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**September General Membership Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 23, Noon**  
**Golden Corral Steak House**

– *Speaker* –

**Lou Falbo from the Greater Washington Area Chamber of Commerce**

All Chamber Members are urged to attend.  
 If you are unable, please feel free to send a representative.

**Letter From The President**

Hi Folks!

I can't believe its September already! Where did this year go? We've really had a busy year at the chamber – and we're not done yet!

Plans are underway for the Distinguished Service Award Banquet. Hope you are thinking about who you like to nominate. There are a lot of people out there that really work hard for other people and give for the sheer joy of giving. If you know someone that puts in as many hours working off the job as they do on it, this may be your perfect opportunity – there are a lot of "unsung heroes" out there. Let us hear about yours!

The Christmas parade is in the works and information on that will be available real soon. I'm sorry that we never got new Christmas lights. We really need someone to take that on as a project.

I'm also sorry that we don't have any new news from Blue Cross/Blue Shield on the Chamber of Commerce Insurance Consortium. We call and call but still no luck. But we haven't given up!

Now there is something else I'd like to mention in the hope that maybe someone out there can help. Melody has been informed that the parking space that she has been allowed to use on a private lot close to the office is no longer available to her. A parking permit is \$10 a month which is \$120.00 a year we didn't budget for. This doesn't sound like a lot but when you consider that we sometimes have to close the office for the month of December because we don't have the money to stay open – it's a problem. I have asked the Borough for a space and will let you know what happens. But in the meantime, any ideas are welcome!

One last thing – keep in mind that before much longer we will be needing to nominate new officers. With all its ups and downs, I have truly enjoyed this office this year. However, at the end of this year my term on the board expires and I will not be able to be an officer (our bylaws call for one year between terms). I would recommend the job to anyone who likes people – and the people in this Chamber are some of the best in the world! Hope we have some volunteers! If not just remember – don't miss a meeting!

Diane



# Minutes of the August Meeting

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AUGUST 26, 1992

ROHANNA'S RESTAURANT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Visser-Waynesburg Rotary, Jim Moore-Greene County Messenger, Shirley Shipman-Sipman's Sanitary Service, Jeff Widdup & Mark Nicholson-Huntington National Bank, Mary K. Pruss-Peacock, Keller, Yohe, Day & Ecker, Patrick A. Carl-Patrick A. Carl Electrical Contractor, Diane L. Bowlen-Super 8 Motel, Dick Robinson-Edward D. Jones & Company, Pauline Crumrine-Greene County Commissioner, Robert J. Interval & Amy Ross, Interval Chiropractic, Naomi Lapping, Barb Cappellini, Suzanne Huffman-Community Bank, Doug Rohanna-Rohanna Restaurant, Samuel McCollum-Wbg. Dari-Delite, Clark Patterson-Huffman-Whipkey, Shirley Stockdale-Clerk of Courts, Beth Stroud & Linda Smith-Hospice Care, Inc., Don Headlee & Chad Moore-First Federal, Barb McMillen & Millie Wonderling-Bowly Library, Cheryl Dukate-Individual Member, Tracy Burns-Suter-Burns Floral Gallery and Vi Forrest-O.V.R.

President Diane Bowlen called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. She welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the room. On a motion by Mary K. Pruss, seconded by Richard Visser, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Melody Longstreth presented the Secretary's report for July 1992. On a motion by Pauline Crumrine, seconded by Dick Robinson the Secretary's Report was accepted.

President Diane Bowlen introduced the guest speaker, Violet R. Forrest from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. She reviewed the current Americans with Disabilities Act and how it will effect businesses. She discussed the ways the businesses can comply with the act and warned members to be on the look out for so called "compliance experts" who will charge to make recommendations on ways to comply. The office of Vocational Rehabilitation offers services to disabled persons through many ways. She stressed that disabled individuals make an excellent addition to the workforce. Many require no changes to the workplace and if changes are required, most can be accomplished at little or no cost to the employer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Melody Longstreth presented tentative financial figures for the 1992 Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant. To date, the

pageant has netted \$6,000 for the Chamber, however, several expenditures are still expected.

Chad Moore reported that the final financial report for the Golf Outing is now complete. The event netted \$887.25 for the Chamber. The event was budgeted at \$700.

Diane Bowlen reported that plans for the Dinner Theater in conjunction with the Greene Theater Academy were cancelled due to a lack of reservations.

