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*Happy New Year*  
from the  
*Mon Valley Regional Chamber*  
*Board of Directors and Staff*

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

Wednesday, January 1—Happy New Year! Chamber office closed.

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

Tuesday, January 27—Chamber BASH (Business After Scheduled Hours), Charleroi Elks Club, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM.

Tuesday, February 10—Chamber Luncheon, Details TBD.

Wednesday, February 18 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Friday, February 20—SAVE THE DATE—2nd Annual Hoodie Hoo Day, Downtown Charleroi, 12:00 Noon. *More information on page 7 of this newsletter.*

*Watch the mail, e-mail, FACEbook and website for information on all upcoming events—a full tentative calendar listing for 2015 is included in this newsletter!*

[www.mvrchamber.org](http://www.mvrchamber.org)

## \* 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](http://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!*



## Member Spotlights

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## \* MEMBER REMINDER \*

Please review **ALL** information on the member data sheet that is included with your 2015 dues renewal. Notify the Chamber office of any changes or corrections by February 27, 2015 to ensure accurate listing in the 2015-2016 Directory. *Thank You!*



## Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

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President: Armand Ferrara  
V. President: Atty. Rick Mudrick  
Secretary: David Galloni  
Treasurer: Milton Kubik  
Executive Board: James Protin  
Executive Board: Diann Donaldson

Chamber Staff:  
Executive Director: Debra Keefer

We regret any errors or omissions  
in this newsletter



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS\*

### AIG Financial Network

Kaitlin Turnley  
800 Plaza Drive, Suite 300  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
724-379-1453

[www.aig.com/financialnetwork](http://www.aig.com/financialnetwork)  
*Financial Services*

### Bruno and Sons Diner and Catering

Matt Bruno  
501 McKean Avenue  
Charleroi, PA 15022  
724-565-1217

[www.brunoandsonscatering.com](http://www.brunoandsonscatering.com)  
*Restaurant / Caterer*

### Edward M. Bryner, Charleroi Borough Council

809 Crest Avenue  
Charleroi, PA 15022  
*Associate Member*

### Duke of Oil

Camera Bartolotta  
1304 Country Club Road  
Monongahela, PA 15063  
724-258-8885  
*Auto Services*

### First Commonwealth Bank

Jennifer Bibb  
548 Rock Run Road  
Elizabeth, PA 15037  
412-673-7086  
[www.fcbanking.com](http://www.fcbanking.com)  
*Bank*

### First Energy / West Penn Power

Diane Holder  
365 Washington Road  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-942-5210

[www.firstenergycorp.com](http://www.firstenergycorp.com)  
*Electric Utility*

### Commissioner Diana Irey-Vaughan, Washington County

100 West Beau Street, Suite 702  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-228-6721

[www.co.washington.pa.us](http://www.co.washington.pa.us)  
*Associate Member*

### Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Donald I Mangel  
201 W. Wheeling Street  
Washington, PA 15301  
724-223-4430

[www.employment-services-for-the-disabled.com](http://www.employment-services-for-the-disabled.com)  
*Employment Services for the Disabled*

### Perveen Punjani, MD

Jessica Megala  
323 McKean Avenue  
Charleroi, PA 15022  
724-489-9004

[www.drperveenpunjani.com](http://www.drperveenpunjani.com)  
*Pediatrician*

### Re/Max Select Realty

Dionne Malush  
130 Valley View Drive  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
724-554-3514

[www.DionneMalush.com](http://www.DionneMalush.com)  
*Real Estate*

### Mark A. Smith

22 Andrews Lane  
Charleroi, PA 15022  
*Associate Member*

*Thank You!*

These new members only reflect dues  
received as of December 17, 2014.

