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POINTS OF LIGHT FOUNDATION

We are pleased to announce the 2000 Awards for Excellence in Corporate Community Service and invite your participation in nominating corporations with excellent employee volunteer programs.

As you are well aware, corporate community service programs, fueled by the spirited willingness of individual employees, provide solutions and bring a sense of renewal to communities in desperate need of resources and attention. We hope that you will help us to showcase exemplary volunteer programs by submitting nominations for this year's awards.

The awards will be presented to the 2000 winners at the eighth annual Awards for Excellence in Corporate Community Service event to be held this spring in New York City. Award winners and their programs will be recognized in business forums and publications around the country.

We appreciate your help in identifying exceptional corporations which reflect the spirit of volunteerism. A nomination form is available in the Chamber office or you may download one from their Web site found at www.pointsoflight.org, or call 202-729-8184. Please note the deadline for submitting nominations — September 29, 2000. We look forward to your participation in this year's program!

Correction

The phone number for Carol Del Grosso of the Girls Scouts of Southwestern Pa. was incorrectly listed in last months newsletter. Her phone number is 724-248-3355.

Highmark Sole Proprietor News

As you may recall, on July 19, I wrote to the Pennsylvania Insurance Department expressing my concern about recent decisions Highmark had made regarding coverage to sole proprietors.

I am pleased to report that in response to this letter, the Pennsylvania Insurance Department has agreed to hold a public hearing on the Highmark sole proprietor issue in Pittsburgh on Thursday, October 5. While the exact time and place have not been confirmed yet, I wanted to let you know that your Chamber will have the opportunity to express your views to the state's insurance regulators in person. As more information becomes available, I will pass it onto you.

If you have any further questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact Brian Hayden of my staff at:

Congressman Ron Klink

250 Insurance Street, Suite 305 Beaver, PA 15009 724-728-3005

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Fox Charter Service

Mr. Sam Fox 1804 Smith Creek Road Waynesburg, PA 15370 724-627-0341 724-627-0741 fax Bus Charter & Tour Service



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

Noon

Golden Corral Steak House

Speaker: Jackie Kingora, Director of Tourism Topic: Greene County Rails to Trails Project

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE RECEIVES DONATION



President and Chair of the Revitalization Committee, Suzanne Huffman accepts a \$750 check from Karen Zalom of R.A.G. American Coal which represents one half of the amount needed to begin a series of four meetings with the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

College Builds Coalition to Increase Alcohol Awareness

Waynesburg College was recently awarded a grant from The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to help prevent underage and dangerous drinking by college students. The funds will be used to help the College establish and enhance campus-community coalitions and to work toward environmental change.

"This is the second year that Waynesburg received an award," said Assistant Director of Education Enrichment Program Jane Owen. "We plan to hold a week-long series of educational activities during Alcohol Awareness Week, beginning October 13. Also, two students, two faculty/staff members, and two community representatives will attend the Annual National Meeting on Alcohol, Other Drug and Violence Prevention in Higher Education in Pittsburgh on October 14-17. The conference will focus on "Campus & Community Collaboration: A Confluence of Commitment."

- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -

Wednesday, August 23, 2000 Golden Corral Steak House

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susanne Huffman-Communications Development, Katy Shultz-Hospice Care of the Washington Hospital, Shirley Stockdale-Clerk of Courts, Damon Neroni-Washington-Greene Job Training Agency, Frank Couch-CareerLink, Carol Del Grosso-Girl Scouts, Karen Zalom-RAG American Coal, Kathleen Gregg-School to Work, Frank Pecjak-Pecjak's Sunoco, Chad Moore-First Federal Savings & Loan, Mary C. Parkinson-Honorary Member, Mary Pruss-Peacock Keller, Ginny McClelland-Ginny McClelland Dance Studio. Richard Scott-Scott Enterprises and guest Rod Burns-Pennsylvania Game Commission.

President Suzanne Huffman called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm. Introductions were made around the room. On a motion by Richard Scott, seconded by Chad Moore, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. On a motion by Mary Pruss, seconded by Chad Moore, the Treasurer's Report was approved. On a motion by Katy Shultz, seconded by Richard Scott, the Secretary's Report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The financial report for the Chamber Dunk Tank was reviewed. Less than \$200 was cleared on the Dunk Tank. One problem that occurred was that the tank was filled by a tanker truck and the water had rust in it. The tank had to be drained and re-filled with a hose before the booth could open. This took about two hours. It was suggested that we consider a Pie Throwing booth next year! The financial report for the Photo Booth coordinated by the Educational Fund Committee only netted \$16 after expenses were paid. However, Kyowa America donated the proceeds from their Rain Day Booth, a total of \$223, to the Scholarship Fund. A tentative financial report of the Miss Rain Day Pageant was presented and it appears that the committee will come in with an additional \$1,000 income over budget.