Melody Longstreth reported that the Rain Day Booths took in over \$800 but all expenditures have not been met so a complete financial report will follow at a later date.

Shirley Stockdale and Mary Pruss reported that plans for the Annual Banquet and Distinguished Service Award have begun. Nominations are currently being accepted. The event will be held sometime in November.

OLD BUSINESS: Linda Corfont, chairwoman of the By-Laws committee, passed out copies of the proposed by-laws to each member in attendance. Copies will be mailed to those members who were absent. Any changes must be submitted to Linda or the office within ten days. The by-laws will be voted on at the September General Membership meeting.

Chad Moore discussed the new newsletter format. Seven business card size ads have been confirmed to date. We need at least ten but not more than 14 ads to be able to run the project. September is targeted for the first issue.

Diane Bowlen asked for volunteers to join a steering committee for the Chamber. This committee will attempt to create a long range plan for the Chamber.

NEW BUSINESS: Diane Bowlen reported on a meeting with Mary Hollern of the PA. Economy League. The League would like to keep the Chamber informed on its projects within the county. Melody and Diane will attend one of their meetings in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Jim Moore and seconded by Patrick Carl, the meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melody R. Longstreth  
Executive Secretary

## Annual Banquet Scheduled

The Annual Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce and the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st at the Waynesburg Elks Lodge. A cocktail hour and recipient reception will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a steak dinner. Dancing will begin at 8 p.m. to the music of Colony.

Applications are now being accepted for the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the Waynesburg community. The winner of the award is selected from nominations received by the Chamber. Nominees are judged on contributions to community welfare and betterment; participation in community activities and civic enterprises; lasting contributions to community welfare; leadership abilities; success in their individual vocations; personal progress; and cooperation with other individuals and organizations.

The award is presented for direct, outstanding service to the community and has no relation to work for the Chamber of Commerce. Anyone can nominate an individual for the award by submitting completed award application no later than **Friday, September 25th, 1992**. Nomination applications are available by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 627-5926.

## Name The Newsletter

As you can see we have a new look to our newsletter, but one thing is missing - a name!! If you have any suggestions please call the office as soon as possible.

## Another Coupon Book

A firm by the name of Good Cents Marketing arrived in town recently soliciting businesses to place ads in a 'coupon' book. Anthony N. Renshaw, account executive for Good Cents Marketing visited our offices to let us know that he was operating in the area. Based on our past experiences with 'coupon' book projects, a check with the Better Business Bureau and Chamber of Commerce offices was done. Our search revealed the following:

Conyers Chamber of Commerce - Conyers, GA (Their main office is located here) The company has been a member since 1990.

Better Business Bureau - Atlanta GA

In November of 1990 there was a claim filed against them for:

1. Not responding to complaints from consumers
2. Not making adjustments to consumers as promised

We are not trying to shut down their operation, however, we felt that based on the reputation of previous 'coupon' book operators, this information was vital to our members.

## Upcoming Membership Meeting Dates

September 23 - Golden Corral Steak House  
October 28 - Iron Griddle Restaurant  
November 25 - Golden Corral Steak House

## Wills Clinic To Be Held

Hospice Care, Inc. will be sponsoring a Wills Clinic as a public service to the residents of Greene County. The event will be held on Wednesday October 7, 1992, at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room of the Integra Bank at the corner of High and Morris Streets in Waynesburg.

Mary K. Pruss, Attorney at Law, will be presenting basic information that may be helpful in initiating and updating a will. Also to be addressed will be the issue of living wills. Following the presentation, a question and answer session will feature professionals from the legal, financial and insurance sector.

The Wills Clinic is free and open to the general public, but since seating is limited, it is strongly recommended that anyone wishing to attend call Linda Smith at 627-8118 to reserve their place.

## CLASSIFIED

MITA DC 114 COPIER FOR SALE - The office is offering our used Mita DC-114 copier and existing supplies for sale to our members. The machine was purchased new in 1987 and currently has a meter reading of 123,000 copies. It has editing features and green and blue ink capabilities as well as black. The machine has been well maintained and operates well. We have just outgrown it's capacity. Please make an offer by calling 627-5926.

WANTED - Four drawer letter size file cabinet for Chamber office. Any color accepted (it's amazing what you can do with a little contact paper). Preferably free or incredibly cheap.



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