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REV. DR. DAVID L. BARRETT RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



Rev. David L. Barrett

On Saturday, November 6th the Waynesburg Elks Club was transformed into an elegant dining hall with flowers and candlelight. Rev. Dr. David L. Barrett was presented with the Chamber's Distinguished Service Award in the presence of his family and friends. He was presented with the award by President, Mary Pruss who reviewed a few of his many accomplishments. Susan Stoy from Representative H. William DeWeese's office, who also nominated him for the award, presented him with a special citation. A special citation was also presented by Pam Snyder from Congressman Frank Mascara's Office and one was received from State Senator Barry Stout.

Rev. Dr. David C. Barrett was born in 1935 and raised in Edgewater, N.J., the son of Harold III and Erma Barrett, he was the middle of six children.

He graduated from Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, N.J. and was employed for three years with the ALCOA Aluminum Company after graduating. In 1955, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, and it was there that he first received the calling of God.

After serving in the Army, he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Barrington College in 1961. He entered Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and received a Master of Divinity degree from the institution in 1964.

During his years at Barrington College, he met Carole Nichols of Bay Shore, N.J. who was also attending the college. One year later, in December 1958, they were married. He was ordained to the ministry in the Presbyterian Church on June 21, 1964.

From 1964 to 1967, he served as assistant pastor at Hebron United Presbyterian Church in Penn Hills. From 1967 to 1970, he served as pastor of Reed Memorial United Presbyterian Church Lyndhurst, N.J. From 1970 to 1975 he served as associate pastor at Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon. In June of 1975, he accepted the position of pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesburg, where he has remained since.

In 1989, he received a doctor of divinity degree from Waynesburg College. He is a past president of the Waynesburg Ministertum, and has served on the following boards: Chairman of the Salvation Army Waynesburg Service Unit for 15 years. American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Try Again

Homes, Habitat for Humanity and Greene County Association for Retarded Citizens.

In the Presbytery of Washington, he has served on the Evangelism Committee, Committee on Ministry, Personnel Committee, Committee of Preparation for Ministry and on the Synod Evangelism Committee in New Jersey.

He has been involved in numerous committees for crusades and rallies. He has participated in various community charities and fund raisers, and has spent much of his time visiting sick and elderly members of the community.

In addition to the numerous missionaries and religious dignitaries that he has welcomed into the church over the past 24 years, the church has traveled extensively in hopes of strengthening its relationship with God. Over the course of the past 20 years, he and several other congregation members, as well as representatives of other community churches, have traveled overseas to various locations, including Jerusalem and Russia.

He plans to retire in June 2000, after 36 years in the ministry and 26 years in Greene County, as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Waynesburg.

He and Carole have three children Amy, David, Jr. and Stephen; and two grandchildren, Melissa and James David. Living with Dave and Carole at home is their niece, Robin McGill and Dave's older brother Harold.

DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, December 8th
Groovy's
Election of Officers



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1999
Golden Corral Steak House

SPEAKER: PAULA DAVEY, PRESIDENT, PROFESSIONALLY YOURS, INC.
ALSO: ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

WAYNESBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 27, 1999 – Golden Corral

MEMBERS PRESENT: Katy Shultz - Hospice Care, Shirley Stockdale - Clerk of Courts, John Owen - United Way, Connie Clark - Kyowa, Jim Dorter - Kyowa, Anne Bowers - Guest, Mary Pruss - Peacock Keller, Jeanine Henry - Small Business, John Glass - Observer-Reporter, Dreama Swanson - Observer-Reporter, Cory Grandel - Waddell & Reed, Ed Ferencak - Allegheny Power, Mary Lewis - Lewis Limousine, Robyn Riggs - Cellular One, Charles Perrine - Waynesburg College, Barbara Cole - Team Pa. Careerlink, Ruth Enci - Area Agency on Aging, Sheila Barger - Laurel Bank, Millie Wonderling - Bowbly Library, Kay Easkody - Mt. View Gardens And Guests Speaker, Park Burroughs - Observer-Reporter.

Mary Pruss called the meeting to order at 12:17 pm. On a motion by Katy Shultz, seconded by John Owen the minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the correction of the spelling of Mary Parkinson's name. On a motion by Shirley Stockdale, seconded by John Owen, the Secretary's Report was approved. On a motion by Sheila Barger, seconded by Millie Wonderling, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Robyn Riggs reported that this years D.S.A. winner was Rev. David Barrett. The invitations have been mailed and Mary Pruss encouraged members to send in their reservations. The event will be held at the Elks Club with a Dinner Theater planned for entertainment. John Owen reported on the Revitalization Meeting in the absence of Chair, Suzanne Huffman. The committee has broken off into sub-committees to explore ideas on parking, signs, storefronts, etc. At this time introductions were made around the room.

