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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 2000 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Arthur Tennant has been chosen as the 2000 Distinguished Service Award Winner. Mr. Tennant will be honored at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet to be held on Saturday, November 11th at the Waynesburg Elk's Lodge. All members are encouraged to attend this annual event which will feature a 25 year membership presentation along with recognition of 20, 15, 10 and 5 year membership milestones. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, awards at 8pm with entertainment to follow. Arthur Tennant was nominated by Carolyn Morris, Site Supervisor, Waynesburg Senior Center and was chosen based on Art's contributions to the Waynesburg Senior Center over the past sixteen years have been astronomical in several phases. He has been a dedicated home delivered meal driver for many years. He checks in on Tuesday morning like clock work to deliver and is available any other given day when there is an emergency to deliver the meals. Not only does he deliver the meals, but he keeps track of all the drivers and computerizes their times which have to be reported at the end of each month to Community Action Southwest.



Arthur Tennant

It was through his effort as a member of the Odd Fellows that the center received a pool table and a computer and printer. Art is also always volunteering his services on a one on one basis.

Art has been a part of the Hillbilly Band and he entertains not in music or song but with humor. I am sure he has made many smile at the nursing homes and various Senior Centers. Art is also Mr. Fix It. He has hung window blinds, assembled desks, and is our No. 1 electrician. He is also our locksmith. We at the Center agree with Fred, Mary, Ivan and others that "Art is Number One."

Art is a 32 year member of the Waynesburg Elks Lodge where he served as Treasurer, Trustee and on the House Committee. Not so long ago during a time of financial strain, he stepped up and managed the Elks until it was back on track and financially stable. He is also a 52 year member of the American Legion in Waynesburg and a 65 year member of the Odd Fellows Lodge 469 I.O.O.F. where he served as Secretary and District Deputy Grand Master and was on the Board of Directors at Grove City and for Friendship Manor. Art has been attending the Fairall United Methodist Church since he was a boy. He taught the Teen Sunday School Class and was acting Superintendent. Art, a member of East Franklin Grange 1709, served as Secretary. Art put together bands and callers and helped arrange square dances for that organization.

Art, 87 years young, was born on the Clyde Varner Farm on Rt. 218. He married Ruth Widdup, the love of his life in 1939 and they were blessed with one son, Robert. Art lost his beautiful wife to heart disease in 1981. When speaking of his grandchildren, Mike and Melanie, there is a sparkle of love and pride in his eyes.

Before this job, Art had an extensive occupational history. He was in the dairy farm business, drove truck, delivered milk house to house and drove for Acklin Lumber Co., worked building road spur for Fred Fox, and was a mechanic for John Younkin at the garage at the top of the hill on Rt. 19 North, at the corner of Richhill and Morris Street, and worked for Brownsville Tire Center.

A Fond Farewell and A Warm Welcome

At the September Board of Directors Meeting, President Suzanne Huffman announced that she would be resigning to accept an employment position in Pittsburgh. Suzanne has been a great resource for the Chamber this past year, serving as Chair of the Revitalization Committee along with her duties as President. We wish her the best of luck in her new endeavor....we will miss her!!! With Suzanne's resignation, Susan Stoy stepped into the role of President. A new face on the Board will be that of Jeanine Henry from the Small Business Development Center. She fills the position left when Steve Barrett took a job in Uniontown. Welcome Jeanine!! One position remains to be filled along with the appointment of a new Vice-President. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL SMALL STORES INSTITUTE SEMINAR

A three day seminar focused exclusively on independent retailing will be held from October 29 to November 1 in Nashville Tennessee. Small retail entrepreneurs are constantly challenged to stay abreast of industry trends, new technology advances, strategic and best practices that will help ensure success and what's working for other retailers...the list goes on and on. The need for up-to-the-minute information is great but where is it found in one-stop shopping environment? - at the National Small Stores Seminar. If you would like further information on attending this Seminar, please contact the Chamber office.

