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The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

SPECIAL THANKS

Our guest speaker at the October 23rd meeting was Karen E. Galentine, Director of Development at Waynesburg College. We would like to share Karen's enlightening commentary with you. She thanked the Chamber for inviting her to speak on behalf of Waynesburg College during what we knew was a very exciting week for the College and the community. She brought greetings from President Thyreen and Mort Gamble and told us that that week they were dedicating the new Performing Arts Center with a series of nightly events featuring a variety of artists. There was a student production based on Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man." Scenes from various plays reflected the different stages in human life. She went on to say that the previous evening Dr. Gottfried H. Wagner, noted authority on music and the arts, presented a lecture titled, "Artistic Responsibility to Society: The Wagner Legacy." He is the great grandson of composer Richard Wagner and the great-great grandson of composer and pianist Franz Liszt. A humanitarian, Dr. Wagner has dedicated his career to speaking against the anti-Semitic views of his great-grandfather whose music was an inspiration to Adolf Hitler. His grandmother who almost married Hitler told him that the Holocaust was a "lie made up by the New York Jews." His own father agrees with Richard Wagner's views. He feels that artists of all types must take responsibility for the results or use of their work and that his family has not yet done so. For his views, Dr. Wagner is no longer welcome in his home country of Germany, or welcome in his family, and his life has been threatened by Nazi skinhead groups as recently as last week. Karen stated that this evening, poet b.f. maiz along with Kathryn Karipides will present an evening of PODANDRA, the bringing together of poetry, music and dance. Thursday evening the Amernet String Quartet would perform. Formed at the Julliard School, the Amernet String Quartet brings together winner of prestigious international competitions. She also told us that tickets for Saturday evenings dedication festivities, ribbon cutting and "An Evening of Music" were completely booked. She stated that so far they have had a good

mix of College and community people attending. Future plans include a full series of arts events which, of course, will be open to the public. Karen went on to say . . . "As you know, this facility was made possible by the College's recently completed \$10 million Capital Campaign. The appealing aspect that caused several foundations and individuals to support this facility is the fact that it is a community and regional resource, not just a campus building. Our future plans include a new Student Center to better service the needs of our 1,200 students - 1/3 of whom are Greene County residents, and an increased role for technology. The college is part of the consortium which recently received the \$2.5 million challenge grant from the Department of Education to improve technology between the school districts, votech school and the College. Through interactive classrooms, courses can be taught in one school and students at all can participate. This also has implications beyond the countyacross the country and around the world. The College is developing international relationships in Russia and South Korea. We're already teaching business courses to Moscow University's best and brightest through the Internet. In fact, one student said that the business course he took from Waynesburg College was the best one he'd ever taken. It's important for us all to prepare students to live and work in an international environment. Yet, we are totally committed to Greene

County. Most of the 1,000 hours per week our students perform is in Greene County. This is our home and we want it to prosper economically, socially and culturally. You are all familiar with our service initiatives. We received a \$300,000 grant for service from the Richard King Mellon Foundation because of our commitment to Greene County and community service. Through the Bonner Scholars program and our service learning component, we're able to provide more direct service here. It became increasingly obvious through Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala's visit to Greene County Saturday, that the efforts of Greene County and the College are on the right path. Our efforts are well-known, well-respected and highly regarded. We are taking the needed steps to care for our citizens and our community. While economic development is a top priority of anyone's agenda, the general issues of life affecting us daily can be addressed in a variety of ways. The tradition of education established almost 150 years ago guides us today - and will so as we move into the 21st Century as we work together to develop our community and our quality of life. If you've not had the chance to visit campus recently, I invite you to do so. Much has been happening over the past 4 or 5 years. Visit our new Performing Arts Center and stop by the Paul R. Stewart Museum which has glass that the Corning Museum doesn't have and would very much like to have. Thank You!"

General Membership Meeting and Speaker Wednesday, November 20, 1996 The Golden Corral – 12:00 Noon

Guest Speakers: Rosalind B. Laur, Jury Commissioner and Georgeann Gardner, Jury Commissioner "Jury Selection Process"

All members urged to attend - Bring a guest - Bring your questions!

If you are unable to attend, please send your representative.

VOTING FOR 1997 BOARD MEMBERS - ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT!

WHO'S NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to our McDonald's representative, Byllye Miller, proud mother of two "Tiny Tim Tomato" Winners. Thanks to the collaboration of the Bowlby Library, The Little Greene Apple Farm and the Greene County Extension Office children can participate in an educational program that introduces them to horticulture. Byllye's son Matthew won for most attractive plant and her daughter Beth won for the most marketable fruit. Other winners were Miranda Hamilton, Caleb Dransfield and Justin Ziefel.

Alyssa Corfont, daughter of Andrew and Linda Corfont, broke her arm in two places and will be in a cast for sometime. We all hope you are feeling much better and that you heal quickly. <u>Just keep a smile on that beautiful face!</u>

Our esteemed President, Chad Moore recently went fishing with his Dad and hooked a big one . . . which he will mount and hang on the wall of his office . . . way to go Prez!

John and Jane Owen looked fabbbbbulous at the Harvest Ball! Those two are GREAT dancers and always have such a grand time. Greene County certainly has a lot of "beautiful people" (inside and out).

Congratulations to Greene County Memorial Hospital for their <u>very successful</u> HARVEST BALL, held at the Westin-William Penn in Pittsburgh on November 2nd. Many Chamber members were in attendance . . . a worthy cause and a "sparkling" evening.