## Congratulations to all of these AMAZING Businesses!



PRIMA DIVA BOUTIQUE  
Charleroi



OFF THE WALL ARTS  
Charleroi



MEDISPA  
California





## RIBBON CUTTING MANIA!



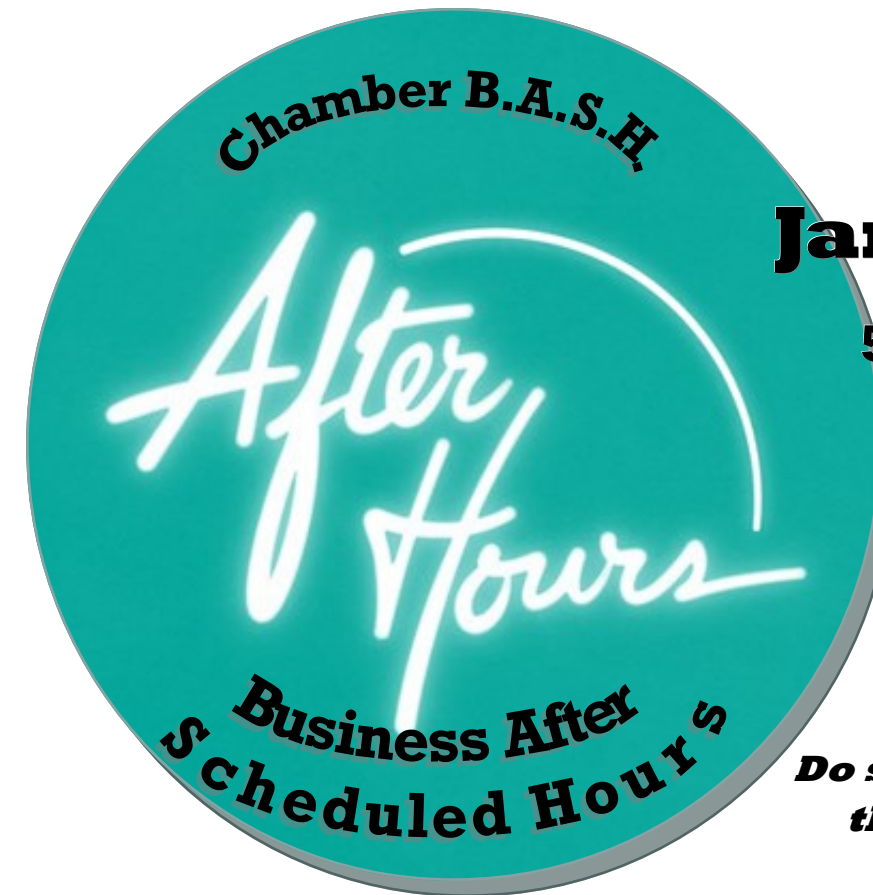
THE DANCE LOFT  
Charleroi



OSPTA HOSPICE  
North Charleroi



BRUNO AND SONS  
Charleroi



**Tuesday**

**January 27, 2015**

**5:00 PM—7:00 PM**

**CHARLEROI**

**ELKS CLUB**

**301 Fallowfield Avenue**

**Charleroi, PA 15022**

***Do some winter networking in  
the Elks newly remodeled  
downstairs bar!***

**Cash Bar. POT of GOLD NOW WORTH \$250\*!**

**Bring a potential member!**

**RSVP your attendance by calling 724-483-3507 OR by faxing this form to 724-489-1045  
OR by sending an e-mail to [members@mvrchamber.org](mailto:members@mvrchamber.org)**

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

**To RSVP: Phone: 724-483-3507 Fax: 724-489-1045 E-mail: [members@mvrchamber.org](mailto:members@mvrchamber.org)**

**Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*2015 Membership Dues must  
Attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_ be paid in full to be eligible for  
Pot of Gold Drawing.**

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# SCENES FROM THE CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Chamber’s Annual Christmas Party was held on Wednesday, December 3rd at **the Charleroi Elks Club**. Members enjoyed networking, refreshments and entertainment by DJ Jerry Jericho. Poinsettias (donated in part by **Lowe’s Home Improvement**) and bottles of wine were among the door prizes given away.