OLD BUSINESS: The fourth edition of the Chamber's Christmas bulb has arrived. It features the Greene County Historical Society which celebrates a 75th year anniversary in 2000. Order forms were passed around and member businesses who wish to sell the bulb for the Chamber are needed.

NEW BUSINESS: As per the By-Laws, a Nominating Committee was to be appointed. Kathleen Gregg, Karen Zalom, Shirley Stockdale, Katy Shultz and Chad Moore volunteered to serve on the committee. Frank Couch from CareerLink announced that they will be holding a Job Fair on September 28th from 2-6 pm at the Fairgrounds to promote job opportunities. Businesses may set up a booth at no charge.

Suzanne Huffman introduced our guest speaker, Rod Burns from the Pennsylvania Game Commission. He discussed the white tail deer population in Greene County. Many local businesses benefit from the deer population as deer hunters bring revenue into the county. Restaurants, hotels, gas stations, etc. all see an increase during hunting season. Greene County sells 17,000 hunting licenses annually. The state averages 21 deer per square mile and Greene County averages 35 deer per square mile. The deer herd is suffering somewhat in Greene County due to over population which leads to lack of sufficient food source. The state will be changing the regulations on anterless deer hunting in the near future in an effort to control the over population.

On a motion by Richard Scott, seconded by Karen Zalom, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melody Longstreth Executive Director

COLLEGE STUDENTS BEGAN YEAR WITH FRESHMAN PLUNGE

Waynesburg College students began the school year plunging into service work on Monday, August 28.

From 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, 350 freshman students and upperclassmen orientation leaders assisted over 50 social service agencies in Greene County. Some of the service sites include: Rolling Meadows (patient visitation and arts and crafts); Mason Dixon Park (chinking of the new log cabin and festival clean up); Salvation Army (clothes sorting); Habitat for Humanity (home construction); Humane Society (kennel sanitation); Greene County Conservation Office (stenciling manhole covers for dumping awareness); Warrior Trail (cleanup); and Greene County Museum (painting and cleanup). Students worked in groups of as small as five up to seventy-five students.

The Plunge is the brainchild of Bonner Director Pat Delaney and Associate Student Services Dean Dave Calvario. "This is the third year that the Plunge has taken place," (explained Calvario. "In the past, we concentrated on one site only, but this year we really expanded the program."

Delaney added, "Service is a keystone of the Waynesburg College experience. The Plunge is our commitment to community service and a way to introduce the community and the many types of services the county has to offer to our students.



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Educational Fund Received Donation

A special thanks goes out to Kyowa America who recently donated the proceeds from their Rain Day Booth to the Educational Scholarship Fund. A check for \$223.00 was presented to the Chamber to be used to supplement the existing Scholarship Fund. Each year \$1,500 is awarded to a deserving Greene County student. Contributions to the fund are always welcomed.

Attention

Natural Gas Users that switched to the Chamber plan with Equitable Resources, Inc.

For the approximately thirty Chamber members that took advantage of our group plan and switched your natural gas supplier in the summer of 1998, from Equitable Gas Co. to Equitable Resources (now Equitable Energy), here is some information that you need to know.

Although we went together to get a low price, we all signed individual contracts. Many of these were for two years and they are now coming up for renewal. You will be offered a one-year (\$6.76 per decatherm), two-year (\$5.61), or three-year (\$5.12) deal on your renewal. Since gas rates are changing weekly your numbers may vary slightly.

Industry analysts expect natural gas prices to rise, and the people I talked with recommend taking the three year deal. When you add the separate monthly bill of \$2.78 per decatherm from Equitable Gas Co. (which still receives income for transporting the gas), you will be paying a total of \$7.90. Your current rates with Equitable Energy should be approximately \$4.32 and \$2.78 for transportation (\$7.10).

For comparison purposes, decatherms and MCF's aren't exactly the same, but very similar. The retail rate for Equitable Gas Co. customers as of July is \$9.32 per MCF including transportation. Everyone I talked with expects the PUC to allow Equitable Gas to increase this at their next quarterly rate hearing in October.

Final note: The "rules of the game" have changed. Smaller retail customers are no longer able to do what we did, but we have been "grandfathered" in and will continue to enjoy lower natural gas prices.

