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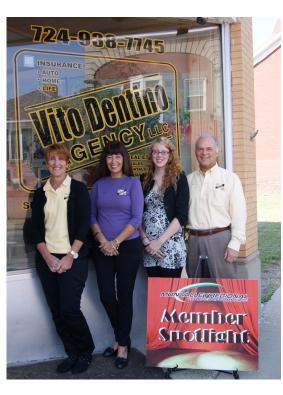
August Member Spotlight PA CAREERLINK, MONVALLEY



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce was pleased to recognize the **PA CareerLink Mon Valley** in its August Member Spotlight. Seen here is (left) Linda Jack, Program Supervisor and Patricia Brickner, Site Administrator. *See story on* page 4.



The **Vito Dentino Agency** was honored in September in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce "Member Spotlight." See here left to right are: Barbara Tedrow, Sherri Ruffolo, Deidre Brewer, and Vito Dentino, Owner. *See story on page 4*.



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We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

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CHAMBER CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE!





The Auxiliary
Mon-Vale Health Resources, Inc.



De Lattre Corp.



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Awards Event on September 11, 2014 at Monongahela Valley Hospital. Following a reception hour, the ceremonies presented the Outstanding Business Development Award, to Gene and Boots Candies accepted by owner Eric Ferguson and his father Bob Ferguson who has now retired from the business. DeLattre Corporation was selected for the annual Excellence in Business Award and was accepted by Martin DeLattre, President and his daughter Anna DeLattre who serves as Marketing Director for the firm. The Auxiliary of Mon Vale Health Resources was honored with the Chamber's Regional Service Award as a outstanding non-profit entity in the Mid Mon Valley. Corinne Laboon, Vice President of Marketing and Community Relations at Mon Valley Hospital accepted the award along with Kay Blair, President of the Auxiliary. The Shining Star Award went to the Whiten family, representing three generations of outstanding volunteerism and community service. The late Sean Whiten who died unexpectedly in 2008 while training firefighters was recognized during the presentation. Bob Whiten Jr., accepted the award on behalf of his father Bob Whiten Sr., mother Sylvia Whiten, his wife and son, Janice and Ian, and his sister-in-law and nephew Linda and Sean-Robert Whiten, and his late brother, Sean.

The introductions and award presentations were made by **Deb Keefer, Director, Armand Ferrara, Chamber President**. The Shining Star Award was presented by Bill Lee, the Chamber's 2013 Shining Star recipient.

"It was cast of stars," said Deb Keefer, Executive Director. "Every awardee has made remarkable contributions to business, progress and quality of life in our Mon Valley." The event's main sponsor was **Monongahela Valley Hospital**, and presentation sponsors were **Charleroi Federal Savings Bank**, **First Federal Savings Bank**, and **Chamber***Choice*.



August Member Spotlight PA CAREERLINK

The PA CareerLink, Mon Valley was recognized as the August Member Spotlight. The CareerLink is a member and important partner in helping to provide area businesses with their workforce and training needs. The PA CareerLink, Mon Valley and their affiliates host the annual Mon Valley Job Fair, which will be held this year on October 2 at the Willow Room. Job seekers and employers can call 724-379-4750 or visit

www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us for more information.



September Member Spotlight VITO DENTINO AGENCY

The **Vito Dentino Agency** was honored in September in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce "Member Spotlight." Vito Dentino, broker, started the company in California in 1975 and has remained in the community ever since. The agency offers real estate sales, rentals, property management, and consulting in the Mon Valley Area.

Vito Dentino has a long resume of community service and continues to be involved. He is currently a Board member of the MVRCC and has been a member since 1999.

Vito Dentino Agency is located at 321 Third Street in California, PA, and is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and evenings and weekends by appointment. They can be reached at 724-938-7745 or visit their website at www.dentinoagency.com

ITS EASY TO BE GREEN!



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce collected 11 pallets of electronic waste on its Green Day held on August 13 in the Chamber Parking Lot. The MVRCC holds this collection annual in partnership with Goodwill Industries of Southwestern PA. Thank You to all businesses and individuals who contributed.

MARCELLUS SHALE TOPIC OF OCTOBER LUNCHEON

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly luncheon on **Tuesday, October 14, 2014** at the Anthony Lombardi Conference Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital. The subject is "**What You Should Know About the Marcellus Shale Industry before November 4.**" It consist of apanel discussion format that will provide information about the industry, the extraction fee, the impact fee and more

The cost is \$16.00 for members, \$20 for non members, and includes parking token. Reservations will be available on line at the Chamber's website and also by calling the Chamber office. See insert for details.

FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FEATURES MEET AND GREET EVENT

MVRCC members and guests, and anyone interested in joining are invited to a membership networking event on

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at Monongahela Valley Country Club, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

There is no charge for the event and includes an appetizer buffet and complimentary drink. **RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED,** and can be made by calling the Chamber at 724-483-3507, or registering on line at the Chamber's website.

The Marketing and Membership Committee is hosting the event and is designed to encourage prospective members to meet current members and gather information about the Chamber's great benefit package. New members joining during the Fall Membership campaign, pre pay for 2015, and get the remainder of 2014 free. The average dues rate is \$200, based on the member's category and employee count.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber has 330 members, and is the largest business organization in the Mid Mon Valley. Its mission is to provide education, networking and business advocacy to the Mid Mon Valley region of Southwestern Pennsylvania. Please visit the Chamber's website at www.mvrchamber.org and follow the organization on Facebook.

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CHAMBER NEWS

THREE-PEAT! MVRCC PREVAILS! 14-6

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce won the 3rd Annual Chamber Softball Challenge over the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce with a 14-6 victory on September 17 at Charleroi Veteran's Field. The MVRCC has won the "Chamber Pot" for the last three consecutive years.

Team members for the MVRCC left to right standing
Luke Mollis, Charleroi Area
School District, Kevin Lee, Lee
Supply, Dave Pascarella,
Charleroi Federal Savings Bank,
David DeRienzo, DeRienzo
Physical Therapy, Dena Mornak,
Mornak Excavation, Dr. Umberto
DeRienzo, Larry Christinis, SPHS,
Harlan Shober, Washington
County Commissioner

Kneeling, left to right:
Jared Dumm, Lee Supply, Coach
Tom Villella, Villella Remodeling,
Anjie Tilghman, Rego's
Restaurant, Jenn Tilghman, Rego's
Restaurant, and Dr. Mike Rupert,
Rupert Chiropractic



SAVETHE DATE - MARCH 10, 2015

Chamber Discoveries and the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce will partner to host a 9 night and seven day excursion to Costa Del Sol, Spain. The trip includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh, several meals and tours of landmarks in the Costa Del Sol region. An optional "Chamber Exchange" hosted by Spanish business leaders. The trip price if \$2,599 per passenger, \$2,499 if deposit is made by October 15. A full brochure which explains the itinerary and payment details is available at the Chamber's website



and the Chamber office. Informational sessions will be held to discuss the trip, keep posted to the website and Facebook page for details. Chamber membership is not required to participate in this

travel. *See the enclosed brochure* or call the Chamber for more information 724-483-3507.

LADIES OF THE 80'S GREAT SUCCESS

The J.K. Tener Library and local merchants organized a Charleroi Business Crawl, "Ladies of the 80" held on August 28. 250 shoppers hit the streets and enjoyed music and treats offered by more than 20 participating businesses. Proceeds benefited J.K. Tener Library. Seen here is Susan Johnson from Susan Jo's Salon.



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MON VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - SEPTEM-

CHAMBER AND MEMBER NEWS

NIGHT TO REMEMBER—MON VALLEY'S GOT TALENT HELD AUGUST 9



(left to right)Brianna Brickner, Mallory Santoro, Kristin Daugherty, Tom Villella, Celeste Green, Shannon Thomas, Samantha Shawley, Nicole Chiplaskey, Karla Hill, Renee DeUnger, Kathy Combes, Bill Lee, Kripa Venkatakrishnan, Jayna Desai, Josh Butler and Nainesh Desai. Missing from the photo is Heather Pavlik, who performed with the Dancin Divas.

The MVRCC held its second annual "Mon Valley's Got Talent" competition on Saturday, August 9 at the Stockdale Fire Department Social Hall. The winner was Kristin Daugherty of Coldwell Banker for her stuffing vocal performance of "At Last." Jamie Protin, Chamber Board Member served as emcee, and D. J. Jerry Jericho provided music and also sound for the talent.

Judges for the event were Magistrates Larry Hopkins, Josh Kanalis, Charles Christner, Joseph Dalfonso and Jesse Cramer and Mayor John Mollenauer. The judges offered commentary after each performance, however the audience voted by ballot for the final winner. All of the performers were fantastic:

Tom Villella, Villella Remodeling - Comedy and Dance

Anova Home Health - Nainesh and Jayna Desai, Kripa Venkatakrishnan, and Josh Butler performed dance called Raas-Garba.

