

Joint Chamber Luncheon

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

11:30 AM—1:00 PM

*In Partnership with the Mon Yough Area and Greater Rostraver
Chambers of Commerce and the Mon Valley Progress Council*

Lunch Begins Promptly at Noon!

The Willow Room

Rostraver Township
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BUFFET LUNCHEON
\$16.00/Member *
\$20.00/Non Member



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Secretary C. Alan Walker
PA Department of
Community & Economic
Development

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to register today!

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February Member Spotlight
CENTIMED, INC.



Centimed, Inc. in Bentleyville is in the Member Spotlight for March.
Pictured here is Donna Rush, owner. See story on page 4.



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Executive Director: Debra Keefer
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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

Cotromana's Restaurant/Paolo's Pizza

Neal Rubin
411 Fallowfield Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
724-489-4444

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Restaurant

Ford Business Machines, Inc.

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Connellsville, PA 15425
724-628-9050

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Thank You for Your Dues
Renewals!

All renewals are now due and
must be current to be
included in the
**2014-2015 Membership
Directory & Resource
Guide.**

MEMBER RENEWALS*-continued

51 Years

AnyOfficeProduct.com
Guttman Group
Nix Optical

40 Years and Over

Lee Supply Company
Lettrich Group

30 Years and Over

Monongahela Valley Hospital

20 Years and Over

Specialty Printing, Inc.

10 Years and Over

DeLattre Corporation
Presbyterian SeniorCare
RTS Packaging
Waddell & Reed, Inc.

5 Years and Over

Casa for Kids, Inc.
CCA Solutions, Inc.
Havencrest SNF
NovaCare Rehabilitation
Tri County Patriots for Independent Living
United Way of Mon Valley

All other Renewals

Aquatorium Innovations, Inc.
Blank Welding
Dr. Martin M. Dudas
Fran Celaschi Advertising
Fallowfield Township
Ferrara Appraisal Services
Nemacolin Country Club
Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy Associates, Inc.
OSPTA @ Home
Outside the Box IT, LLC
Pennrose Management Company
Peoples Natural Gas
Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington
Mary Jo Smith
Sonador Yoga & Equestrian Center
Susan Jo's Salon
Eugene A. Vittone, District Attorney Washington County
West Pike Run Township

*These new members and renewals only reflect dues received as of February 28, 2014. New members and renewals will continue to be acknowledged in upcoming issues of the Regional Reporter.

Attention Chamber Members:

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February Member Spotlight CENTIMED, INC.

Centimed, Inc. was founded in October of 1998 by Barry Rush and his family, wife, Donna, son, Mike and daughter, Courtney.

The changing of the century not only played a role in the company's name but also its fundamental principles. The Rush family's goal was to bring that cutting-edge technology to the people of the Mon Valley while maintaining competitive pricing.

For example, as other companies in the industry continued to use the antiquated and more-volatile liquid oxygen system for home oxygen therapy, Centimed embraced the newer, safer option of completely gaseous oxygen, a decision that kept Centimed competitive in an industry filled with multi-billion dollar publicly-owned companies.

Centimed maintains accreditation from JCAHO, a nationally recognized firm specializing in accrediting medical-related businesses. Centimed also stocks a showroom full of products that are on display for demonstration and/or purchase. They have everything from hospital beds to compression stockings and are one of the few companies in the area that has a variety of power lift recliners. Centimed offers free delivery and set up, and free education and demonstration, and 24 hour emergency services, 7 days a week!

Centimed is located at 511 Main Street in Bentleyville. Contact Donna Rush at 724-239-4030 or on the web at www.centimedinc.com.



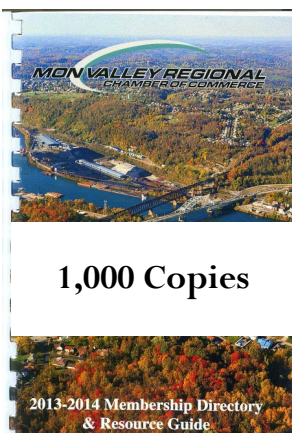
Barry Rush, Owner

RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT AND RECREATION TOPIC OF MARCH LUNCHEON



Cathy McCollom, Director of the **River Town Program** spoke to members at the March luncheon at Monongahela Valley Country Club about ways the Monongahela River can act as a driver of economic opportunity and recreation in the Mid Mon Valley.

