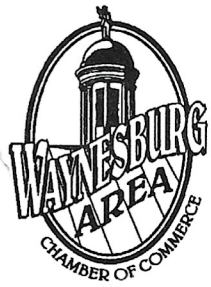


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CONGRATULATIONS BONNIE JEAN SMOUSE



Bonnie was presented with a bouquet and balloons as she was "surprised" at our September 24th General Meeting and informed that she was the 1997 recipient of the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD from the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Bonnie joins an exceptional and honorable list of recipients beginning with Jack McCracken, 1988; Harry Anderson, 1989; Dennis Mattei, 1990; J. E. Victor Carlson (deceased), 1991; Mary Clovis Parkinson, 1992; Richard V. Morgan, 1993; Juanita Thompson, 1994; Ken Stilwell, 1995; and, Jim Sokoloff, 1996. John Owen, Shirley Stockdale and Selene Sowden chaired the committee of nine that made the selection by secret ballot from a list of notable, dedicated and selfless community leaders/volunteers. At the Award Ceremony, October 17th,

Bonnie was honored with a plaque and picture (along with a program of the dinner and ceremony); citations from The Honorable Frank Mascara, Member of Congress; State Senator Barry Stout; State Representative Bill DeWeese and the Corner Cupboard Foodbank. Sheila Christopher Director of the Food Bank and nominator, delivered an eloquent tribute and spoke of the many achievements and contributions of Bonnie to the Greene County Community, her family and society. She spoke of her foster parenting and volunteering. Her role as a Corner Cupboard Food Bank Volunteer and Board Member, Central Greene School District bus driver, East Franklin Grange member, Women of the Moose involvement, American Red Cross-Greene County Chapter-Board Member, Franklin Township Auditor, Salvation Army participant, farmer, Humane Society volunteer and active participation with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts of America and Little League; as well as her devotion as mother, wife and friend. Bonnie will serve as the 1997 Grand Marshall of the Chamber's Annual Christmas Parade and is now an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Waynesburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Again, our sincere congratulations Bonnie . . . we are very proud to display your picture, along with past recipients, at our new Chamber office.

WAYNESBURG COLLEGE

SCHEDULES FALL VISITATION DAYS

Prospective Waynesburg College students and their families are invited to attend the school's Fall Visitation Days on Saturday, October 25th and Saturday, November 8th. "Guests will be able to meet students, faculty, and staff who will answer questions about enrolling in one of Pennsylvania's top colleges." For further information call Robin Moore, Dean of Admissions or the toll free number 1-800-225-7393. Mort Gamble's Office of College Relations will also assist you.

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 22, 1997

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We would like to express our appreciation to William B. Northrop, Sr., Co-Publisher of the Observer-Reporter for sharing his experiences with us regarding the long-ago purchase of the Democrat Messenger and eventual "Greene County" section of the Observer-Reporter and for his renewed commitment to improve and refine their coverage as well as their personal and professional relationship with Greene County. We were introduced to Greene County's new General Manager at the Observer, Mr. John Glass . . . who very kindly acted as photographer for the newspaper and their coverage of our surprise announcement to Bonnie Jean Smouse that she had been chosen our Distinguished Award Recipient. Their story the following day and Mr. Northrop's editorial was GREAT!

Welcome to our

New Executive Secretary

Carol Patterson, was recently hired as our new part-time employee . . . we are very pleased to have her with us and look forward to a long and rewarding association. Many of you already know Carol; however, in our next issue we will highlight her background so that those of you who haven't had the pleasure, will get to know more about Carol.

We invite you to come by our new office, greet Carol, see the office, offer suggestions or just say hello. We would like to share our new environment with you.

CONGRATULATIONS

MELODY LONGSTRETH recently won the title of "Ms. Mon Valley 1997-1998!" It was the "Summer of Autumn," but the "Melody lingered on . . ." Nah, I didn't say that!

