



June Member Spotlight
JOSEPH'S NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER

Meet the team from **Joseph's Nursery and Garden Center**, named in Mon Valley Regional Chamber's Member Spotlight for June. (Left to right) Rick Malarbi, Dennis Pavelko, Kristen Joseph, George Joseph III, Lennie Boso, Michael Joseph, Chase Feher, John Feher, Alyce Joseph and George Joseph Jr.



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July Member Spotlight
DOUBLE M'S PIZZA



Double M's Pizza is in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber's July Member Spotlight. Seen here left to right is: Mark Miller, Owner, Josh Austin, Pete White, Andy Armbruster and Laura Gillon.

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A Message from Our President

Representing the interests of several hundred businesses of all sizes and markets, The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information to grow business through education, sharing of experience and solutions, networking and collaboration, outreach to schools and recognition. Membership in the Chamber helps underwrite programs directed at revitalization, development of existing business and attraction of new business, promotional opportunities to highlight businesses and products available within the communities of the Mon Valley and Southwestern Pennsylvania.



James Protin,
Chamber President

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce membership consists of business owners, entrepreneurs and serious, civic-minded professionals who have a deep appreciation of the Mon Valley's leadership legacy and a clear vision of our Region's future as a great place to live, play and do business. You'll find us at Rise To Shine morning networking events, informative Monthly Luncheons, After Hours Mixers, Grand Openings and other special events in the community.

Utilizing our social media outreach initiatives to explore new markets, it's become easier for our members to connect with customers and join in conversations via Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. Our Chamber is only as strong as its membership. That's why we work hard to keep members involved!

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All other Renewals

Bee Graphix
Butler's Golf Course
South Hills Mon Valley Messenger

Thank You!

*These new members and renewals only reflect dues received as of July 10, 2015



June Member Spotlight JOSEPH'S NURSERY & GARDEN CENTER

Joseph's Nursery first opened in 1954 under the ownership of George Joseph Sr. The nursery services all of the greater Mon-Valley cities including but not limited to: Monessen, Monongahela, Charleroi, Belle Vernon & Donora. Joseph's has been in charge of maintaining Mon Valley Hospital for over 50 years.

Over the years, the gift shop and outdoor plants have grown in numbers. The nursery is under the ownership of George Sr.'s son and grandsons, George Jr., George III, & Michael

Inside, the Nursery offers a number of gifts and holiday decorations for every change of the season. Outside, the Nursery offers a number of services, from grass mowing to outdoor holiday decorations. During the summer months you can see Joseph's Nursery trucks throughout the Valley and surrounding areas either contracting or landscaping residences and businesses. You can count on Joseph's to help you celebrate each holiday and have your place of residence in top shape!

Joseph's also provides landscape contracting, grass mowing and maintenance, and snow plowing and salting. Joseph's provides beautiful landscapes at homes and businesses. With 60 years of experience Joseph's knows just what it takes to make an eye catching landscape while providing the highest quality service.



July Member Spotlight DOUBLE M'S PIZZA

Double M's Pizza was opened in October of 2002. Since then, it has prided itself on serving hot, hand-tossed pizzas and other delicious options, such as hoagies, salads, calzones, and pizza burgers. Several Specialty pizzas have just been added to the menu, including "Philly Cheese Steak" and a "Spicy Italian Deluxe."

Featuring a wide variety of specialty pizzas, Double M's Pizza has been in business since 2002. Every item on the menu is made to order from the highest quality ingredients available. This commitment to quality has earned them the distinction of being repeatedly voted the Mon Valley's #1 Favorite place for pizza. Their motto, "Because Taste Matters", affirms their dedication to providing their customers with the absolute best products possible.

Mark Miller, owner likes to quote the old Italian proverb : "Chi mangia bene, vive bene." He who eats well, lives well. Make sure you eat well.



Mark Miller, Owner



Double M's Pizza is located at 372 Pennsylvania Avenue (Route 88) in North Charleroi. Call Mark Miller and his friendly staff at Double M's for your next pizza order at Double M's is located at 372 Pennsylvania Avenue 724-483-0500. A full menu and coupons are located at their website at www.doublempizza.com, and they can also be found on Facebook.

2015 BASSI GOLF TOURNAMENT



THANK YOU to everyone who golfed on June 4—and to all our valued sponsors and volunteers who made the event a huge success!