OLD BUSINESS: Jenny Nicholson reported that the Christmas Bulbs are selling but at a very slow rate. Members were asked to please help if possible in the selling of the bulbs. This year's bulb features Miller Hall at Waynesburg College in honor of their 150th Anniversary.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominates for the Board of Directors were filled before the membership and are as follows; Jeanette Lindsay - Waynesburg Milling, Steve Barrett - Greene Co. Messenger, Jeanine Henry - Small Business Development, Raylnn Lund - G.C.I.D., Connie Clark - Kyowa America, Charles Perrine - Waynesburg College, Suzanne Huffman Communications Development Co., Bernice Fox - Community Action Southwest, Karen Zalom - R.A.G. American Coal

Co., Sally Aptor, Esquire, Mary Lewis - Lewis Limousine. Nominees can be submitted by contacting the Chamber office.

Mary Pruss introduced Park Burroughs, Managing Editor of the Observer-Reporter. He began by announcing that a few weeks ago, Waynesburg had five Russian visitors in our area. In the past few years we have had journalists at Waynesburg College. In 1994, he visited Russia to give them input on how to run a newspaper along with ideas that helped in advertising and how to apply for grants. He has been there five different times and is now in the process of trying to raise \$20,000 for the local children to go to school. They have no money for the teachers or supplies. Members who would like to help may contact Chemal Relief Project at the Observer-Reporter office.

On a motion by Katy Shultz, seconded by Robyn Riggs, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Jenny Nicholson
Chamber Secretary

Nominees for Board of Directors Positions

The following members have been nominated to fill five vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Sally Aptor, Esquire
Steve Barrett, Greene County
Messenger
Connie Clark, Kyowa
Bernice Fox, Community Action
Southwest
Cory Grandell, Waddell & Reed
Financial
Jeannine Henry, Small Business
Development
Carol Howard, McDonalds
Suzanne Huffman, Communications
Development Co.
Jeanette Lindsay, Waynesburg Milling
Mary Lewis, Lewis Limousine
Raylnn Lund, Greene County
Industrial Development
Charles Perrine, Waynesburg College
Karen Zalom, R.A.G. American
Coal Company

The new members term would begin in January 2000 and would continue through December 2002. Nominations will remain open prior to the election which will take place at this month's General Membership Meeting.

Membership Milestones

At the Annual Membership Banquet the following members were recognized for twenty five or more years of continued membership in support of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Annual Christmas Parade is Fast Approaching

The Annual Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th beginning at 2pm. Anyone wishing to enter a unit must contact the Chamber office at 627-5926 to be registered for the event. Lineup will take place between 1 and 2pm in the vicinity of the First Baptist Church. A float competition will also take place and there is no entry fee for participating, however, cash awards will be presented. All floats must portray the true Christmas Spirit and must not display a life size Santa.

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DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION SURVEY RESULTS

Scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being strongly disagree and 10 being strongly agree

STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENTS
 Storefronts should be improved in the downtown area 8.397
 Owners should be expected to maintain their storefronts 9.333
 Buildings should adhere to color schemes 6.698

LANDSCAPING
 Landscaping is important in the downtown area 8.460
 The downtown area needs a small park or inviting sitting area 7.143
 Trees should be planted and maintained along High Street 7.857
 Flowers should be planted and maintained along High Street 7.889

SIGNAGE
 Existing street and directional signs within the downtown area are effective 5.857
 Existing signs leading to parking lots in downtown are effective 4.429

PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY STREETS
 Downtown Waynesburg is pedestrian friendly 6.603
 Painted crosswalks are a necessity 8.048
 Walk lights are properly timed ... 5.492

PARKING
 Parking is easy to find 3.825
 There is an ample amount of parking spaces 4.286
 Permit parking is a priority 5.238

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Group: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

***Our entry is _____ feet long including a pulling vehicle (Please provide for Line-Up Spacing)

Our entry is a: _____ Horses _____ Band _____ Marching Group _____ Pageant Winner _____ Miss Merry Christmas

_____ Boy/Girl Scouts _____ Dance School _____ Other (please explain) _____

_____ Float - Title, if any _____

_____ Emergency Vehicles - How many will you be bringing _____

THE MORE INFORMATION YOU GIVE US THE BETTER COMMENTARY WE WILL BE ABLE TO WRITE ABOUT YOUR ENTRY. The commentaries will be read by the emcee as your entry passes in front of the courthouse and the WCYJ television cameras. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR UNIT AND/OR GROUP.

