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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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Patricia Gross  
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## Annual Membership Banquet

The Annual Membership Banquet will be held on November 6th at the Waynesburg Elks Club. Cocktails will begin at 6pm, dinner will begin at 7pm with awards to follow. Thirty five members will be recognized that evening for twenty-five or more years of dedicated membership. In addition, the 1999 Distinguished Service Award Recipient, Rev. Dr. David L. Barrett will also be recognized. The Greene Theater Company will conduct a mystery dinner theater during the event. Tickets are \$30 per person.

## Member Honored

Jack McCracken recently announced his retirement from the Welcome to Waynesburg sign committee. Jack was the driving force behind the sign and has maintained it for many years. In an effort to thank Jack, a book on firefighting was purchased and placed in his honor at Bowlby Public Library. Thanks Jack!

## NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

October 23-31, 1999

Red Ribbon Week is designated as a time to focus public awareness on taking a stand against the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

One very popular way to celebrate Red Ribbon Week is to hold "theme" days throughout the nine-day event. Some of the most popular themes to use are: "Shade Out Drugs," where students come to school wearing sunglasses; "Sock It To Drugs," a day when students wear their craziest socks to school; "Stomp Out Drugs," which encourages kids to wear boots or unique shoes to school; and "Put a Cap On Drugs," inviting students to wear their favorite hat to show their commitment to remain drug free.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE

Yes, it's almost time once again for the Christmas Parade. Applications are now being accepted and one is enclosed for your use in this issue of the newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this event which has become a Chamber tradition in the community. If you would like to volunteer to help with the parade line-up it would be greatly appreciated.

## Warrior Trail School 20th Anniversary Open House

The Warrior Trail School 20th Anniversary Celebration/Open House has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 6, 1999, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We invite past WTS alumni to stop by at 30 E. Wayne Street (next to Stewart Science Hall on the Waynesburg College campus) to renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and enjoy some refreshments with us. Please plan to bring your best Warrior Trail School memories, as well as any videos or photos from Warrior Trail through the years. New friends are also welcome! Stop by to find out the top 10 reasons why children love Warrior Trail School. Fall registration is still being accepted for our preschool program (ages 3-5) and our after school program (grades K-5). Please call Amy Hunn at 627-8363 for more information.

## NOVEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Wednesday, November 10th  
noon  
Groovy's American Café

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1999  
Golden Corral

SPEAKER: PARK BURROUGHS, MANAGING EDITOR OBSERVER REPORTER  
TOPIC: THE OBSERVER'S SISTER PAPER IN RUSSIA

# WAYNESBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 22, 1999 – Golden Corral Steak House

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzanne Huffman - C.D.C., Mary K. Pruss - Peacock Keller, Katy Shultz - Hospice Care, Shirley Stockdale - Clerk of Courts, Sheila Barger - Laurel Bank, Mark C. Parkinson - Lifetime Honorary Member, Richard Scott - Scott Enterprises, Millie Wonderling - Bowlby Library, Jeanine Henry - University of Pittsburgh S.B.D.C., John Owen - Greene County United Way and guest Jeff Rodgers - Children & Youth Services.

Mary Pruss called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. On a motion by Richard Scott, seconded by Jeanine Henry, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. On a motion by Richard Scott, seconded by Suzanne Huffman the Secretaries report was approved. On a motion by Suzanne Huffman, seconded by Millie Wonderling, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mary Pruss reported on the Annual Banquet and DSA Award in the absence of committee chair, Robyn Riggs. Robyn's father passed away earlier this week and she was unable to attend. The event is planned for November 6th at the Elks with a dinner mystery being performed by the Greene Theater Company. Mary reminded everyone that nominations are due to the office by the end of September so the selection committee can review the nominations. Suzanne Huffman, chair of the Downtown Revitalization Committee reported that committee meets tomorrow at noon at Groovy's to review the results of the survey. She will share those results with the General Membership at the October meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Members were encouraged to contact the office and offer to help sell the Christmas Bulbs which feature Miller Hall. The bulbs sold well this past weekend at the Covered Bridge Festival. Melody Longstreth will be selling from a booth at Arts in the Park this coming weekend and Jenny Nicholson will be selling at the Harvest Festival in October. Mary Pruss encouraged members who attend those events to stop by the booth for a half an hour or so and give the staff a break.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mary Pruss asked for a volunteer to fill the position of Bowlby Library representative and attend two meetings a year at the Library. Chad Moore is no longer able to fill that position and has asked for a replacement. If no one comes forward within one week, the President will appoint someone to the position. Mary also asked for five members interested in serving on the nominating committee for the Board of Directors. Their responsibility would be to find ten candidates for the election which is to be held in November. If no one comes forward within one week, the President will appoint a committee.

Mary introduced Jeff Rodgers with Greene County Children & Youth Services. He began by

giving an overview of the C.Y.S. department which currently uses 12 caseworkers in the county to oversee and average of 58 children each month who are in foster care. A sad fact is that 15% of all the children living in Greene County will be aided by C.Y.S. this year. They are seeing a 12% annual increase in the number of children they aid each year. In 1998, 1,500 children were a part of their services and 95 of those cases involved sexual or physical abuse. A common misconception is that C.Y.S. takes the child away from the parent in those cases, but in reality, it is the judge or a law enforcement officer who removes a child from a situation that is threatening. C.Y.S. is there to place the child and move on their behalf. He presented a new idea in helping those children in abusive situations called the Watchful Shepherd Program. A unit, similar to those use to get help to the elderly, is placed in the home and the child is given a bracelet or pendant with an emergency button. If the button is pushed, the unit automatically begins to record what is happening in the home and an operator can speak to those in the home while rescue personnel is dispatched. Greene County has recently received 15 donated units, which cost \$500 each. They have not yet been placed in a Greene County home but will act as a deterrent against reoccurring abuse.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melody Longstreth  
Chamber Coordinator

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Waynesburg, fmi: Linda (724) 852-1737
- Nov. 6 ..... Veteran's Day Parade  
Downtown Waynesburg  
for more info: Sam Stahl (724) 852-1083
- Nov. 20 ..... Greene Co. Memorial Hospital  
"Harvest Ball" Charity Event  
Nemacolin Woodlands
- Nov. 20-21 ..... Christmas Craft Show  
Greene Academy of Art  
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- Nov. 29 ..... First Day of Buck Season

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"The rooms were designed with the adult learner in mind because they demand comfort and a creative learning environment," said Nursing Department Chair Patty Kraft. "The desks are gone and now we have work tables and comfortable chairs in a semi circle which will encourage a more facilitative process between instructor and students. Since 1997, our program has seen a 600% increase in adult nursing enrollments and we believe the market will continue to grow in this area. These classroom improvements will keep us on the technology edge of education."

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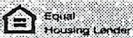
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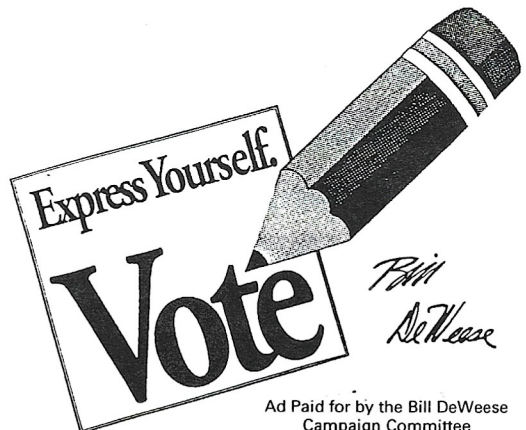
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