



# CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Greater Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

## General Membership Meeting Wednesday, November 17th at Noon Waynesburg Restaurant

All Chamber Members are urged to attend and to bring a friend.  
If you are unable, please feel free to send a representative.  
Meetings begin promptly at 12:05. Please feel free to be seated anytime.

## Nominations for Board of Directors

Five positions on the Board of Directors will become open on December 31. A nominating committee has put together a slate of candidates. They are:

- Millie Wonderling - Bowlby Library
- Amy Kiger - Waynesburg Theater/Fashion Shop
- Jules Kayla- Alltel
- Christine Gardner- Hospice
- David Cline - Waynesburg College
- Clark Patterson - Huffman-Whipkey Insurance Agency
- Brian Waychoff - Huntington Bank
- Kay Laskody - Mountainview Gardens
- Sheila Barger - Integra Bank South
- James Moore - The Greene County Messenger

The nominations were opened at the October General Membership Meeting and will remain open until the Elections are held at this month's meeting. To nominate someone, please contact the office or make the nomination at the meeting. A Board of Director serves a three year term and must attend Board meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of the month in addition to the General Meetings and meetings of any committees they choose to take part in.

## From Our Vice President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracy Burns Suter for her years of service to the Chamber. She will be missed and things will be different without her.

I also would like to give my heartfelt thanks to Mary Pruss and her committee for the splendid job they did in the annual DSA Banquet. My only regret about that special evening is that there were not more chamber members in attendance. Slightly more than 10% of the Chamber members were there.

I guess what I'm saying is that we need more involvement. Of course we need your financial support through your membership dues, but we really need you! With so many members and so few actually involved, burn-out of that few is a major problem. We're not asking for hours of your donated time from your busy schedules, but would like for you to attend an hour general membership meeting once a month. We would like to have your ideas and suggestions. We're all in this for the betterment of Waynesburg and the area. We have so much to offer.

Please give the Chamber your support. Pat Hougland is our secretary and in the office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to take your calls and answer your questions. Let's all work together and let everyone else know what a special place Waynesburg is what we have to offer.

John L. Owen  
Vice President

## A Letter from Tracy Burns Suter

Dear Board of Directors and  
Fellow Chamber Members,

First I would like to thank you all for your support and concerns over the past few months. As I am sure, you all know my husband and I have faced many difficult challenges this year, most of which we have overcome thanks to the support and love of friends like each and everyone of you.

I thought I had faced my toughest challenges when I sold my business, started a new job and moved to a new area. But as I write this letter to all of you I realize that this is the most difficult task I've ever had to do. As I'm sure you know by this point I must resign my position as Chamber President. I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to work with you in making Waynesburg the wonderful place that it is. I have sincerely enjoyed meeting and overcoming many of the major challenges we as a Chamber have faced in the past few years.

I would like to thank John for stepping in and taking over as President. He is a great leader and a wonderful friend. I would also like to give a special thanks to Patty, who took an empty pair of shoes and filled them extremely well. Patty is the one stable part of this chamber that keeps us all pulled together and operating like a well oiled machine. I hope all of you continue to support her and appreciate her as much as I do. There are also many other individuals who are the main support team of this chamber. I thank each and everyone of them for jobs well done. These are the people who made my job as President so very enjoyable.

I intend to maintain my membership and support the chamber in any way I can. I will be in touch from time to time. I will miss you all greatly. Best of luck to all of you!

Sincerely,  
Tracy Burns Suter

# Letter to J. Barry Stout From Secretary, Pennsylvania DOT

October 8, 1993

Honorable J. Barry Stout  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
Route No. 136 and Mitchell Road  
R.D. No. 4, Box 108  
Eighty Four, Pennsylvania 15330

Dear Senator Barry Stout:

This is in response to your letter of September 22, 1993 regarding the PA 21 Corridor improvements project in Franklin Township, Greene County.

Let me assure you that we will do everything possible to expedite improvements in this corridor. I personally appreciate your interest and attention in guiding the local citizens and officials to reach a consensus. However, as you may know, these improvements must follow the required environmental process. This includes developing the overall need for the project and studying alternatives, which may be followed by additional environmental impact studies.

The Department is currently in the process of setting up a scoping field view to review the project and determine the level of environmental studies required. We will then advertise for consultant services for an environmental document and preliminary engineering.

Your interest in and support for this important project is noted and appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Howard Yeruslim, P.E.  
Secretary of Transportation

## Seminar for Employers of Greene County

The Greene County Workforce Council, in conjunction with the Greene County Employer Advisory Council, will host a seminar for the employers of Greene County. "Employer Challenges in a Changing Workforce" is the theme of the seminar which will be held Friday, November 19, 1993, at the Pepper Tree Restaurant in Waynesburg. The seminar will begin with registration at 8:30 A.M. and conclude with a buffet brunch.