From: Chuck Baily

NOVACARE BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

On Friday, August 18th, members were treated to a delicious barbeque at Novacare Physical Therapy. Although the rain may have hampered member turnout, those who did attend were greeted by the staff at Novacare and were shown the beautiful facility. One fact that may be a mystery to most members is that the Novacare facility has an indoor swimming pool that is used for patient therapy. Anyone who had ever visited the Gatling's Auto Store that once occupied the building would never recognize the inside which is filled with state of the art equipment with the therapy pool as it's highlight. A generous thank you goes out to Pauline Crumrine and Chris Staub and the staff for all their hard work and good cookin'.

THANK YOU

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

Chamber By-Laws, Article 3, Section 2

"A Nominating Committee of not less than five members shall be appointed by the President at the August General Membership Meeting whose duty it shall be to nominate no less than ten members to fill the five vacant positions on the Board of Directors. The Nominating committee shall file a list of the nominees with the Executive Director at the October General Membership Meeting. Other nominations may be made by any member by filing the name with the Executive Director at the October General Membership Meeting prior to the election. Other nominations may be made by any member from the floor at the November General Membership Meeting."

Kathleen Gregg of the School to Work Program, Karen Zalom of R.A.G. American Coal, Shirley Stockdale Clerk of Courts, Katy Shultz of Hospice Care and Chad Moore of First Federal volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors should contact any member of the committee.



Saturday September 30, 2000

WANA-B PARK

3 Mile Walk

Check-in Time: 8:30 a.m. Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

All Chamber members are encouraged to participate

WALK WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE

In the event of bad weather, you will fulfill your WALK commitment by reporting to the registration area and turning in your pledges.

For more information contact:

Chad Moore

Phone: (724) 627-4249 (724) 627-6148 Fax: (724) 627-5878 E-mail: seemoore35@hotmail.com

Newsletter Info

Any information that you would like to share with other Chamber members in CHAMBER CHATTER should be sent to the office by the first of each month for inclusion in that month's issue. There is no cost for submitting information and articles.

Inserted brochures and flyers may also be included in CHAMBER CHATTER at a cost of \$65 per issue. A minimum of 250 folded pieces must be delivered by the first of each month for inclusion in that month's issue.

Advertising opportunites are also available. Business card size ads are available at a cost of \$200 per year. Ads are rotated so that each ad spends four months on the outside back cover of the newsletter. For more information on available space, please call the Chamber office at 627-5926.

RAIN DAY THANKS

A special thank you goes out to all of the members who helped in any way with the Chamber's Dunk Tank and the Educational Fund Committee's Photo Booth. A big thank you goes to all the Miss Rain Day Contestants and their families who helped to keep the Dunk Tank busy all day. And especially, Alyssa Corfont, tradition states that as the new Miss Rain Day she was excused from sitting on the tank. She asked to break tradition and sit on the tank. Her friends and family took full advantage of the opportunity and she spent most of her time in the water!!!

The Miss Rain Day Pageant Committee also deserves a BIG thank you for all their hard work, time and energy. This is the largest and most detailed event the Chamber produces and the committee did an outstanding job of taking care of even the tiniest of details. For members who have never experienced the pageant, you need to come and see for yourself what a professional job your fellow members are doing.

MEMBER OFFERS BUS TOURS

New member, Fox Charter Service, will be offering the following tours:

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September 23	Grove City & Volant	\$20.00 pp
September 24	Allenberry Playhouse	\$75.00 pp
	Brunch & Show "South Pacific"	• •
September 30	Seven Springs "Autumnfest"	\$35.00 pp
October 1	Pittsburgh Gateway Clipper	\$43.00 pp
October 7	Springs Folk Festival	\$23.00 pp
October 8	Jennerstown Mountain Playhouse	\$50.00 pp
	Dinner & Show "Forever Plaid"	
October 14	Wheeling Jamboree	\$29.00 pp
	"Sammy Kershaw"	
October 21	Potomac Eagle Train Ride	\$43.00 pp
October 22	Christmas in the Woods Craft Festival	\$25.00 pp
November 24	Sight & Sound "Miracle of Christmas"	\$99.00 pp
	Lancaster, PA	
December 1	Wheeling Jamboree	\$33.00 pp
*	"Lee Greenwood Christmas Show"	
December 9	Ross Park Mall Shopping and	\$33.00 pp
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December 2, 8, 10, 16	Oglebay Festival of Lights	Call for Price

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Make checks payable to Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce Bulbs may be purchased in the Chamber office year round.

After-School Resource Fair

The Greene County Cooperative Extension in conjunction with the MAGIC (Making A Great Impact Collectively) Collaborative Board is planning an After-School Resource Fair. The purpose of this fair is to help providers and families learn about after-school programs, activities, sports, lessons, camps, volunteer opportunities and other activities available for elementary and middle school age youth in our community. The fair will be held on Monday, October 2 from 3:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in Stover Hall at Waynesburg College.