Holiday Sing-A-Long Returns

The Annual Holiday Sing-A-Long will return to the Courthouse steps this year on the evening before the Christmas Parade, Friday, December 1st, to officially open the Holiday Season in downtown. Vocal groups and individual performers are needed to fill evening with Holiday music. If you would like to suggest a performer, or join the committee, please contact the Chamber office.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2000

Noon

Golden Corral Steak House

SPEAKER: JOHN COLE, R.A.G. AMERICAN COAL COMPANY
"COMMUNITY PARTNERS"

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 27, 2000
Golden Corral Steak House

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Stoy-Rep. DeWeese's Office, Mary C. Parkinson-Lifetime Member, Andrew Martinez-First Presbyterian Church, Stacy Fowler-Tentmakers, Penny Ketchem-Waynesburg College, Frank Pecjak-Pecjak's Sunoco, Lynn Kopie-Greene County Memorial Hospital, Carol DelGrosso-Girl Scouts of SWPA, Ross Smith-CCIS, Andrew Corfont-Community Bank, John Owen-United Way, Katy Shultz-Hospice Care of the Washington Hospital, Shirley Stockdale-Clerk of Courts, Charles Perrine-Waynesburg College, Kathleen Dukate-Dukate's Lasting Impressions, Cory L. Grandel-Waddell & Reed, Ruth Enci-Area Agency on Aging, Ginny McClelland-Ginny McClelland Dance Studio, Jeanine Henry-University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center, Sheila Barger-Laurel Bank, Frank Couch-Career Link and Jackie Kingora-County of Greene.

President Susan Stoy called the meeting to order at 12:25pm. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room. She welcomed Jeanine Henry who replaced Steve Barrett on the Board of Directors last month. She also announced that Suzanne Huffman resigned from the Board last month to accept a position in Pittsburgh. On a motion by Katy Shultz, seconded by Sheila Barger, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. On a motion by Sheila Barger, seconded by Jeanine Henry, the Treasurer's Report was approved. On a motion by Andrew Corfont, seconded by Cory Grandel, the Secretary's Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Susan Stoy reported that the Annual Banquet will be held on November 11th at the Waynesburg Elks. The nomination blanks for the Distinguished Service Award have been mailed to members and civic organizations. The deadline for entries is October 6th. The committee will have its first meeting on October 12 to tally the votes and announce the winner. Katy Shultz reported that the nominating committee met and has contacted a slate of potential Board members. They are Brenda Giles-Greene County Historical Society, Merle Williams-Alltel, Stacy Fowler-Tentmakers, Lynn Kopie-Greene County Memorial Hospital, Pam Bogucki-Rolling Meadows Nursing Home, John Owen-United Way, Renee Jones-Fox Charter Service, Dr. Nancy Davis-Greene County Education Center, Dolly Throckmorton-Giant Eagle and Cory Grandel-Waddell & Reed. On a motion by Chad Moore, seconded by Kathleen Dukate, the list of nominees was accepted. Additional

nominations from the floor may now be accepted until the close of nominations prior to the election at the November General Membership Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Once again, members were asked to help sell this year's Christmas Bulb featuring the Greene County Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board of Directors is currently investigating the production of a "Community View Book" for Waynesburg. Village Profile has been working with the office in the research stages of this project. Sample books from other communities were passed around for input from the members present. The Solid Waste Management office asked for any interested member to attend a special meeting on October 3rd at 6:30 to begin to organize a Greene County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Clean Ways. The J.D.F. Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held this Saturday. The Chamber team currently consists of Melody Longstreth and family and Kathleen Dukate and family. Frank Pecjak volunteered to walk with the Chamber team. An envelope was passed around for donations to the Chamber team. Also several employees of First Federal are taking donations to be given to the family of murder victim Scott Drake of Pittsburgh.

President Susan Stoy introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Jackie Kingora from the County of Greene. Jackie announced that this would be one of her last official duties as the Department of Recreation Director as Friday would be her last day in that position. She began as Director of Tourism in 1996 and the Chamber was one of her first speaking engagements. In the last four years she has found it very difficult to promote 'tourism' in Greene County. Many Greene countians responded with a laugh when they heard the words 'tourism' and 'Greene County' used together. This prompted the change to the title of "Department of Recreation" which joined the offices of Tourism and Parks and Recreation. There are several projects that are moving forward in Greene County; Rails to Trails project, reconstruction of the Foot Bridge in Pitt Gas and a possible A.T.V. park. A new mapping project of Greene County was just recently completed and will join the Bike Map of the County which was completed last Fall.

