

# CHAMBER CHATTER

The Newsletter of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Waynesburg Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and the community at large.

## Annual Downtown Christmas Parade – December 7th

Over 200 applications were mailed to various groups and individuals for the 2002 Christmas Parade. The parade committee has secured a major sponsor which will enable us to provide uniformed security personnel in the line-up area. The committee has also negotiated with Waynesburg Borough a new start off point and the closing of many streets and alleys in the line-up area to ensure the safety of those participating in the parade. Such changes were necessary in light of several near misses between participants and cars that were trying to get through the line-up area in recent years. It was just a matter of time before our luck ran out and someone was injured. The committee has high hopes of providing a safe and hopefully much less congested line-up this year. Volunteers are still needed to work alongside the security personnel and help direct units to their positions. If you can volunteer several hours on Saturday, December 7th, please give the office a call. The volunteers and security staff will meet at 11:30 am for a brief meeting and then be dispatched to various points along the line-up site. The parade will start at 2:00 pm. In 2001, the parade saw an all time record of 135 units registered to participate in the parade which took only one hour and thirty minutes to complete.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AND NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Tuesday, November 26th

5:00pm-7:00pm

Washington Street Cafe

Please stop by for some great coffee and sweets plus some networking with our newest members of the Chamber. Everyone is invited to attend, both current and new members and their staff. Bring a potential member with you and if they join that evening you will receive a 25% discount off of your 2003 membership dues! See you there!

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## President's Letter

Last month Dr. Nancy Davis passed by a lunch meeting at Groovy's and asked, "Which meeting is *this*?" Ever the wisecracker, I responded, "It doesn't matter. We're all on all the committees anyway, so you might as well sit down and join in!" We all laughed because it does seem that, in our community, a small core of people provides most of the leadership.

But, perceptions are frequently wrong. I was wrong to say what I did. The fact of the matter is that our Chamber has a very high percentage of members who are active on committees.

When I looked over the committee schedule for the year I realized that it is statistically impossible for the president or the Board to attend all the meetings that take place. Therefore, somebody is doing that work and it isn't only the few of us on the Board.

The very lifeblood of the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce is its extraordinarily active committee structure. There are a lot of members who dig in and do the work year after year, event after event, and who have quietly turned this into a serious Chamber of Commerce.

We have a great Executive Director, who makes the president's job easy, and a very solid board, but the real power of our chamber, soon to number 300 members, is its committee structure and the enormous amount of work it completes. In the Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce, members pull their weight, and that makes the load lighter for everyone.

So here's to the committees and all the breakfast, lunch, and after-work meetings you attended, and to all the great events that graced our community and the major strides forward that our Chamber took this year. It's not only a few people doing all the work. It's a whole lot of people—and that's what makes this an exceptional chamber.

Congratulations!

Charles Perrine  
President

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002

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

SPEAKER: CHARLES PERRINE, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

TOPIC: PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON THE 2003 PROGRAM OF WORK

ONE WEEK EARLY DUE TO THANKSGIVING

*Networking Opportunity - Bring Your Business Cards for Door Prize Drawing*

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

As a general rule, it is usually pretty hard to pull a fast one on me. But it appears that our Board of Directors were up to the task when they surprised me with a special award at the Annual Membership banquet. Everyone managed to keep it a secret and even one member managed to steal something right out from under my nose that evening. I have to admit that they did surprise me! They had a special proclamation, signed by Bill DeWeese which states that I have been named to the National Executive Who's Who for my organizational skills, graciousness under pressure, positive energy, imagination, and deep care for the community. It's really nice to know that behind all the jokes I endure about being too organized is real appreciation. Thanks to all who took part.

I would also like to thank Lisa Wheeler of Ryerson Station State Park for volunteering the day before the banquet to help wrap all the Chinese Auction gifts. And to Susan Stoy from Representative Bill DeWeese's Office and Sheila Barger of First National Bank of Penna., for serving as the banquet co-chairs and handling all of the last minute reservations and details for me while I was away with my family enjoying a swim with the dolphins in Florida.

The day before the Banquet is always a flurry of activity in my office and it usually is stacked with boxes of items that need taken to the hall, not to mention the 35 Chinese Auction baskets and gifts that also needed to get to the Elk's Club. That morning, Doug Saesan walked into my office to inquire about membership. I apologized for the appearance of the office and explained what all the items were for. We sat down among all the gift baskets and talked about the benefits of our Chamber and the area. Later that afternoon, Doug returned and said that even though they have not yet moved to Waynesburg from Illinois, he wanted to go ahead and join our Chamber. He handed me his completed application and check. What happened next is incredible! He volunteered the use of his van to help the next day in delivering all of the auction baskets to the Elk's Club. Of course I accepted immediately, thinking that I had no idea how we were going to get everything down there without making a dozen trips. The next morning, he and his wife arrived and helped move everything to the Elk's, they then stayed and help set up our materials at each of the 184 place settings. When that was done, he asked if there were anymore tickets available and it just so happened that I had had two left that were canceled the evening before and he purchased them! So, I want to just say a big thank you to Doug and Kathy Saesan and welcome to the Waynesburg Chamber!

Sincerely,  
Melody R. Longstreth  
Executive Director

## Welcome New Members

### **Renee K. Jones - Notary Public**

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1 employee  
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Communications Consultant  
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## 2003-2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The General Membership has elected the following members to serve on the Board of Directors. Their term will begin on January 1, 2003 and will expire on December 31, 2005. The remaining five nominees will be kept on file to fill any board vacancies that may occur during 2003.