Reserve Your Space Today!



Advertising in the **2014-2015 Membership Directory & Resource Guide** will put your business in front of thousands of targeted clients! Capitalize on your investment with the Chamber by utilizing this valuable tool to increase your current market growth and reach new customers.

- ◆ Full Page Ads—\$300
- ◆ Business Cards—\$125
- ◆ 1/2 Page Ads—\$200
- ◆ 1/8 Page Ads—\$75

Space is Limited! Deadline for ads—**APRIL 1st!**
Call Donna at 724-483-3507 TODAY!

HOODIE HOO DAY—Thank you for making this first annual event a success!



Deb Keefer, Chamber Director (and driving force behind the event) and Paul Pivovarnik, Charleroi Council President listen as Mayor John Mollenauer proclaims February 20th as Charleroi Hoodie Hoo Day.



A festive crowd of residents and local area employees participates in the "Hoodie Hoo" shout to chase the winter blues away. *More photos can be viewed on the TEAMCharleroi FaceBook Page.*



Thursday, March 20, 2014
5:00 PM—7:00 PM



Enjoy Networking—Meet your fellow Chamber members.
Enjoy light snacks—Compliments of River House Café.
Cash Bar. Pot of Gold. Bring a potential member!

RSVP REQUIRED

There is no charge for Chamber BASH attendees and their guest(s).

RSVP your attendance by calling 724-483-3507 OR by sending an e-mail to
members@mvrchamber.org

Please call the Chamber for any questions about guests.

MEMBER NEWS

CHAMBERCHOICE RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY PROGRAM PROTECTS CUSTOMERS THROUGH 2014'S ARCTIC COLD SPIKES!

While this winter's record cold temperatures have unfortunately resulted in huge increases in electricity bills for homeowners on variable rate pricing programs, the ChamberChoice Residential Program has provided residential consumers with some of the lowest fixed residential rates offered in Pennsylvania. Residential consumers, who have taken advantage of the low rate program from ChamberChoice, have continued to lock in savings during the cold weather and avoid the huge bill increases being reported across the State of Pennsylvania.

Any Pennsylvania residential customers that is currently on a variable price program can switch and take advantage of ChamberChoice's low fixed rate Electricity Program to lock in savings regardless of weather extremes. **Join with over 25,000 ChamberChoice's residential customers that have already saved millions of dollars to be protected from the next Arctic Cold Spike.** Simply visit OnDemandEnergy.com, click the Residential Button and apply for your fixed low rate. Or call OnDemand Energy at 866-699-9968 to speak to a program representative.

"ChamberChoice proudly partners with Pennsylvania Chambers to provide employee benefits, business insurance and energy solutions to Chamber Members," said Sam Weber, President of the Chambers of Commerce Service Corporation. "We are pleased to extend our successful energy program to residents throughout the communities in which our Chamber Partners serve. We have designed our Residential Program to deliver the lowest overall costs in Pennsylvania while minimizing market risk that is associated with our competitors variable pricing offers."

The ChamberChoice Residential Program is managed by OnDemand Energy Solutions and supplied by FirstEnergy Solutions.



MARCH FOR PARKS EXPANDING TO THREE LOCATIONS

The March For Parks will now be three times the fun! On **Saturday, March 29, 2014**, the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board is expanding the March For Parks event to three locations around Westmoreland County. Marches will be held at Twin Lakes Park in Greensburg, for the first time ever, **Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township**, and at the Murrysport SportZone along the Turtle Creek Railroad.

The March For Parks event is bigger than ever in order to provide active and healthy parks and recreation facilities to Westmoreland County residents.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM. All Marches will start at 10:30 AM and end around noon. Marchers will collect monetary donations prior to the event and turn in their money on site. Those marchers who collect \$25 or more will receive a t-shirt. Marchers that collect over \$150 or more will receive a gift card – the more you raise, the more the gift card will be worth! There will be tasty food, raffles, music, awards and more at each site!