On a motion by Sheila Barger, seconded by Andrew Corfont, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Longstreth

W.C.E.S CAREER DAY

On March 23, 2001, the 5th grade students at Waynesburg Central Elementary School will take part in the Annual Career Day sponsored by the P.T.A. Kathleen Gregg of Greene County School to Work will once again chair this event. She is currently looking for Chamber members who may be interested in being a presenter on that day to share the details of their career with the students. The event is scheduled for 8am to noon and is sure to be a lot of fun for both the students and presenters. If you are interested in finding out more about being a part of this event, please contact the Chamber office.

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following individuals have agreed to have their names placed on the list of nominees for the Board of Directors. Those chosen will serve a three year term. Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the November General Membership Meeting.

Merle Williams	Alltel
Dolly Throckmorton	Giant Eagle
Brenda Giles	Greene County Historical Society
Lynn Kopie	Greene County Memorial Hospital
John Owen	Greene County United Way
Dr. Nancy Davis	Greene County Education Center
Pam Bogucki	Rolling Meadows
Cory Grandel	Waddell and Reed
Renee Jones	Fox Charter Service
Stacy Fowler	Tentmakers
A special thank you goes to those Board members whose terms expire at the end of this year.	
Richard Scott	Scott Enterprises
Sheila Barger	Laurel Bank
Mary K. Pruss	Peacock, Keller
Kathleen Gregg	Greene County School to Work
Kay Laskody ...	Mountainview Gardens

COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF LOCAL WOMAN

Waynesburg College President Thyreen announced recently that Robin Moore was promoted to the position of Vice President for Enrollment.

"During Moore's term as Dean of Admissions, the College has seen a dramatic increase in the quality of each freshman class," said President Thyreen. "She has provided the leadership needed to recruit students who are interested in the connections Waynesburg provides through faith, learning and serving. Ms. Moore will continue to oversee the recruitment team and the development of strategies essential to enrolling top-quality students looking for a Christian College."

Vice President Moore added, "We will continue to step up our efforts to become more involved in recruiting through Christian networks and to extend our marketing efforts to outlying areas. I believe that students are seeking the valuebased education experience that Waynesburg College provides."

Moore joined the College in 1986 and held various Admissions positions. She is a member of the President's Cabinet, Chairperson of the Marketing Committee, and participates in various institutional committees such as Middle States Accreditation and Institutional Planning. Ms. Moore is a member of the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, the PA Association of Secondary School and College Admission Counselors, the National Association of Christian College Admission Personnel, and the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers. She is active in the Waynesburg Nazarene Church and sings locally and regionally.

Moore received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from Waynesburg College. She lives in Waynesburg with her two daughters, Katlyn and Rachel.

Community Profile Book

Currently the Board of Directors is studying a proposed project to produce a "Community View" book that would be available to new residents and those looking to move into the area. Currently only xerox copies are available for that purpose. So watch for details and please consider advertising in this book that will showcase Waynesburg.

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Local Leader Honored By College

Harry S. Anderson, Waynesburg, was the guest of honor as Waynesburg College dedicated the Harry S. Anderson Athletic Training Room in the Frank N. Wolf Field House.

The dedication ceremony took place at the J. F. Wiley Stadium. Anderson, a 1939 Waynesburg College graduate, was the local postmaster for more than 36 years, and an active community worker in fund raising campaigns for various causes. Harry was also chosen as the Chambers Distinguished Service Award winner in 1989.

"Harry has served the College for more than 60 years," said President Timothy R. Thyreen. "He was president of his class in his sophomore and senior years, athletic trainer under Coach Wiley, fund raiser, and active alumnus as a member of the Alumni Council and on numerous College committees. His life of service to the College and to the Waynesburg community is exemplary."

Waynesburg College recently observed the 61st anniversary of the first televised college football game when Waynesburg College traveled to Randall's Island in New York City to face Fordham University. Waynesburg College scored first, but Fordham won that game, 34-7.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Don't forget, the annual Harvest Festival will be held at the Greene County Historical Society on Saturday, October 21st and on Sunday, October 22nd from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.



OFFICE HELP

A student from Intermediate Unit I has been working in the office 1 hour a day for three days each week preparing and stuffing envelopes for the Christmas Parade applications. Guy Phillips of Carmichaels will be with the office for several months. Jill Hass, a Waynesburg College student is completing her Service Learning requirements with the office during the Holiday Season. Jill will serve on the Christmas Parade and Holiday Sing-A-Long committees. Jill's mother, also a Chamber Executive Director, encouraged her to seek out our office. She knew that small Chamber's always need a few extra hands!

