

Chamber Luncheon
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
11:45 AM—1:00 PM

Lunch Begins Promptly at Noon!

**Anthony M. Lombardi Education
Conference Center**
Monongahela Valley Hospital
1163 Country Club Road
Monongahela, PA

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\$16.00/Member
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April Member Spotlight
TREGEMBO MOTORS



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Non-Profit – Disability Services

Michelle Loar

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Charleroi, PA 15022

724-856-4141

www.disabilityoptionsnetwork.org

Leadership Washington County

Jeff Fondelier

One Chamber Plaza

Charleroi, PA 15022

724-225-9550 Ext. 407

www.leadershipwashington.com

Non-Profit

Hertz

Jessica Augustine

Located in Roberts Auto Body

140 N. Route 88

Charleroi, PA 15022

724-438-9147

www.hertz.com

Auto Rental

Mary Jo Poknis, Register of Wills

County of Washington

One South Main Street, Room 1002

Washington, PA 15301

724-228-6775

Associate Member

*These new members and renewals only reflect dues received as of March 31, 2014. Renewals will continue to be acknowledged in upcoming editions of the Regional Reporter

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*

68 Years

Charleroi Area Teachers Association

50 Years and Over

FROGGY 94.9 & Pickle Radio

Seals and DeMillion

25 Years and Over

The Back Porch Restaurant
Charleroi Area School District
Culligan Water Conditioning

10 Years and Over

Campy's Pizza
CSC Insurance Options
Cupari Home Improvements
Double M's Pizza
Home Warehouse
Kidney Disease & Hypertension
Medved's Pharmacy
Mon Valley Signs

10 Years and Over—Continued

Mon Valley YMCA
Right Byte Computer Center
Subway/TCBY

5 Years and Over

E.J. Burns Construction Company
River House Café
Washington Wild Things/The Rebellion
Westmoreland Co. Community College
The Willow Room

All Other Renewals

BVA Federal Credit Union
Canary Drilling Services, Inc.
Valley Outpatient Rehabilitation

Attention Chamber Members:

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April Member Spotlight TREGEMBO MOTORS

Tregembo Motors is a family owned and operated used car dealership in Bentleyville, Pennsylvania featuring a wide variety of gently used cars, trucks and SUV's for sale. Most of the vehicles are Tregembo Certified, which means they have passed a rigorous 125 point inspection and include a warranty.

The owner, Barry Tregembo opened his first dealership in 1966 in Charleroi. He learned early that the way to keep customers was to give them what they need which is superior quality vehicles at a great price. In 1995, Barry left Charleroi and opened a small, friendly Ford franchise, Tregembo Ford. At that time, Billie Sue DeForest joined the team; making it a family business.



Tregembo Motors has a full service / maintenance department including 5 bays and they will buy any car, even if you don't buy one there. They are located at 125 Wilson Road in Bentleyville and can be reached at 724-239-2200. Also be sure to see the inventory and store hours at www.tregembomotors.com.



AUGUST 9 SET FOR "MON VALLEY'S GOT TALENT"

The MVRCC will host its annual talent competition, "**Mon Valley's Got Talent.**" The event will take place on **Saturday, August 9, 2014** at **Stockdale Fire Hall**. Last year's showcase of local performers sold out so organizer **Lori Spina, Chamber Board Member** and **CEO of Southwest Medical** booked the facility at Stockdale to allow for extra seating.

"We thought we broke the fun meter at last year's event," said Deb Keefer, Chamber Director. "Look for an improved format and an evening of pure entertainment."

Please stay tuned to local media, MVRCC publications, website and social media for updates on the event.

Melvin Bassi Tournament

June 5, 2014

Nemacolin Country Club

Registration Form at

www.mvrchamber.org

Also watch your mailbox

For complete brochure



Dear Chamber Members,

As spring is in the air and temperatures are reaching the 60s; this can mean a lot for customers who heat their homes and businesses with electricity and who switched from a respectable provider to an alternative provider under the Pennsylvania 2010 deregulation of the electric utility system. Under deregulation consumers are able to buy electricity from several retail providers that compete for your business and residence.



Having the power to choose which company you buy electricity from gives you the chance to shop around and find the best combination of price, product, customer service and consultative experience that can give you peace of mind while you save money off monthly electric bills.

