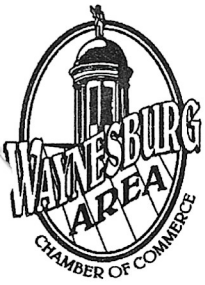


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The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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Expression of Appreciation and Thanks

We would like to express our appreciation to John O'Leary from Community Alliance who spoke at our October 22nd General Meeting regarding the Regional Tax Referenda. Also, a special thanks to Kathleen Dukate and Jeanette Lindsay for your interest in promoting "town meetings" when we have issues and unanswered questions that need to be addressed. Our hope is to establish a committee next year that will periodically assist in establishing speaker presentations and/or panel discussions regarding matters of community interest.

Christmas Parade

Following this evening of song, we will have our Annual Christmas Parade on December 6th.

Applications are arriving daily and we are still looking for some "floats" so please put your "thinking caps" on and come up with some festive ideas for the Parade. It promises to be great fun. It will be televised for future viewing . . . If you haven't turned in your application, just give Jackie or Carol a call at the Chamber and I'm sure we can . . . squeeze . . . you in!!

CHRISTMAS BALL



The Chamber has given up a few fundraising events this year and we are anxious to defray the cost of the Christmas Parade, and our Christmas Musical Celebration, in cooperation with Waynesburg College. A donation of \$5.00 for the "First Edition" Christmas Ball would be greatly appreciated.

This will make an inexpensive seasonal gift to loved ones and friends. The matte burgundy ball with white etchings, pictures the Greene County Courthouse. The inscription reads: Greene County Courthouse (with picture) 1997 - Waynesburg, Pennsylvania - First Edition.

We hope to do this every year, and have only ordered 500 for 1997; next year we will feature another historic scene and so on.

Won't you help us raise a few dollars . . . you may buy in bulk as long as they last!!

"Sounds of Praise and Celebration"

Because our Holiday Sing-A-Long could not be held this year on the Courthouse steps, we decided to try something different to bring the community together during this holiday season.

The evening before the Christmas Parade, we have invited the Schools to participate in a progressive holiday sing that will begin in Fountain Park on Friday, December 5th at 5:00 PM. The trees will be lit and luminaries will shine as the children begin the chorus of holiday music.

From there our middle schools will sing on the steps of Miller Hall and into the building thereafter with our high school voices. In Alumni Hall (3rd Floor of Miller Hall) Valerie Wilson, Musical Director of Waynesburg College is directing the liturgical production entitled "Sounds of Praise and Celebration," beginning at 7:00 PM. Our community of students will join in the finale with the chorus, along with church choir members from around Greene County. The BELL CHOIR directed by Becky Humble will also participate.

Members of church choirs, choruses and soloists were invited to a meeting on Saturday, November 15th on the 3rd floor of Miller Hall (Alumni Hall).

We are very excited about "coming together" for this night of lifting our hearts and our voices in praise and celebration. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for this beautiful event.

General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 19*, 1997
The Pepper Tree Restaurant
12:00 Noon

Speaker
Jim Repole

Omni Staffing Services

Topic: Professional Employee Organization/Outsourcing
 also

WE WILL BE VOTING FOR FIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Please attend and bring a guest . . .

Mark your Calendar
Today!

December 5th

"Sounds of Praise and Celebration"

5:00 Fountain Park

6:00 Miller Hall

7:00 Alumni Hall - Production

December 6th

2:00 Christmas Parade

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance

NOMINEES FOR 1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Nomination Committee, chaired by Kay Laskody, deserves a big hand for their careful selection of nominees for the five (5) 1998 Board Openings. The committee consisting of Chad Moore, Selene Sowden, Millie Wonderling and Merle Williams submitted the following list of nominees:

Terry Barbetta - National City Bank

Mort Gamble - Waynesburg College

Kathleen Gregg -

School-to-Work Partnership

Kay Laskody - Mountainview Gardens

Byllye Miller - McDonald's Hamburgers

Mary Pruss, Attorney -

Peacock, Keller, et al

Richard Scott* - Scott Enterprises

Katy Shultz -

Hospice of The Washington Hospital

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

The nominees were approved at the October 22nd General Meeting.

The five vacancies are created by the expired terms of Andrew Corfont; Chad M. Moore; Stan Majesky; Millie Wonderling and Richard Scott. Each of these Board Members have chaired one or more committees and they have served conscientiously on the executive, fund-raising and service committees. We are sorry to see them go as board members; however, we know they will continue their loyalty to the Chamber and will most likely serve again on our Board. Our faithful leaders continue to lead . . . whatever their journey.