CHRISTMAS BULBS

HELP!!! HELP!!!!

Requests for members to help in the selling of the fourth edition Christmas Bulb have gone unanswered. As the Holiday season approaches you can help your Chamber with this annual fund raising endeavor. Please call the office if you are willing to help and bulbs will be delivered to your business. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Annual Christmas Parade

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 2pm. Applications for units for the parade are currently available. If you did not receive one by mail and would like to enter a unit, please call the Chamber office. There will be a float competition with cash awards going to the first three places with three honorable mentions also being awarded. Please plan on participating! If you would like to join the committee, please contact the Chamber office.

R.A.G. AMERICAN COAL MINE TOUR

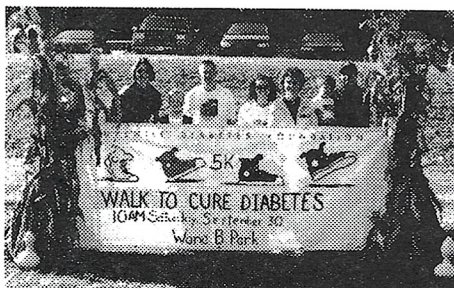
A few weeks ago, several members of the Board of Directors were treated to a tour of R.A.G. American Coal's Cumberland Mine near Kirby. Five ladies suited up in coveralls, hard hats, steel toed boots, mine belts and head lamps to take the trip 600 feet down. Our hosts were John Dzurino and Lou Rodavich and they did an excellent job showing us what it is like to work in a state of the art mine. The trip was very interesting and at a few times, a little un-nerving! The group was able to see the Continuous Miner up close and personal and watch as it expanded the mine tunnels. The ride in a Man Trip is quite a unique experience, close quarters, uneven track and flickering lights. Just keep that in mind the next time you're stuck on Greene Street in traffic with your air conditioner and radio. This was a wonderful experience for those who were able to attend, one that they won't forget anytime soon! A special thank you to Karen Zalom for organizing the trip and lunch and to all those at R.A.G. American Coal who helped to make this a memorable event.



L to R - Melody Longstreth - Executive Director, Susan Stoy, Robyn Riggs - Board Members, John - R.A.G. American Coal, Jeanine Henry and Mary Pruss - Board Members.

J.D.F. Walk to Cure Diabetes A Success

The day could not have been nicer for the J.D.F. Walk coordinated by Chad Moore of First Federal along with other committee members. The Chamber of Commerce team consisted of Melody & Lindsey Longstreth, Kathleen, Brian and Loren Dukate of Dukate's Lasting Impressions and Frank Pecjak of Pecjak's Sunoco. The team this year raised \$430 which is a record for the Chamber team. Thanks goes out to all who sponsored team members and those who made contributions at the September General Membership Meeting.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET SPONSOR REQUEST

The Annual Membership Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 11th at the Waynesburg Elk's Club. The evening will feature the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award and special recognition of members.

Members will be recognized and awarded for their years of continued membership. Those celebrating twenty five years will be awarded a special plaque to display in their business thanking them for their long term support. Members who are celebrating five, ten, fifteen and twenty year anniversaries will also be recognized along with new members.

A special contributor level will allow businesses to advertise and support the event organization. A special program will list all the members and their year's of involvement. To be a part of this special program, contributors are asked to pledge at one of three levels. Bronze - \$20, Silver - \$30 and Gold - \$50.

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Storyteller Coming to Waynesburg

FOLK TALES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Take a break from the TV and video scene and check out a live storytelling concert on October 19th. Storyteller Vicky Town will perform at Margaret Bell Miller Middle School at 7:30pm. Town blends humor, movement, chants, riddles and audience participation to create a delightful and zany cast of characters from around the world. Her stories include folk and fairy tales, stories of magic and enchantment, and stories of the courageous and clever. She has brought the magic of storytelling to schools and libraries throughout Pennsylvania and beyond. She works with groups ranging from preschoolers to senior citizens, and enjoys using her art to help bridge the gap between generations. Tickets will be available at the door, adults are \$5 and children are admitted free.

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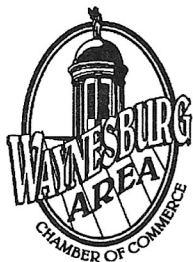
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