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# June Member Spotlight **MON VALLEY CARE CENTER**



Caption: Seen here for the Chamber's June Member Spotlight at Mon Valley Care Center is (left to right) Nicole Trail, CNA, Pat Gamble, R.N. Supervisor, Shannon Dubos, Physical Therapist, and residents Clara Carlock, Geneva Forsyth, and Susan Hrutkey. Read more on Page 4.



July Member Spotlight July Member Spotlight
GENE LOFINK HEATING & AC

Left to right: Cody Hawk and Gene Lofink of Gene Lofink Heating and Air Conditioning, Member Spotlight for July. See more on Page 4.



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We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Computer Technical Solutions, Inc.**

Chris Clark 35 Mary Avenue Bentleyville, PA 15314 724-292-8251 www.cts-pgh.com

Telecommunications

#### **Matrix Property Settlements, LLC**

Michael Puskaric 2933 Jacks Run Road White Oak, PA 15131 412-551-1967 www.matrixsettlements.com

Real Estate Settlement/Title Insurance

#### LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON COUNTY

Seeking applicants for Class of 2015

Through funds generated by the Melvin B. Bassi Golf Tournament, the MVRCC sends a qualified participant through the program each year.

Leadership Washington County is a year-long intensive program that develops effective leaders to help improve our communities. Through a day-long class

each month, for nine months, combined with field trips and a class project, participants are guided to a better understanding of themselves, their community, and their role in making a positive impact in Washington County. Lead-

ership Washington County is open to any citizen residing in or working in Washington County. It has been operating for 13 years, and the growing ranks of LWC alumni are a new resource for the many non-profits in the County looking for qualified individuals to serve on their Boards.

Chamber members Diane Bianchi and Sam Spina recently graduated from Leadership Washington County through scholarships awarded last year through the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. The ceremony for the Class of 2014 was held in May at Bella Sera restaurant in Washington, PA.

Program tuition is \$975 per participant with the Chamber's scholarship in the amount of \$825. The remaining \$150 is paid by the participant or the participant's employer to demonstrate a commitment to the program.

The MVRCC will be awarding a scholarship for the Class of 2015. Interest forms will be accepted only from members in good standing by August 15, 2014, 4:00 PM. Sorry, representatives from reciprocal organizations are not eligible for these scholarships.

For more information and a copy of the scholarship guidelines, call the Chamber office. Also visit **www.leadershipwashington.com** to learn more about Leadership Washington County.

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# Diane Bianchi and Sam Spina graduated with the Leadership Washington County **Class of 2014 through Chamber scholarships**



## 2014 BASSI GOLFTOURNAMENT

<u>**THANK YOU</u>** to everyone who golfed on June 5—and to all our valued sponsors and volunteers who made the event a huge success!</u>

#### Event Sponsor— Highway Appliance Company

Hole In One Sponsor: Rotolo Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Cart Sponsor: Charleroi Federal Savings Bank Meal Sponsor: Lee Supply Company Golf Survival Bag: Monongahela Valley Hospital Prize/Trophy Sponsor: Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, P.C. Putting Contest Sponsor: Davies Ford of Charleroi Beverage Sponsor: James Protin

#### Green Sponsors

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#### **Door Prizes/Gifts Provided By:**

Diann Donaldson, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Green House Winery, Janney Montgomery and Scott, Highway Appliance Company, Maple Creek Distributors, MarBill Diamonds & Jewelry, Minnitti Auto, Ronald Monack, Northwest Savings Bank, Oakmont Golf Center, Reliance Business Solutions, Ripepi Winery, LLC, River House Café, SPHS, Stablein's Wholesale, Waddell & Reed, Inc., World Kitchen, LLC,

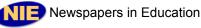
And MVRCC Board Members

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

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Charleroi Academic League



Thanks to the Nemacolin Country Club Staff for their superb service and professionalism.

Morning Donuts—Keystone Bakery

Bottled Water—Sam's Club

Complimentary Massages—Salon & Spa by Chaney's Natural

Gift Bags—MarBill Diamonds and Jewelry, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Highway Appliance, Stablein's Wholesale

#### **Tee Sponsors**

Fantasy Golf Sponsors: Mornak Excavation, Inc. and

Waddell & Reed, Inc. Lunch Sponsor: Chester Engineers

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Mulligan Sponsor: Valley Tire Company Program Sponsor: Gosai & Gandhi, MD

Registration Sponsor: Jefferson Hills Manor

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## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS**

#### **MONVALLEY CARE CENTER**

#### June Member Spotlight

**Mon Valley Care Center** is a facility that offers the comforts and conveniences of home for all of its residents while encouraging independence, self sufficiency, and individuality. It is located at 200 Stoops Drive, Monongahela, PA 15063

The facility, located in the former Mon Valley Catholic High School site in Carroll Township, has 60 skilled and intermediate care beds and 41 personal care beds, offering private and semi-private rooms with beautiful views of the valley. There are many services available, including but not limited to regular activities schedule, religious services,



physical therapy, and outstanding nursing care. Please call Mon Valley Care Center at 724-310-1111 when you are faced with choosing a skilled nursing, intermediate or personal care facility for your loved ones. The Mon Valley Regional Chamber is proud to have Mon Valley Care Center as a member since 2002.

#### GENE LOFINK HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

#### July Member Spotlight

**Gene Lofink Heating and Air Conditioning** has been operating from Charleroi since 1971, and have been a Trane Independent Dealer since 1986. Gene Lofink is now joined by his grandson, Cody Hawk, who has seven years experience and is factory trained.