The markets for electricity remain very volatile, and the **ChamberChoice Energy Program** strives to find the most attractive rates or purchasing options at any given point in time for the Chamber Members. When a third party supply contract is signed, the supplier is securing power on the wholesale market at that point in time for the term of the contract (typically between 12 and 48 months in duration).

Unfortunately, some alternative providers **have been aggressively contacting Chamber Members with false or misleading information**. And from that misleading information Chamber Members are sometimes signed up for electricity service without their knowledge or consent, an unprincipled activity known as "slamming." Slamming involves someone switching your retail electric provider without your permission. Chamber Members usually don't find out they have been slammed until they get a bill from a different electric company than the one they are supposed to be getting their electricity from.

OnDemand Energy has received numerous calls of confusion and concern from Chamber Members regarding slamming. We would like to warn Chamber Members of the slamming issue that is taking place and remind members who are a part of the Energy Program to please be aware of the issue and if your business has inadvertently or unknowingly been switched, **OnDemand Energy can assist you in reverting the situation in order to avoid any fees.**

To alleviate any issues, please do not provide any personal account information to unknown callers. As the managers of the **ChamberChoice Energy Program**, **OnDemand** is prepared to assist with any uncertainty or questions regarding your current enrollments and rates. Please call us at **1-866-699-9968** with any questions.

Sincerely,

OnDemand Energy

Director's Note: Please, any solicitation you receive that claims to be a referral from the Chamber of Commerce, please call us to make sure it is legitimate. This also applies to many advertising companies who claim they are calling on our behalf, or the School District, the hospital, etc. for directories, coupon sheets, calendars and more. We try to make sure you know who we are associated with and it is rare that we provide our membership to anyone for solicitation purposes.

Deb Keefer



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to introduce their 2014 Board of Directors. Pictured left to right – front row: Josie Pelzer; Patricia Brickner; Debra Keefer, Executive Director; Diann Donaldson, Executive Committee; Donna Ramusivich; Deborah Buck and Erin Sakalik. Back row: Armand Ferrara, President; David Galloni, Secretary; Brook Gardner; J.J. Georgagis; Randy McMahon; Phillip Sparacella; Luther Sheets; Milton Kubik, Treasurer; Don Good; Wayne Ray; and Donna Angelo, Financial Assistant. **Missing from photo:** Vito Dentino; Jeffrey Mendola; Attorney Richard Mudrick, Vice President; James Protin, Executive Committee; Lori Spina and Ken Wiltz.

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INTERESTED IN JOINING? NOW IS A GOOD TIME
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Good Luck but Not Goodbye to Donna!

Donna Angelo of the MVRCC staff for 10 years, decided to take her career path in a new direction as of April 1. Everyone knows what a valuable and talented team player Donna was to the Chamber and we already miss her. It is our good luck, however that she has taken a position only across the street from the Chamber at SPHS in Charleroi and she will be able to continue to support our staff on a part time basis. As we look for a part time administrative assistant for the Chamber office, your cooperation is so very much appreciated in this transitional period. We wish her the absolute best in her new job and for good blessings in her life—ALWAYS!



MVRCC Hosts PA DCED Secretary C. Alan Walker

115 members and guests were in attendance at a luncheon on April 8 at the Willow Room as a result of a partnership of the **Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce, the Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce and the Mon Valley Progress Council.**

Secretary Walker discussed Governor Tom Corbett's JOBS 1st PA initiative and the state's economy. Pennsylvania companies increased exports by 5.4 percent in 2013. He pointed to World Kitchen in Charleroi, which was represented at the luncheon as a local example of that success. Mr. Walker stated that the gas and oil industry has and will continue to industrialize the Mon Valley and Western Pennsylvania. He is a proponent of industrial parks, and looks forward to assisting in the development of the former Allenport Wheeling Pittsburgh Plant.





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Happy Easter!

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Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!*

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

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. *Registration/sponsor form available at www.mvrchamber.org.*

Saturday, August 9—"MON VALLEY'S GOT TALENT," Stockdale Fire Hall—Watch for details



*Watch the U.S. mail, e-mail, FACEbook and website for information
on all upcoming events!
www.mvrchamber.org*