Cornerstone Genealogical Society

Once again, for the holiday season and throughout the year, Cornerstone Genealogical is offering their afghans for sale, depicting various historical buildings in Greene County (they come in red, green and blue.)

This year, they are also offering a lovely woven tapestry fabric tote bag with a picture of The Greene County Courthouse. I have the forms at the Chamber if you are interested in ordering either of these items.

The Afghans are \$42.00 and the Tote Bags are \$32.00; all money going to Cornerstone . . . this includes postage if they are mailed.

If you purchase them at the Cornerstone Room the tote bags are \$30.00 plus tax.

Pennsylvania

"Memories Last a Lifetime"

Waynesburg College News and Performing Arts Schedule

Waynesburg College proudly announced their 1997-98 Performing Arts Series and I have marked my calendar for these outstanding events:

String Trio of New York . . . November 20th

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Salsamba January 29th

Blending the traditions of American jazz and the spicy rhythms of Cuba, Brazil, and the Caribbean. The beat of Latin Jazz is yours!

Amernet March 3rd

Back by popular demand! This fantastic

string quartet graced the stage of the New Performing Arts Center last October, helping to celebrate the opening of their wonderful facility. Now they're back for a special encore for your enjoyment.

African Dance & Drum

Ensemble April 16th

Bringing the musical traditions of Africa, the Caribbean, and the Americas to the PAC. "Pulsating, vivacious!"

All performances will be held at the Waynesburg College Performing Arts Center with the curtain rising at 8:00 p.m. They advise you watch your local paper for additional details or contact the Office of College Relations, Waynesburg College (412) 852-3289 - Mort Gamble.

You may also check their Web Site: <http://waynesburg.edu/>

Good News Travels Fast

The Chambers of Commerce Service Corporation Director of Marketing, Kirk Ketchum advises us that as part of their ongoing efforts to serve us better, they have reevaluated the "Chamber Call" program and have some exciting news to announce! "After careful consideration, we have selected **Frontier Communication** as the underlying carrier for Chamber Call."

In case you are not familiar with Frontie, here's some general information about the products and services that they provide: Long Distance, Cellular, Paging, Internet, Voice Mail, Calling Cards, Accounting Codes, Frame Relay, T-1 Service, Teleconferencing, and Video Conferencing to name a few. In addition to a diverse product mix, Frontier has the financial strength to meet your needs, as they are the fifth largest long distance company in the country.

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If you have any questions, please call Frontier Communications at (412) 788-4580. (And remember to tell them which Chamber you belong to.)"

CALENDAR

November - December

1. Nov. 13th-15th Spraggs Methodist Church Craft Show - Waynesburg
2. Nov. 15th-16th Greene Academy Christmas Craft Show - Carmichaels
3. Nov. 29th 4H Beef Club Weigh In - Greene County Fairgrounds
4. Dec. 1-31st Lion's Club Christmas Tree Sale
5. Dec. 2nd The Hunter's Breakfast at Harvey's Grange - Graysville
6. Dec. 5th "Sounds of Praise & Celebration" 5:00 Fountain Park - 6:00 Miller Hall - 7:00 Alumni Hall
7. Dec. 5-6th Morris Twp. Community Christmas Craft Show
8. Dec. 5-6th St. Ann's Craft Show - Waynesburg, f.m.i.(412) 627-5926
9. Dec. 5-7th Christmas Sale - Greene Co. Historical Museum
10. Dec. 6th Light Up Night - Carmichaels
11. Dec. 6th Christmas Parade - Waynesburg - 2:00 PM
12. Dec. 12-13th Christmas Sale - Greene County Historical Museum
13. Dec. 15-16th Walk Through the Christmas Story - Ritchie Park, Waynesburg 6-8 p.m. - Free

Pennsylvania Visitor's Guide

While they last, pick up a free copy of the 1997 PA Visitor's Guide and Pennsylvania Map at your Chamber office or call and we will take your order.

A Very Blessed Thanksgiving To Each of You

I will be celebrating this wonderful holiday with my sons in California, but I'll be back with you shortly to continue our plans for the holiday season.

We can use all the assistance you can give particularly with the parade. If you have some extra time to donate on the 6th, please call Carol or me here at the office.

Remember, we don't have a newsletter next month: don't hesitate to call me and say hello . . . or just drop by and see our new offices.

God bless you throughout the holiday season. It has been a wonderful year and I am confident we will continue to grow and serve our community with integrity and gratitude for all we have and will accomplish together.

I pray the love of the season is with you.

Jackie Camp, Executive Director



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