After the brunch, there will be various booths open to employers interested in job training for their employees.

The cost of the seminar is \$10.00 per person. This includes a continental breakfast plus the brunch. Reservations should be returned to the Greene County Job Center by November 15, 1993. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Cole at (412) 627-6181.

Sincerely yours;  
Stanley W. Majesky  
Chairperson Greene County Workforce Council

### EMPLOYER CHALLENGES IN A CHANGING WORKFORCE

NOVEMBER 19, 1993

#### AGENDA

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M. - 9:15 A.M.

GREENE COUNTY WORKFORCE COUNCIL INTRODUCTION  
STANLEY W. MAJESKY, CHAIRPERSON

9:15 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.

WORKFORCE COMPOSITION  
BARRY DENK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, THE CENTER FOR  
RURAL PENNSYLVANIA

9:45 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

TESTING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCES  
JACK LAUGHLIN, SUPERVISOR EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT, CORNING  
VITRO CORP

10:15 A.M. - 10:20 A.M.

BREAK

10:20 A.M. - 10:50 A.M.

EMPLOYEE AS ASSETS AND RESOURCES  
MARK SELLEW, SENIOR ASSESSMENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR DDI, INC.

10:50 A.M. - 11:20 A.M.

CUSTOMIZED JOB TRAINING  
PETER BAUMHARDT, CJTC COORDINATOR  
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

11:20 A.M. - 11:35 A.M.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH SPEAKERS

11:35 A.M.

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## 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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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Owen, Vice President, Mary Parkinson, Kay Laskody, Mountainview Gardens; Barbara Loeper, Morris Insurance Agency; Millie Wonderling, Bowlby Library; Christine Gardner, Hospice Care; Salene Sowden, Huntington Bank; Brian Waychoff, Huntington Bank; Judy Rastoka, WANB; Clark Patterson, Huffman-Whipkey Insurance Agency; Frank Gressly, Stan Majesky, Job Service; Sharon Thomas, Senator Stout's Office; Sheilah Novasky, Representative William DeWeese's Office.

Vice President John Owen called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room. On a motion by Clark Patterson, seconded by Chris Gardner, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. On motion by Millie Wonderling and seconded by Christine Gardner, the Treasurer's report was approved. Yvonne Pratt, Secretary could not attend and Pat Houglan presented the Secretary's Report. On a motion by Mary Parkinson and seconded by Frank Gressly, the Secretary's report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The nominating committee (Kay Laskody, Lois Hewitt and Barbara Loeper) presented a list of nominees for the Board of Directors which will be chosen at the October General Membership meeting. They are Millie Wonderling, representing Bowlby Library, Amy Kiger, representing Waynesburg Theater/Fashion Shop, Jules Kayla, representing Alltel, Christine Gardner, representing Hospice, David Cline, representing Waynesburg College, Clark Patterson, representing Huffman-Whipkey Insurance Agency, Brian Waychoff, representing Huntington Bank, Kay Laskody, representing Mountainview Gardens, Sheila

Barger, representing Integra Bank South, and Jim Moore, representing The Greene County Messenger. John asked for additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Frank Gressly to close the nominations and seconded by Barbara Loeper. John stated that all applications had been sent and completed applications are being received at the Chamber Office. He also stated the Chamber would like to add bows and lights to the wreaths this year. Brian Waychoff and Salene Sowden volunteered to help decorate the wreaths.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John thanked Mary Pruss and her committee and everyone who helped to make the DSA Banquet a great success once again this year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** John read a letter from Tracy Burns Suter resigning her position as President of the Chamber. John also mentioned we received a letter from Lois Hewitt who will be retiring from West Penn in February, however she intends to stay active in the Chamber.

**SPEAKER:** John Owen introduced Stan Majesky, representing the Greene County Work Force Council and also the Manager of the Greene County Job Center. The Greene County Job Center is designed to provide a full range of employment, training, and related services to individuals who are unemployed or underemployed, as well as to employers. This Job Center can provide you with many of the services available through the Department of Labor and Industry. In addition, a network of community agencies is also available to provide a full range of services to those in need. These services are provided without charge to you. The Employer Advisory Council to the Pennsylvania