Lofink Heating and Air Conditioning deals in residential and light commercial projects, which include furnaces, air conditioners, boilers, infloor radiant heat snow melt, and can create custom ductwork. They service all brands and are a DOT certified gas line installer. The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to have this outstanding family business in the membership ranks. Please call Gene and Cody at 724-489-3550 you are in need of any heating and air conditioning services!





# "Its Hard to Stop a Trane"

#### Attention Chamber Members:

# **Advertising Update!**

The Regional Reporter will be published BI-MONTHLY . You will receive the next newsletter in Mid-September. Continue to check your e-mail, the Chamber website, our Facebook page and local media for all of our Chamber news! WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING INSERTS!

\$65 Insert Sponsor (\$45 Non Profit Rate)

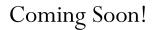
You provide 400 inserts (8-1/2" x 11" flyers printed on a 20 lb. stock are preferred.)

CALL 724-483-3507 TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE!

#### **E-MAIL BLASTS\***

One free blast/member/year \$25 for following blasts up to 3/year

Must be in jpeg or pdf form and is subject to Chamber's e-mail schedule



A new and improved Chamber website!

Watch for our launch in the next few weeks-

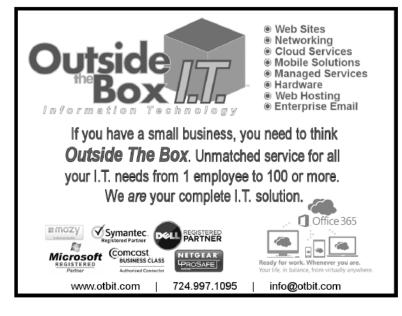
THANK YOU

Chamber Marketing Committee and

Lynda Stewart, Stewart Creative for Making This Possible!

Please note correction to the Central Blood Bank's telephone number as listed in 2015 Directory: 412-209-7213. Sorry for any inconvenience.





The competitor to be feared is the one who doesn't bother about you at all, but goes about making his own business better all the time.

-Henry Ford



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#### **MVRCC** Announces 2015 Awards Recipients

The Chamber will honor its finest at Monongahela Valley Hospital's Anthony Lombardi Education Conference Center on **Thursday, September 11, 2014** at its annual Awards Event.

This year's recipients are:

The Whiten Family Shining Star Award

#### Gene and Boots Candies Outstanding Business Development Award

Gene Delattre Corporation Excellence in Business

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#### Auxiliary of Mon Vale Health Resources, Inc. 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 insert for details*.

### One Chamber Plaza Welcomes New Tenant



Meet **Martina Thomas** of **Visugroup**, who has recently moved to the second floor of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber Building. Martina is an accomplished graphic designer who has been generously contributing her creative talent to the community while providing top notch service to her clients. Find out more about Martina and Visugroup at www.visugroup.net or e-mail her at visugroup@visugroup.net.

Chamber's Annual Electronic Recycling Day

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

See Enclosed Flyer





Group Picture caption: Taking first place with a score of 60, this JED Heating and Cooling foursome took the 1<sup>st</sup> Place team award. Left to right is John Stech, Neil Rongaus, Rick DeLattre and Marty DeLattre.

The weather was described as "spectacular" on June 5, as a field of more than 100 golfers took to the greens at **Nemacolin Country Club** in Beallsville for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual **Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament**, hosted by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. Event sponsor was **Highway Appliance** and Committee Chair was J.J. Georgagis, Keystone **Bakery.** 

1<sup>st</sup> place team prize went to the **JED Heating and Cooling** foursome comprised of **Rick DeLattre, Marty DeLattre, John Stech, and Neil Rongaus.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team representing Vitale State Farm Insurance finished with a score of 61 with Vic Vitale, Jeff Vitale, John Vaccaro and Derek Zdravecky playing. Honorable mention went to the Davies Ford team, Jim Davies, Pat Calvaresi, Marty Rottler, and Vince Lamanna. Longest Drives were won by Audie Eddy and Joe Osborne, Longest Putts, Derek Zdravecky and Henry Leja, and Closest to the Pin, A.J. Hartman and Vic Vitale.

Proceeds from the Memorial Tournament benefit scholarships for Leadership Washington County, the Challenge Program, the Charleroi Academic League, and educational programs offered to Chamber members throughout the year. See Page 3 for complete sponsor and contributor listing.

Right: Sara Schumaker of Monongahela Valley Hospital drives a nice one at the Bassi Outing on June 5. See more great photos on the Chamber's FACEBOOK page



#### Thank You to Our

#### **COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS!**

#### J.J. Georgagis, Keystone Bakery, Chairman Committee:

Trish Brickner—PA CareerLink, Mon Valley

Diann Donaldson– Reliance Business Solutions Milt Kubik

Jeffrey Mendola—Waddell & Reed, Inc.

Denise Mornak—Mornak Excavation, Inc. Josie Pelzer— Rotolo Motors

#### Volunteers:

Beth DiPiazza—Waddell and Reed, Inc.

Nicole Fioravanti—Donora Lumber Company

Don Good— World Kitchen

John Morosky— Sam's Club

Carolyn Moffett—Model Cleaners & Uniform







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Saturday, August 9, 2014 Details Inside!

#### Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!\*

#### NO CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

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

Wednesday, August 13—"EASY TO BE GREEN" DAY (electronics collection) Goodwill Industries, Chamber Building

Thursday, August 28—"Ladies of the 80's" Business Crawl in Downtown Charleroi

Thursday, September 11—Chamber Awards Night—MVH Conference Center

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

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