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Proceeds will benefit local educational programs directed toward our youth and our business community



Charleroi Academic League



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SCENES FROM THE MELVIN B. BASSI GOLF TOURNAMENT



Pictured left: Matt Damich, Scott McCorkle, Tom Cullen and Gordie Watkins of Monongahela Valley Hospital were winners of the MVRCC's Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament, held at Nemaquin Country Club on June 4. The group won with a score of 57. Longest Drive contest was won by Justin Zdravecky and Barry Toran, Longest Putt(s), Brian Corrin and Closest to the Pin, Bill Angelo and Joe Pelzer. 110 golfers, guests and volunteers participated in the outing. Proceeds benefit Leadership Washington County, the Challenge Program, and other educational initiatives that benefit the region's youth and its membership. *More photos can be found on the Chamber's Facebook page.*

Golf Committee & Volunteers

J.J. Georgagis, Keystone Bakery, Chairman*

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Nicole Fioravanti—Donora Lumber Company

**Denotes Board Member*



CHAMBER NEWS

THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM AWARDS BELLE VERNON SENIORS



The Challenge Program, Inc. distributed financial awards to the seniors at Belle Vernon Area High School for excelling in the areas of Attendance, Academic Improvement, Academic Excellence, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and Community Service. *The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce* and *Mr. James Protin* are the sponsors of the program at the school. Pictured from left to right are Debbie Keefer, Chamber Director; Dalton Naylor, STEM Award; Victoria Tobias, Academic Improvement; Monica McGregor, Academic Excellence; Gina Iacoboni, Community Service; Ashley Marinos, Attendance; and James Protin, Chamber President and Co-Sponsor.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF THE MON VALLEY

The MVRCC is proud to announce an exciting new collaboration to bring business and networking opportunities to the region's young professionals! A networking and organizational meeting will be held at 6:30 PM at Fourth Street Barbeque in Charleroi. The Young Professionals of the Mon Valley group is in the planning stages, and invites young professionals to attend this informational meeting on JULY 28. This event is open to all interested parties - MVRCC membership is not a prerequisite. The suggested age is 21-40.



Ryan Galiotto, a financial advisor with Fields Financial and owner of IVM and Mario Porreca of Cleanse Pittsburgh came to Chamber President Jim Protin with the idea. It was presented to the Chamber Board of Directors who enthusiastically gave their approval to move forward.

“I thoroughly enjoyed the development process working with Ryan and Mario to get this off the ground,” said Jim Protin, President of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber. **“Reservations are brisk, so we know that this idea has struck a chord with our business community.”**

Some of the goals in mind are to create opportunities to meet like-minded young professionals in the area, network with local business and government professionals, and develop professional skills. The group will collectively have a voice in the community.

RSVP to Ryan Galiotto at rgaliotto@gmail.com to register for the event, or to become part of the mailing list for future updates. A complete flyer is found at www.mvrchamber.org and on page 7 of this newsletter.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF THE MON VALLEY

A NETWORKING GROUP FORMING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MON VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

START-UP MEETING TUES, JULY 28, 2015

@ Fourth Street Barbeque, Charleroi, PA

Are you, or do you know, a young professional in the Mid-Mon Valley looking for...

- *Networking opportunities?*
- *Professional development?*
- *Community outreach?*

Join us on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 to learn more about an exciting young professional group forming in conjunction with the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Please RSVP to rgalitto@gmail.com.

6:30PM:

Networking Meet & Greet

7:00PM:

Meeting Begins

Meeting Goals:

- Elect a Board of Directors.
- Begin to plan the YPMV kick-off event.
- Create a direction/vision for the group.
- Gather future event/project ideas.



Meet like-minded young professionals in the area.

Network with local business and government professionals.

Develop your professional skills.

Engage in community service projects and opportunities.

Have a voice in your community.

EVENT LOCATION:

Fourth Street Barbeque
308 4th St
Charleroi, PA 15022

Fourthstreetbbq.com

6:30PM – Networking
7:00PM – Meeting Begins

MVRCC Announces 2015 Awards Recipients

The Chamber will honor its finest at Monongahela Valley Hospital's Anthony Lombardi Education Conference Center on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at its annual Awards Event.

This year's recipients are:



Armand N. Ferrara, Jr.
Shining Star Award



McDonald's—Meg-Nik Corporation
(Joseph Carone)
Outstanding Business Development Award



Susan Jo's Salon
(Susan Jo Johnson)
Excellence in Business Award



United Way—Mon Valley
Regional Service Award



The reception style event begins at 5:30 PM with the award ceremonies beginning at 6:30 PM. Members will receive a personal invitation in the US mail, however the public is invited to attend and may call the Chamber at 724-483-3507 to arrange for their reservation or use the on-line registration at www.mvrchamber.org. Space will be limited so early RSVP's are encouraged. Sponsorships are also available—see *NEXT PAGE* for details.



