the visioning plan for downtown. The meeting will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in the Waynesburg Theater. Mr. Fontana encouraged everyone to attend because the decisions made at the meetings will have an impact on businesses. John Owen, co-chair of the Downtown Revitalization committee also encouraged members to attend and announced that the Steering Committee is still open for suggestions. John Glass, chair of the Golf Outing Committee announced that May 18th has been selected for the annual Golf Outing which will be held at the Greene County Country Club. Cost is \$275 and nearly 300 invitations have been sent to members and other interested players. The committee is still gathering prizes. Anyone wishing to serve on the committee is welcome to contact the office.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Marsha Gilliman, of Village Profile, is working with the Chamber to

produce a Community View Book for the Waynesburg Area. She reported that the deadline is approaching and anyone interested in being a part of the full color, high gloss book should contact the office right away. The book will have a shelf life of three years and 5000 will be produced for the Chamber's use in relocation packages, newcomer packages, etc. Susan Stoy reminded everyone that they may still order Chamber polo shirts. If anyone is interested, they need to contact the office. A sign-up sheet was passed around for anyone interested in attending the Pirate Game on June 22nd with the Chamber. Bus transportation is included in the \$30 ticket price.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Susan Stoy reminded members that the bids for the items needed for the Miss Rain Day Pageant were included in the April newsletter and anyone interested in bidding on those items and services must be a member in good standing and present a sealed bid to the Chamber by May 8th. Ruth Enci reviewed the details on the upcoming Job Fairs in the area. Washington's will be May 10 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Meadowslands and a Job Skills Workshop will be held on May 11th. Greene County's Job Fair will be held in August at the Carmichaels Fire Hall. Shelia Barger announced that she has tickets available for the Carmichaels Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance which will be held April 28th. Melody and Susan will be attending to represent our Chamber.

Jeanine Henry introduced Graham Crichton, an exchange student from Ireland. Graham is studying Business at Waynesburg College for one academic year. He arrived in Waynesburg on August 25th and has been experiencing life as an American student ever since. In Ireland, Graham is training full time to be an actor at Belfast Institute and took a year out from his studies when he applied and was accepted on a joint program run by the Training and Employment Agency of Northern Ireland and the Presbyterian Church. The program which is called BEI (Business Education Initiative) and sends 160 students from Ireland all over the United States to study Business each year. Waynesburg College is only one of over 90 colleges involved in the program. He shared his thoughts and observations on life in Ireland compared to life here in the United States.

On a motion by John Glass, seconded by Ruth Enci, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Longstreth  
Executive Director

## Goodbye, We'll Miss You!

Chad Moore, of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County is saying good bye to his Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce days. Chad began with the Chamber in the late 1980's and has served on the Board of Directors for several terms where he held the offices of President and Treasurer. He has chaired the Golf Outing several times and served on the Distinguished Service Award Committee and Educational Scholarship Committee and many others. Chad will be moving to manage the new branch of First Federal located in Washington. We will miss him and his dedication to the Chamber of Commerce. Good Luck Chad in your new location and position!!!

## CHAMBER DAY WITH THE PIRATES

Would you like to see the new PNC Park? Would you like to see the Pirates take on Montreal in the brand new stadium? Of course you would!!! The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a bus trip to see the game on Friday, June 22nd. The game time is 7:05pm and we will leave Waynesburg at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$30 and include transportation with Fox Charter Service and admission to the stadium. But don't wait to make your reservations, only 100 seats are available to us. So call the office today to reserve your seats!!! This event promises to be a lot of fun for everyone, bring your spouse, your children and use the trip as an incentive for employees.



## Educational Fund Participants

Andrew W. Gump - West Greene; Alicia R. Hamel - Waynesburg Central; Michael W. Bruno - Waynesburg Central; Tracy Jean Eddy - Waynesburg Central; Jennifer Huffman - Waynesburg Central; Mitchell L. Lohiser - Waynesburg Central; Rachel N. Throckmorton - Waynesburg Central; John J. Vitolo - West Greene; Matthew J. Antonelli - Carmichaels Area; Amy Dawn Obrad - Waynesburg Central; Scott Evick - Waynesburg Central; Kimberly Renee Waligora - Jefferson-Morgan; Lyndsay Sheranko - Mapletown; Kathryn Rohanna - Jefferson-Morgan; Jeremiah James Bandish - Carmichaels Area; Jacqueline C. Metcalf - Waynesburg Central; Leah O. Carpenter - Waynesburg Central; Rachel Peterson - Carmichaels Area; Miles P. Davin - Waynesburg Central.



## Training Events for the Second Quarter 2001

DATE	TITLE	LOCATION	TIME
6/14/01	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	Fort Jackson Building	8:00 a.m.-10 a.m.
6/13/01	"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"	532 Masonic Temple Pitt's Main Campus	8:00-10 a.m.
6/19/01	"The Quiet Killer" Improving Your Organizational Process	University Club	1:30-5:30 p.m.

\*For information on Entrepreneurial Fellows Center & Family Enterprise Center programs call 412-648-1544.

## THANKS... THANKS!!!

A warm thank you goes out to Jennifer Adamason-Washington Street Cafe and Mark Lemezis-Groovy's American Cafe for their generous donation to the Revitalization Committee. The Washington Street Cafe played host to the Steering Committee Meetings and Groovy's graciously provided sandwiches.

Waynesburg Theater & Arts Center - Sally Cameron and Chris Kiger, also gets a special thank you for allowing us to hold the public meetings for the Downtown Revitalization Public Meetings at the beautiful establishment!!

Thanks to the Experimental Aircraft Association of Greene County for donating a family pass to the Greene County Air Show as the April General Membership Meeting Door Prize.