Walkers and runners may participate as individuals or teams. Any group of three or more people can be a team. Organize your friends and family, school, place of worship, company or community organization. Marchers will have the opportunity to designate the funds they raise to projects that will make our County parks and trails great places to visit. Choices include: **RC airfield improvements at Cedar Creek Park; a dog park at Cedar Creek Park;** . Non-designated funds will be used where they are most needed.

For more information and to register, please visit www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks or call (724) 830-3950. Debbie Keefer is Co-Chair of the Cedar Creek event. She invites you to join her team **"Keefer's Cedar Creekers!"**



Diann Donaldson and her dog Saidie will be participating in "March for Parks" on March 29 at Cedar Creek Park

MEMBER NEWS

CAHS ANNOUNCES THE KICK-OFF OF ITS 2014 MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETINGS

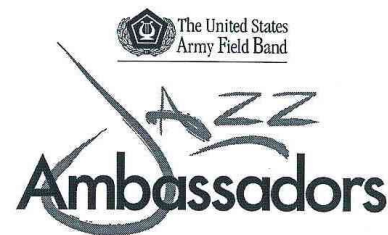
The **Charleroi Area Historical Society** invites everyone – members and friends of all ages to a St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17 at 7:00 PM. Meetings are held in the SPSHS Senior Center located at 303 Chamber Plaza in Charleroi.



The guest speaker will be Dr. Bonnie Reese, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village curator and professor at California University of PA. Dr. Reese will present methods on how to handle and help preserve vintage perishable items including paper, photos, textiles, basketry, wood, and metal.

Refreshments will be served, not only to celebrate St. Patrick's Day but also Charleroi's 124th birthday!

For more information, call 724-483-4961 or e-mail charAHsociety@yahoo.com. Check out their website at www.charleroihistorical.org



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Charleroi, PA
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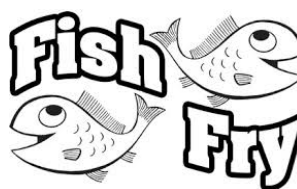
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For a complete listing of current Member to Member
Discounts go to www.mvrchamber.org

Have a discount to offer fellow Chamber Members?

Call Donna or Deb today at 724-483-3507 to participate
in this **FREE** program!

CHARLEROI VFD FUNDRAISERS



Friday, April 18
11:00 AM—7:00 PM

Saturday, May 10

Doors open at 4:00 PM

Bash starts at 5:00 PM

Free food and drinks with ticket.

CASH BASH



For information on these upcoming events or to
purchase Cash Bash tickets contact the Charleroi Fire
Dept. at 724-483-7311.



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Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!*

Tuesday, March 11 — Chamber Luncheon, Mon Valley Country Club, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM. *See insert for details.*

Wednesday, March 19 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Thursday, March 20 — Chamber BASH, RiverHouse Café, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM.

Saturday, March 29 — "March for Parks," Cedar Creek Park, registration 9:00 AM, March starts 10:30 AM.
www.co.westmoreland.pa.us

Tuesday, April 8 — Joint Chamber Luncheon with Mon Yough Chamber, The Willow Room, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM.
See insert for details.

Tuesday, April 11 — "Blast from the Past" Oldies Show, Charleroi High School Auditorium, 7:00 PM. *See insert for details.*

Wednesday, April 16 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Thursday, April 17 — Chamber BASH, Armando's Pizza, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM.

Friday, April 18 — *Happy Easter*, Chamber office closed.

Tuesday, May 13 — Chamber Luncheon, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM.

Wednesday, May 21 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Thursday, June 5 — 7th Annual Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament, Nemacolin Country Club, 8:00 AM
Registration, 9:00 AM Shotgun start. *See insert for details.*

Watch the mail, e-mail, FACEbook and website for information on all upcoming events!

* **Winter Weather Cancellation Policy**

If inclement weather causes a 2 hour delay or cancellation in the Charleroi Area School District, please consider the Chamber morning meetings or events cancelled. You can get the information on WTAE Channel 4 TV beginning at 5:00 AM or on their website

www.thepittsburghchannel.com.

For Chamber luncheon meetings or afternoon events please call the Chamber office at 724-483-3507, or watch for notice on the Chamber Face book pages. *Thank you!*