Department of Labor and Industry is comprised of employers who volunteer to serve as advisors to Job Centers, businesses and job applicants. The Greene County Work Force Council is comprised of Senator Stout's office, Representative DeWeese's office, Congressman Murphy's office, County Commissioners, Waynesburg College, Westmoreland Pic, Washington/Greene JTPA, Greene Community Action, Vo-Tech School, the Library, OVR, and Office of Aging. The Work Force Council meets once a month, every third Tuesday. A data base was established and there were 850 applicants to prepare people to compete for the jobs at the new prison. These people were counseled and tested and then referred to the social agencies that would help prepare them for competition at the prison. Sometime in the future there will be a statistical report of how many Greene County residents will be employed at the prison and then cross match to see how many residents the Council helped actually got jobs. A seminar will be held Friday, November 19th at the Pepper Tree with registration to begin at 8:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion made by Chris Gardner and seconded by Kay Laskody, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia A. Houglan

## New Member

Welcome to our new member:  
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## Hospice Care Inc.'s Christmas Memorial Tree

Remember someone special this holiday season by making a donation to Hospice Care's Christmas Memorial Tree. Community members can share the hospice story while helping to raise funds for Hospice Care's Bereavement Program through Memorial Tree donations.

Hospice Care Inc.'s Christmas Memorial Tree will be on display to the community from November 30 - December 30, 1993. The tree will be displayed in Washington County at the Franklin Mall and in Greene County at the Huntington National Bank of Pennsylvania on High Street. Tree lighting ceremonies will be held in Washington on December 3, 1993 at 5 p.m. and in Waynesburg on December 6, 1993 at 12 noon. Entertainment will be provided by Glory, Waynesburg College Lamplighter members; at the Waynesburg ceremony.

The tree displays represent community members' gifts to the agency in response to the annual Christmas Appeal. Doves, stars, bows and tree toppers supported by the mailing will decorate the trees. Many of the gifts are given in memory of the donors' loved ones.

"We have found this is an excellent way for family members to recognize their loved ones and it also helps them in the healing process," said Catherine R. Shultz, executive director of Hospice Care, Inc. Hospice Care, Inc. has been committed to serving the terminally ill for the past fifteen years. By providing a professional staff of a medical director, nurses, aides, counselors, social workers, volunteers, clergy and therapists, they have helped more than 2600 people to die with dignity, in their own home, surrounded by loved ones.

The Hospice Care program of care was the first medicare certified hospice and home health agency to serve Washington and

Greene counties. The program is licensed through the state Department of Health. For more information about Hospice Care, Inc. call 228-4580 or 627-8118.

## Health Care Reform and the CCSC

The national debate on Health Care Reform has begun; and with it comes numerous proposals on how to fix the existing system.

While the proposals are as numerous as they are varied, there are common elements to all:

1. A comprehensive health care plan must cover everyone, regardless of pre-existing conditions.
2. Small businesses and sole proprietors must have access to a variety of competitively priced coverages.
3. Individual must be allowed to choose either their own physicians or less expensive managed care programs.

If these ideas sound familiar they should. Since its inception, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans offered through the Chambers of Commerce Service Corporation have provided all of these features and more to their subscribers. They recognized from the start the problems faced by businesses in finding adequate, affordable coverage for their employees and have strived to assure that the health care options offered through the Waynesburg Chamber remain accessible and affordable to all of its members.

To assure that we remain on the cutting edge of health care, CCSC representatives have maintained an open dialogue with officials of Blue Cross of Western PA and the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner. Based on these discussions, the CCSC is confident

that it is securely positioned to meet the requirements of future health care reforms.

As the health care debate continues, the CCSC will keep its subscribers informed of the issues and the effect any changes will have on their coverage. Current participants should feel confident that CCSC is doing the job necessary to help businesses survive in today's changing economic climate. Current Chamber members not enrolled in the CCSC health care plan are invited to call their office at 412-232-6555 or 1-800-377-3539 and learn more about their services.

## What Do You Have To Say??

Has someone in your company recently been promoted? Is there a special event coming up in your businesses or organization? Has your firm recently reached a significant milestone or received a prestigious award? Or maybe you've changed locations, hours, or added a unique new product or service?

WE'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IT so we can try to share your news with other Chamber members by printing it in CHAMBER CHATTER. Give us a call or drop us a line and give us the scoop! We'll be happy to hear from you.

The deadlines for submission are the first of the month for inclusion in that month's edition. The Chamber reserves the right to edit as needed and the items will be placed on a first come, first serve, basis. However, we will attempt to use all material as it is presented to us.

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## Newsletter Plans For The Future

The past several months has been a time for great change and growth in our office and the newsletter has been a major part of that change. The format change, member advertising, a new name, and professional print services from Rhodes & Hammers Printing, Inc. have begun to make our newsletter shine.

Now another change is beginning, an additional page is being added along with member profiles and photos. For the remainder of 1993, members who have placed ads in the newsletter will be profiled. Beginning in 1994, a system will be in place to ensure that all members who wish to be profiled in the newsletter will have a chance to do so.

We hope that you enjoy the changes and continue to submit ideas which will help us better serve you.



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