Bill Lee - vocal performance of "God Bless America"

Dancin Divas - a dance medley performed by staff and friends of Dr. Gosai and Gandhi

Brianna Brickner - PA CareerLink Mon Valley - vocal performance Mallory Santoro - Solo dance performance for OSPTA

Sponsored by **Drs. Gosai and Gandhi**, "Mon Valley's Got Talent" was created and coordinated by **Lori Spina**, **CEO of Southwest Medical and Chamber Board**



Member as a fund raiser for Chamber programs. "The response by the community in the way of attendance and sponsorship was amazing," said **Deb Keefer, Chamber**

Director. "A huge thank you goes out to Lori, and

to all of those who sponsored us, donated to the Chinese Auction, and especially to

MEMBER NEWS

MARBILL SPONSORS BREAST CANCER WALK



MarBill Diamonds & Jewelry will support the MVH/Lois Orange
Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk as a major sponsor this year on Oct. 11 in Charleroi. Bill and Linda Horrell, Owners of MarBill are seen here in photo . See insert for more information on the MVH/Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk or go to www.monvalleyhospital.com.

LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



Congratulations to **Judi Robbins**, **Reliance Business Solutions** who has been awarded with the MVRCC scholarship for the **2015 Class of Leadership Washington County**. This scholarship is funded by proceeds from the Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament.



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THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM KICKS OFF PROGRAM AT BELLE VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

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Pictured from left to right are student volunteers and sponsors who participated in the kick-off assembly: Seated - Logan



Delozier-Varnum and Conner Locklin. Standing - Mary Dreliszak with The Challenge Program, Inc; Erin Claybaugh; James Protin, co-sponsor; Jessica Moody; Matthew Mascara; and Debra Keefer with co-sponsor Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.





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Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!*

Thursday, October 2—Mon Valley Job Fair, The Willow Room, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM???.

Saturday, October 11 — MVH/Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk, Charleroi Market House, 10:00 AM. www.monvalleyhospital.com

Tuesday, October 14 — Chamber Luncheon, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM. See insert for details.

Wednesday, October 15 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Tuesday, October 21—"Charleroi Means Business," special guest Bill Flanigan, Charleroi Borough Building

Wednesday, October 22 — Fall Membership Meet & Greet, Monongahela Valley County Club, 5:30 PM—8:00 PM. *See page 4 for more information.*

Saturday, November 8—The 70th Annual Mon Valley Veterans Day Parade—Downtown Monessen

Tuesday, November 11—Chamber Luncheon, TBD, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM.

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

Thursday, November 27 — *Happy Thanksgiving*, Chamber office closed.

Saturday, November 30 — Small Business Saturday—SHOP LOCAL!

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



Chamber LUNCHEON

Tuesday – October 14, 2014

11:45 AM -1:00 PM

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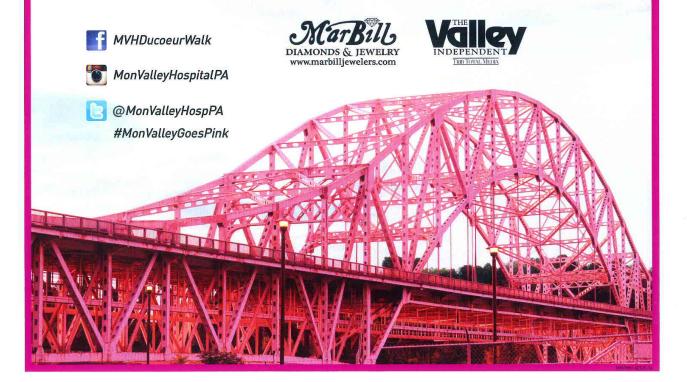
11th Annual MVH/Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk

Saturday, Oct. 11

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

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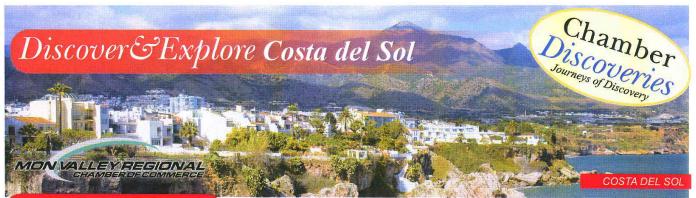
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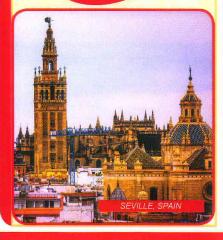


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- · Dinner at your hotel

Day 4: Costa del Sol

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Day at leisure, Optional Tour to Tangier
- Dinner at your hotel

Day 5: Costa del Sol

- Breakfast at your hotel
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- Dinner at your hotel

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- · Tour to Ronda

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