Wednesday, August 12, 2015
10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Mon Valley Regional Chamber Building
Chamber Plaza, Charleroi

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DETAILS ABOUT A FUN FALL MEMBERSHIP BLITZ
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2015 Chamber Awards Event!
Thursday, September 10, 2015
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital

The MVRCC is very pleased to be honoring special businesses and individuals at this year's event. The cost to members is only \$25.00/person for a hearty hors d'oeuvres buffet and beverages. We hope that you can help us to have the best event ever!

2015 HONOREES

Shining Star Award: *ARMAND FERRARA*

Outstanding Business Development: *MCDONALD'S—MEG-NIK CORPORATION*

Excellence in Business: *SUSAN JO'S SALON*

Regional Service Award: *UNITEDWAY OF MON VALLEY*

We are offering the following sponsorships that include:

- Listing in the awards program
- Acknowledgement at the podium and mentions in pre-event publicity.
- All sponsor names will be listed on the "BIG SCREEN" in the conference center.
- A table will be provided for company literature in the reception area.

Please select from the following:

Event Sponsor – \$600

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Event Sponsor has priority listing in all printed matter produced for the event.

Presentation Sponsor – \$350

Only 5 will be sold—includes two (2) reservations

Please email to members@mvrchamber.org or fax to 724-489-1045

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*WELCOME TO CHARLEROI
SEEZUNS*

A new boutique has opened in downtown Charleroi, "Seezuns" by owner Cindy Poskon. It is located at 701 McKean Avenue, featuring gals and guys apparel, and plenty of fashion accessories, many with a western flair. Beautiful cowboy boots are available for both men and women, as well.

Cindy invites everyone to come and shop Seezuns, open Tuesday, Wednesday 10-5, Thursday and Friday 12-6 and Saturday 12-4. The phone number is 724-565-5148.

Seen here at the July 10 Grand Opening is (l to r): State Senator Camera Bartolotta, Vicki Brown, Owner's sister and business associate, Cindy Poskon, Owner, John Poskon, Owner's husband, and Eric Porter, Charleroi Regional Police Chief.



*NEW LOCATION IN WASHINGTON
WADDELL & REED, INC.*



Congratulations to Waddell & Reed, Inc. on opening their newest office location at 2000 Park Place in Washington, PA.

Seen here at a recent open house event is (l to r): Regina Abel, US Small Business Administration, Trish Brickner, PA Career Link, Mon Valley, Kelly Hunt, US Small Business Administration, Jeff Mendola, Waddell & Reed, Lisa Neil, Southwest Training and Deb Keefer, MVRCC Director.

CHAMBER & MEMBER NEWS

MEMBERS ENJOY NETWORKING AT PNC PARK ON JUNE 16

Over 30 chamber members enjoyed a beautiful June evening at PNC Park as the Pirates battled the Chicago White Sox.





Miss Mid Mon Valley Pageant

A Natural Beauty Pageant with a touch of Glitz!
Pageant Director: Jennifer Watkins-Vinsick

<p>Join us on August 1, 2015 at 1:00pm at the Charleroi Market House</p> <p>ALL AGES WELCOME!</p>	<p>Register before July 29, 2015 at:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>409 McKean Ave., Charleroi, PA 15022 • (724)483-4119</p>	

Save the Date



Putting your health first.



**12th Annual
MVH/Lois Orange Ducoeur
Breast Cancer Walk**
Saturday, Oct. 10

Registration, 9 a.m.; Walk, 10 a.m.
Charleroi Market House
423 McKean Avenue, Charleroi

One- or two-mile fun walk to support the prevention, early detection and treatment of breast cancer in our community at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

For more info, visit monvalleyhospital.com, call 724-258-1852 or email sschumacher@monvalleyhospital.com



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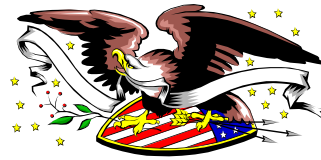
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Watch the US mail, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter and website for information on all upcoming events!



www.mvrchamber.org



Tuesday, July 28, 2015—Young Professionals of the Mon Valley, Networking/Informational Meeting, Fourth Street Barbecue, 6:30 PM. See pages 6 & 7 for details.

Wednesday, August 12, 2015—7th Annual Easy to Be Green Day, Chamber Building, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM.

Thursday, September 10, 2015—Chamber Annual Awards Event, MVH Conference Center. See pages 8 & 9 for more information.

Saturday, September 12, 2015—29th Annual Charleroi Federal Little Great Race, Charleroi, www.littlegreatrace.com

Saturday, October 10, 2015—Monongahela Valley Hospital Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk, Downtown Charleroi, www.monvalleyhospital.com