EXCITING MOVE FOR WAYNESBURG AREA CHAMBER

Some of you already know from the Board Meetings and the September 24th General Meeting that we have moved our office space to 17 South Washington Street. The County has been providing space for the Chamber for many years; however, we have outgrown the space we previously occupied and the condition of the office was such that major remodeling was required to enhance the appearance of our Chamber office. For those of you who have stopped in to visit, I'm sure no explanation is required. We were also given an opportunity, by the County to join in a partnership with Tourism, particularly in light of the fact that the Chamber's commitment to tourist requirements has always been a factor in our budgeting and a responsibility that we assumed for any persons requiring information about our community, our County and in fact our State. Tourism is the second largest industry in this State and we, as a Chamber, have never been able to provide the material (brochures, guides, etc.) to attract interested inquirers to the area. Fortunately for the County, Jackie Brodak-Kingora was hired over a year ago as Tourism Coordinator, promptly joined the Chamber and thereafter, agreed to become a member of the board. She has since been elected as Board Secretary and has served, in addition to her abounding schedule, with dedication and commitment; particularly her service with Suzanne Huffman, our Vice-President, on the Long-Range Planning Committee. I am personally grateful to our Board President Andrew Corfont, Suzanne Huffman, Vice President; Jackie Kingora, Secretary and our Treasurer, Selene Sowden, comprising the Executive Committee, who worked with the Commissioners and the County of Greene to come up with this innovative partnership. Similar partnerships are growing throughout Pennsylvania and it is exciting to be at the forefront of this type of leadership. As I stated in a letter to Attorney Mary Pruss who researched our Articles of Incorporation and other legal documents, "one of our goals should be to maximize the contribution of tourism and tourism-related business on the county's economy by increasing the number of visitors to our County, thereby helping our local business (economy) and increasing Chamber membership and volunteers." The Letter of Understanding signed by the County Commissioners and our committee provides us a "funding stream" with which we are enabled to further increase our productivity and share expenses and resources that have heretofore been duplicated. We are now in a financial position to hire a part-time employee for the Chamber and the County will hire a part-time employee for Tourism. I will continue to direct the functions of the Chamber and coordinate tourism with Jackie Kingora, the county's personnel director, who will retain her directorship of tourism and promotion. I want to also thank the remaining directors on our board for their deliberation and support of this partnership; particularly, their attendance at a special board meeting to vote for this motion, thereby permitting us to expedite the move and facilitate

a Letter of Understanding with the County. To all of you, my sincere thanks for your support. I am dedicated to serving our membership and ensuring the ongoing success of the chamber's operation. In addition, I am committed to coordinating and assisting in the implementation, and enhancement of the tourism structure and foundation that has so ably been launched by Jackie Kingora and the County of Greene. I know we will continue to move forward to keep and attract businesses and stimulate the growth and economy of our area.

Jacqueline A. Camp, Executive Director

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. **Pennsylvania - "Memories Last A Lifetime"**

CALENDAR

October - November

1. October 1-31 Lions Club Nut Sale
2. October 4th Waynesburg College Homecoming Parade
3. October 4-5 Pigs in a Blanket Festival - Carmichaels
4. October 10th Commemorate Completion of Mason-Dixon Line @ Mason Dixon Historical Park
5. October 11th Annual Buckwheat Festival - Mason Dixon Park Red Barn (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)
11. October 17th Corner Cupboard Food Bank - 5th Anniversary fund-raiser Jefferson Fire Hall
12. October 18-19 Harvest Festival - Greene County Historical Museum
13. October 25th Simmental Sale - Greene County Fairgrounds
14. October 30th Halloween Parade - Waynesburg
15. November 1st Greene County Memorial Hospital's "Harvest Ball" - Nemaocolin Woodlands
16. November 5th 4H Pig Show & Sale - Greene County Fairgrounds
17. November 8th Social Service League Holiday Craft Show - Waynesburg
18. Nov. 13th-15th Spraggs Methodist Church Craft Show - Waynesburg
19. Nov. 15th-16th Greene Academy Christmas Craft Show - Carmichaels
20. Nov. 29th 4H Beef Club Weigh In - Greene County Fairgrounds
21. December 1-31 Lions Club Christmas Tree Sale

Note: If any of the membership has not received their 1997 sticker to place on their plaque; or, if you need a Plaque, please contact the Chamber office.

Waynesburg College News and Performing Arts Schedule

Waynesburg College proudly announced their 1997-98 Performing Arts Series. I am certainly planning to mark my calendar for these outstanding events: **(I attended the recent performance of The Paramount Brass . . . BRAVO!)**

Kuntu Repertory Theatre October 23rd

Historic and contemporary dramatic works about African-American life, offering creative ways to explore the human experience. Ideal for the whole family!

String Trio of New York November 20th

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Salsamba January 29th

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Amernet March 3rd

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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/>

Walk for the Cure

Congratulations to Chad Moore - Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walk brought in over \$40,000, the largest amount per capita of any JDF walk! We were proud to be represented and want to thank all who participated. Shitley Stockdale raised the most money for the Chamber representatives WHAT A WOMAN! It was a beautiful day - wonderful fellowship - even the tiny tots walked along, talking to each other, holding hands, giggling and (thankfully) slowing down their grandparents and parents. There were no tender feet, but a few sore "piggy" backs.

A SPECIAL GET WELL MESSAGE

The World's a better place because of people like Jim Moore . . . we know he isn't well and we also know you would like to contact one of your favorite people!

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