A special thank you goes to Graham G. Crichton of Ireland who spoke at the April General Membership Meeting. He presented a delightful comparison of his home to his time in Waynesburg. He is studying Business at Waynesburg College and has been experiencing life as an American student. Everyone in attendance enjoyed his presentation and the Chamber wishes him the best of luck in his future studies.

## Is That the Chamber President on A Harley?

President, Susan Stoy, recently participated in the A.B.A.T.E. Cancer Run on April 28th.



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## EDUCATION

### COMMITTEE

## Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce Awards Annual Scholarship

Connie Clark, Chair of the Educational Scholarship Fund of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce has announced that the annual \$1,500 scholarship will be presented to Stacy Lynn Bargerstock of Carmichelas, PA. The 18 year old Stacy attends the California University of PA to pursue a degree in the R.N. Cooperative Nursing Program, B.S.N. Stacy is the daughter of Kenneth and Rebecca Ann Bargerstock of Carmichaels, PA. This year's scholarship was funded entirely by RAG American Coal, PA Operations.

This scholarship, the eleventh for the Chamber, is presented each year to a Greene County senior who plans to attend a college or trade school. The scholarship is awarded based on grade point average, community involvement, school activities, and a 500 word essay on "What their life goal is and how they plan to address it through their education" Stacy and her family will be special guests of the Chamber at the May General Membership Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at the Groovy's American Cafe at noon. Stacy will read her winning essay entitled "My Purpose in Life and How I Plan to Address it Through Education." The public is invited to attend.

This year, 21 applications for the scholarship was received. The committee had a difficult task of selecting one winner from the qualified field. Stacy's essay earned a first place vote from six of the seven committee members. The committee members are Chair Connie Clark of Kyowa America; Mary K. Pruss of Peacock Keller; Cory L. Grandel of Waddell & Reed; Nancy Davis of Greene County Education Center; Karen Zalom of RAG American Coal; David Godisart of Greene County Office Equipment and Cindy Baily of the Greene County Messenger. Thank you to all!



## GOLF OUTING

### COMMITTEE

Mark May 18th on your calendar to join your fellow members at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing. This year the event will be held at the Greene County Country Club and will feature a four-man scramble format. We will host a putt-off competition and will have lots of prizes available to everyone. Don't miss this great day of golf and member to member networking. There are still spots available so if you are interested, please contact the office to get your team signed up! A special thanks to Chair John Glass and his committee for meeting and planning this great event.

## On the Move

John Owen recently began as the Director of the Habitat for Humanity program here in Greene County. He resigned as Director of the Greene County United Way to take over his new post. We wish John the best of luck in this new position.

John will remain with the Board of Directors in his position as chairman of the Special Events Commission.

## CHAMBER POLO SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Green polo shirts with the Chamber logo embroidered in white are now available to members at a cost of \$24 each, \$26 for XXL. Members are encouraged to purchase shirts and wear them proudly to let everyone know that you support your Chamber of Commerce!!! To order shirts, please contact the office.



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The Pennsylvania Hall of Fame of Champions of Older Workers is accepting nominations of employers in Greene County as part of a statewide search to acknowledge employers who made a special effort to hire and accommodate workers 55 years of age and older during 2000.

Employers who have actively recruited older workers, developed opportunities and training, provided flexible schedules, promoted older workers from within or generally made accommodations for a mature work force are sought for recognition. Employers may represent large or small businesses as well as public agencies.

Each nominee receives a certificate of appreciation and recognition during National Employ the Older Worker Week September 23 - 29, 2001. These employers are entered in a statewide competition. From this group a Grand Champion of Older Workers will be selected and honored at an awards luncheon in Harrisburg on November 16, 2001.

Today's workforce is comprised of a diverse group of individuals, including older workers. Many people work well past retirement age in order to stay busy and healthy. Others stay on the job because of economic necessity.

Employers find that this group of individuals answers many dilemmas when hiring employees, since the older worker is reliable, dependable and eager-to-learn. Each year, the Pennsylvania Hall of Fame of Champions of Older Workers has recognized those businesses that employ the older worker and realized the benefits of this decision. Anyone may nominate.

Nomination forms may be obtained from: the Chamber Office.

Help find the best choices possible for the Hall of Fame award from Greene County. Nominations must be received on or before July 6, 2001.

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## Schedule for 2001

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- July 16-21 Art Show  
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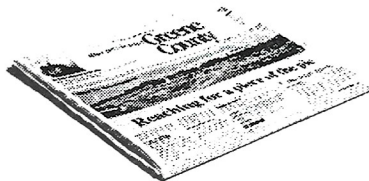
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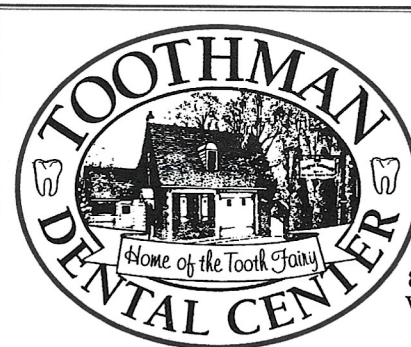


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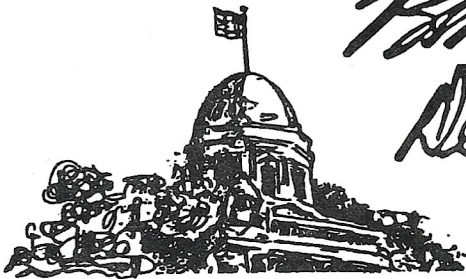
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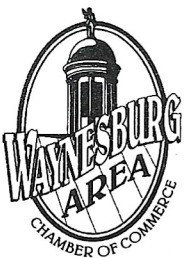
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