The target audience will be families, teachers, school administrators, and parent and teacher groups. The exhibitors should have demonstrations and program information of what they are willing to offer for an afterschool program. Please plan ahead and be prepared to sign up potential groups, schools or volunteers.

A wonderful afternoon has been planned and refreshments will be offered. While there, feel free to visit with other organizations and collect some new ideas. The goal is for everyone to go home with at least one after-school program idea. In order for this to occur, your commitment to set up an exhibit is needed. Please contact the extension office by Monday, September 18 if you are interested in exhibiting at 627-3745.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL

Waynesburg College cordially invites you to join in the Homecoming celebration on October 14.

The festival will be held on the campus quad, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and is free and open to the public. The following are some of the featured activities:

- Story-telling
- · Face Painting
- Balloon Sculpting
- Fish Pond
- Tie Dye
- · Giant Slide
- · Putt Putt Golf
- Jousting
- Caricaturist

- Bungy Run

Other activities for the day include:

- 8:30 a.m. 5-K Fun Run/Walk
- 1:30 p.m. the Waynesburg College Yellow Jackets take on the Grove City Wolverines

For more information, contact the Institutional Advancement Office at 852-3300.

"It's Festival Time"

SEPTEMBER

- 16-17-Covered Bridge Festival FMI Carmichaels Bridge: 966-7996 White Bridge: 966-2359
 - 16-Habitat for Humanity Cool Country FM 103 Bike Ride FMI-John: 966-8415
- 23-24-Arts in the Park Festival, Ryerson State Park FMI: 428-4254
- TBA-Pumpkin Festival, Pumpkin Run Park, Rices Landing, FMI - Debbie: 592-6055 **OCTOBER**
 - 1-Lions Club Annual Nut Sale Begins
 - 6-8-Warrior Trail Pow Wow, Mason Dixon Park FMI - Connie: 304-789-5500
 - 6-8-MAJAK Creations Annual Craft Show, FMI Mary: 425-7797
 - 7-Pigs in a Blanket Festival, Carmichaels Square FMI: 966-5506
 - 7-Habitat for Humanity Fall Bike-a-Thon, FMI John: 966-5506
 - 14-Buckwheat & Sausage Feast, Mason Dixon Park, FMI - Connie: 304-789-5500
 - 19-Margaret Bell Miller Public Performance, Vicky Towne, Story Teller, "Folk Tales from around the World"
- 21-22-Harvest Festival, Greene County Historical Society, FMI: 627-3204
 - 26-Halloween Parade, Downtown Waynesburg

It's Almost Time – Christmas Parade Time!



The annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Chamber, is scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 2 pm. Start think-

ing now about your entry!! This event officially kicks off the Holiday Season in Waynesburg and we encourage our members to be a part of the fun!!

Member Profiles

If you would like to have your business profiled in Chamber Chatter, please send a story of less than 200 words detailing your business so that other members may get to know you. You may include a photo if you would like. There is no cost for the profile or photo but material must reach the office by the first of each month. Profiles will be ran on a first come basis as space permits. Photos will be returned once published. Please take advantage of this membership benefit!!

DISTINGUISHED **SERVICE AWARD**

The Chamber is now accepting nominee applications for our Distinguished Service Award. The honor is bestowed on an individual for outstanding service to the Waynesburg community. This award will be presented at the Annual Membership Banquet in November. The winner of this prestigious 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 service to the community and has no association to the Chamber of Commerce involvement. Anyone can nominate an individual for the award by submitting a completed nominee application no later than September 30th. Nomination applications are available by calling the Chamber office or by stopping by.

A Nomination Application is part of this month's newsletter.

Be A Hometown Hero

The Revitalization Committee is in need of a chairperson! This committee is a strong network of community leaders who have laid the foundation for a successful "Main Street" program. The new chair would serve until the program is launched and a Main Street Manager is hired. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer or if you need more information.



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Distinguished Service Award Nomination Blank

Name of Nominee	
Address & Phone of Nominee	
Sponsor Name, Address, Phone	
(individua	l or organization)
List and explain in detail the achievements, nature of service, nature of participation and nominee, bearing in mind that judging will be on the following basis: contribution to community betterment: participation in all-around community activities and civic enterprises: evicentribution to community welfare: evidence of leadership ability: success in own vocation as business progress: cooperation with individuals and organizations. (attach supporting articipations)	unity welfare and dence of lasting and personal and
I/We Nominate:	
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