**Louise Gapen** – Merle Norman  
Cosmetics

**John Glass** — Observer-Reporter

**Kathleen Gregg** – Greene County  
School to Work

**Penny Ketchem** – Individual Member

**Susan Stoy** – Representative Bill  
DeWeese's Office

## THANKS

Thank you to Waynesburg College for providing a Gift Box to be used as the door prize for the October General Membership meeting.

Thank you to Rush Funeral Home for their Silver Sponsorship of the Annual Banquet.

## EDUCATIONAL FUND CHINESE AUCTION THANKS

A special thanks goes out to all the members who donated items to the Educational Scholarship Fund Chinese Auction. The event raised almost \$500 for the fund at the Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet.

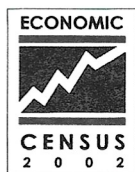
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- November 20 – General Membership Meeting - Groovy's - Noon
- November 21 – Annual Greene County Memorial Craft Show - 7am-4pm
- November 25 – Christmas Parade Committee Meeting - Groovy's - Noon
- November 28-29 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- November 30 – Annual Christmas Sale - Greene County Historical Society
- December 2 – First Day of Deer Season
- December 5 – Christmas Parade Committee Meeting - Groovy's - Noon
- December 7 – Christmas Parade - Downtown - 2:00pm
- December 7 – St. Ann's Catholic Church Craft Show
- December 14 – Community Action Southwest Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration
- December 23 - 27 – Office Closed for Christmas Break

## Hillcrest Shoppes Getting A New Look

The Hillcrest Shoppes, soon to be renamed Victoria Square, has new owners. Mike and Doreen Klipsic, who are currently Chamber members with Castle Victoria Bed and Breakfast. Opening soon on the first floor will be Hilde's Coffee Shop offering a trip back to mom's kitchen. The former Hitter's Heaven will be available to rent for banquets, receptions and other functions. It's being anticipated that the hall will be used for weekly dinner/dance functions, using area DJ's and bands for the entertainment. The entire interior of the building will be getting a new Victorian decor look. It is their method of assisting the beautification of Waynesburg. They currently have three offices (2 rooms each), an office suite (5 rooms) and a 3 bedroom penthouse apartment available for rent. They have also converted the entire building to a non-smoking facility so that you can enjoy the smell of coffee in the coffee shop or the sweet floral fragrance what you'll soon find throughout the building. For more information, contact Mike and Doreen at 412-491-7242 or 724-627-5545. *Submitted by Mike Klipsic.*

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# ANNUAL BANQUET MOMENTS



*Charles Perrine, President of the Board and host for the evening.*



*Duane Yost of Yost and Son Drilling being awarded a special plaque in recognition of the efforts put forth by their company and crew in the rescue at Quecreek Mine.*



*Rev. Dr. Richard E. and Rev. Carol E. Visser, winners of the 2002 Distinguished Service Award.*



*Sheila Barger, Banquet Co-Chair.*



*Duane Yost and his wife, Judy, reading the award inscription.*



*Shauna Soom of Setton Hill University, introducing the winner of the 2002 WriteIdea Business Plan Competition.*



*Miss Rain Day 2002, Rachel Marie Burack, being honored for being the first to capture the titles of Miss Riverfest, Miss Rain Day and the Coal Queen all in the same year.*



*Charles Perrine presenting the Posthumous Distinguished Service Award to Kelly Walton-Hawk and Cristy Walton in memory of their father, Richard Walton.*



*Dr. Anita McMillen, owner of Braden Run Animal Hospital, winner of the 2002 WriteIdea Business Plan Competition.*



*Miss Rain Day 2002, Rachel Burack.*



*Cristy Walton accepting the Posthumous Distinguished Service Award in memory of their father, Richard Walton.*



*Charles Perrine and Susan Stoy, Banquet Co-Chair, presenting Melody Longstreth, Chamber Executive Director, with a surprise award.*



*Charles Perrine presenting 20 year awards to Karen Zalom representing RAG American Coal and Chuck Behm of Behm Funeral Home. Assisting is Susan Stoy, Banquet Co-Chair.*

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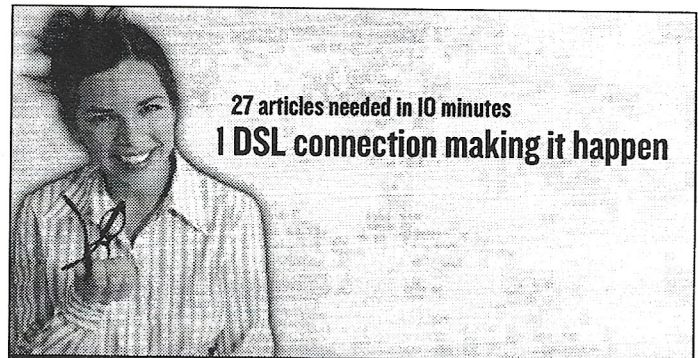
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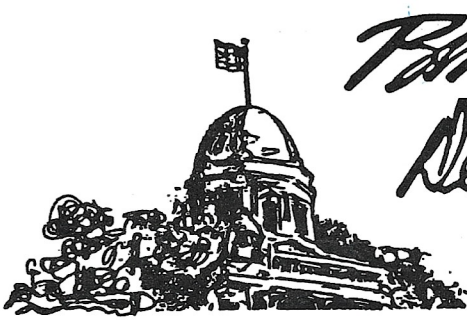
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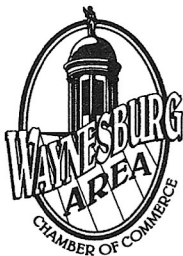
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