Also, Waynesburg College is to be commended and congratulated on their new Performing Arts Center. Your Chamber was able to make a gift payment for the Performing Arts Center and we shared in the dedication and "An Evening of Music."

Watch your paper for up-coming events, or call Waynesburg College at 627-8191 and ask to be placed on their mailing list. Waynesburg College also advised us that they received notification of continuing accreditation of its four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program and related programs by the National League of Nursing. The college is

also helping teens prepare for the future by "going exploring." As an explorer, students learn important skills such as team building, public speaking and interviewing. They also learn how to organize their time to accomplish tasks for school and other activities... parents are welcome to participate. For more information regarding these programs call Dr. Clites at 852-3356.

Speaking of the "arts," the Greene County Council on the Arts at PO Box 309, Carmichaels, PA 15320 is sponsoring a 1996-1997 Gift of Music 4 Concert Series. Their are three programs remaining: Saturday, December 21st a matinee at Heinz Hall featuring the Pittsburgh Symphony Pops and the full 100 voice Mendelssohn Choir with all the traditional holiday favorites. In March the Pittsburgh Pops goes Country with Grammy Award winners Kathy Mattea and fiddler Mark O'Conner and in April here at the Waynesburg Theatre, "Mr. Trombone," Harold Betters will perform a fantastic evening of Dixieland Jazz and BigBand Sounds. Call Carol Fisher at 966-2731.

HOSPICE CARE, INC. merged with The Washington Hospital effective October 1, 1996 and will be known as Hospice Care of The Washington Hospital. As you know, the mission of Hospice Care, Inc. is a non-profit health care agency which embraces the concept of total, compassionate care for the terminally ill, regardless of their ability to pay. Through their Medicare certified program, Hospice Care, Inc. can offer comprehensive medical, psychological, social, and spiritual care to the residents of Greene and Washington counties. In addition, bereavement support and counseling are offered to both adults and children. Hospice will be happy to send you information on the following: How to be a Hospice volunteer; Ways to contribute to the endowment fund; enrollment in the Hospice Speaker's Bureau; bereavement support groups for Greene County; how to be a Bereavement Volunteer and an Estate Planning Booklet "Your Estate: A Record of Essentials Information." Their local address is: 58 E. Greene Street (PO Box 72) Waynesburg 627-8118 or 228-4580.

Our 1996 Nominating Committee consisting of Chad Moore, Andrew Corfont, Kay Laskody, Stan Majesky, Mary Pruss and Gordon Dane have submitted the following nominees. We will vote for five of these nominees to fill the vacancies left by those whose terms have expired. The voting was also open to the floor at the October 23ra General Meeting at the Iron Griddle. You will have the opportunity to nominate any other member at our November 20th meeting.

1997 Board of Director Nominees
Pauline Crumrine, Health Trax
Kathleen Dukate, Lasting Impressions
Loretta Garber, National City Bank*
Gretchen Graham, Picture Perfect Images
Donna Morosky, Observer-Reporter*
John Owen, Director - United Way
Frank Pecjak, Jr., Pecjak's Sunoco
Jim Rankin, McCrory's
Richard Scott, Scotts Enterprises
Selene Sowden, Fayette Bank
Shirley Stockdale, Clerk of Courts*

*Current Board Appointee filling unexpired term for 1996. May elected to three year term.

At the October 9th Board of Directors' Meeting and the October 23rd General Membership Meeting the new dues for 1997 have been approved. The membership committee cut the various categories and shortened the schedule as follows:

Number of Employees	Dues
1-5	\$ 65.00
6-10	\$ 75.00
11-20	\$100.00
21-50	\$130.00
51-100	\$150.00
100+	\$160.00
Banks	\$160.00
Individuals	\$ 30.00
Non-profits	\$ 40.00

You will be receiving your "Membership" letter, along with the new Membership Service Directory and an MCI prepaid card, for \$10.00 worth of free calls as our gift to you for supporting an outstanding Chamber year. We have so much more to do and will continue to build a solid foundation of an invaluable membership.

<u>Call Jackie at the Chamber with news bits -</u> <u>Deadline - Second Wednesday of each Month.</u>

IN YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY PLEASE CHANGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Chad Moore at First Federal Savings and Loan: 627-4249 - Selene Sowden at Fayette Bank: 627-6126 and Millie Wonderling, Bowlby Library: 627-9776

ANOTHER KEEPSAKE THAT WE WILL HAVE IN THE TIME CAPSULE IS OUR BICENTENNIAL FAN. THEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE FOR \$2.00.

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Executive Committee

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Andrew Corfont, Vice President Community Bank	2-1715
Stan Majesky, Treasurer Greene County Job Center	7-6181
Kay Laskody, Secretary Mountainview Gardens	7-3869
Jacqueline Dane, Executive Director Waynesburg Chamber	7-5926

MEETING MEMOS

Calendar of CHAMBER Events UPDATE!

November 13 Board Meeting - Elk's Club

November 20 General Meeting - Golden Corral

NOTE: THIS IS THE 3rd WEDNESDAY.

December 6 Holiday Sing-A-Long - The Court House

December 7 Christmas Parade

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: There will be a December Board Meeting for reorganization purposes and to select officers. THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER OF GENERAL MEET-ING IN DECEMBER.

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