MURDER MYSTERY

If you missed the annual membership banquet, you missed a great "Who Done It" performed by local talent. Below is a sampling of the cast who took part and did a wonderful job creating a unique evening of entertainment. A special thanks goes out to Committee Chair Robyn Riggs and committee members, Sheila Barger, Shirley Stockdale, Millie Wonderling, Susan Stoy, Kay Laskody, Mary Pruss and John Owen.



Wilbur Woebegone
played by Craig Wise



Rhonda Woebegone, Le'Moustash,
Etc., Etc., played by Lynn Leathers



Percival Woebegone
played by Scott Moore



Snidely Snakely played
by Lou Dayich



Brenda LaVoom played
by Holly Dayich



Aunt Sarah Senile played
by Ann Bargerstock



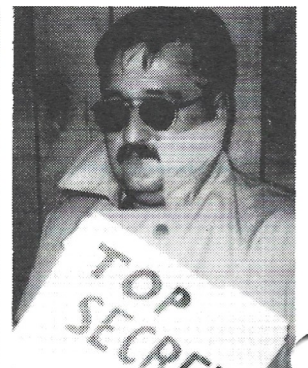
Clarissa Sweetenuff
played by Chris Bastaich



Dr. Hortense Moanne
played by Jackie Camp



Nancy Nosey played by
Tonie Rhoderick



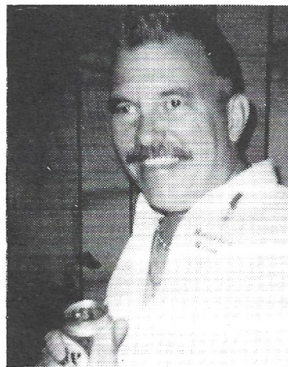
Mysterious Stranger played
by Andrew Corfont



Winston Woebegone
played by John Owen



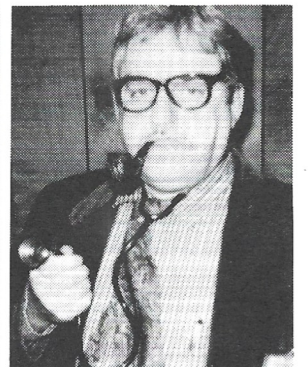
Sister Mary Gladiator
played by Jane Owen



Ronrico Run played by
Greg Stoner



Estelle Woebegone played
by Mary Jane Kent



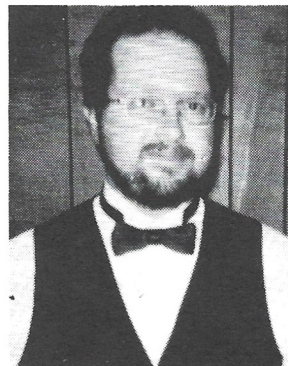
Livingstone I. Presume, M.D.,
P.H.D. played by Wally Pierce



Hans Le'Moustach played
by Greg Leathers



Angora played by
Laura Griffen



Jeeves played by
Bob Bastaich



Bobbie Sue Woebegone played
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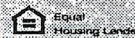
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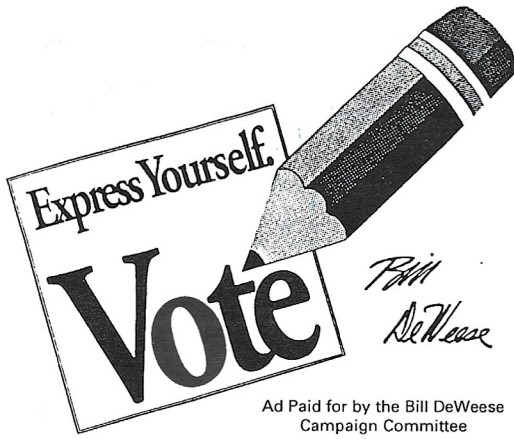
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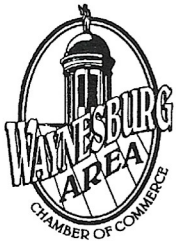
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