THANK YOU to Davies Ford, Dierken’s Pharmacy, James Protin, and World Kitchen for sponsoring the event.



# November Member Spotlight SUSAN JO’S SALON



**Susan Jo’s Salon** shines in the Chamber’s Member Spotlight . Owned by Susan Jo Johnson since 1995 it is located at 706 Fallowfield Avenue in Charleroi and is a popular and “ fun” full service hair salon. Every client is treated with extra individualized attention, which has become their trademark in delivering beautiful color and cuts over the years. Susan Jo is a community champion and supports fundraising efforts and her fellow business owners in Charleroi on a daily basis. The salon has been a member of the Chamber since 2001. Please call Susan Jo’s at **724-483-6550** for your next salon “experience.” Seen here is Susan Jo and her stylists, (left to right) **Nikki Sukel, Natalie Shrader, Marisa Bongiorno, Liz Marshall with Susan Jo in front.** This photo was taken while participating in a recent Charleroi business crawl “Ladies of the 80’s.”

# December Member Spotlight CHARLEROI VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to honor the **Charleroi Volunteer Fire Department, No. 33**, in the Member Spotlight. They serve tirelessly and fearlessly to protect the citizens and property of the Borough of Charleroi and to all Mid Mon Valley communities. Always present at community events, the CVFD recently participated in the **Mon Valley Hospital’s Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk** held in downtown Charleroi.



Left to right is: **Bob Whiten, Sr., Kerry McCorkle, Sr., Hayden Roberts, Bob Anderson, Glen Haukedahl, Steve Anderson, Andrew Akers, Doug Prentice, Jr., Bob Whiten, Jr., Ian Whiten, and Matt Prentice.** Kneeling left to right: **Charlie Yakich, Doug Prentice, Sr., and Kerry McCorkle, Jr.**







Pictured here are 2013/14 underclassmen winners of The Challenge Program, Inc. awards at Monessen High School. Seated from left are Emmalee Smith, junior academic excellence; Miya Young, junior academic improvement; Shelby Minardi, sophomore STEM Award; and Samantha Koschalk, sophomore academic improvement. Standing from left are Mary Drelisak representing The Challenge Program, Inc.; Josh Kucmeroski, junior attendance; Zach Picciarelli, junior STEM award; Alec Teszner, sophomore academic excellence; Cameron Dyell, sophomore attendance; and Dylan Olivio, sophomore community service. Missing from photo is Mikayla Speck, junior community service.

### The Challenge Program Awards Monessen Underclassmen

Monessen, Pa. -- The Challenge Program, Inc. distributed financial awards to the underclassmen at Monessen High School for excelling in the areas of Attendance, Academic Improvement, Academic Excellence, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and Community Service. The program partners with businesses to motivate high school students to excel and introduce them to career opportunities in their own communities. *The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce was the sponsor of the program at the school for the 2013/14 school year.*

For information about 2015/2016 sponsorship of The Challenge Program, Inc. at Monessen High School, contact Mary Drelisak, director of program development and public relations, at 724-984-0860.

Since its inception in 2003, The Challenge Program, Inc. has been introduced to more than 465,000 high school students in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia. For more information on the program, visit our website: [www.tcpinc.org](http://www.tcpinc.org).



### Fallowfield Township Fire Department Celebrates 50 Years

The Fallowfield Township Volunteer Fire Company celebrated their 50th year anniversary on October 18th, 2014. Brad Logan, Fire company president; and Olga Woodward, Honorary member are seen here at the Anniversary event held at the Double Tree in Canonsburg. Photo submitted by Wayne Ray of Snapshot 47.

### There is STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Our region is only as strong as the businesses that support it. Join the largest business organization in the Mid Mon Valley!



Call Deb Keefer today at 724-483-3507 for dues quote



## 2nd Annual Hoodie Hoo Day

**Friday, February 20, 2015**

**Festivities begin at 11:00 AM**

**Hoodie Hoo Shout at Exactly NOON**

**Magic City Square, Charleroi**

**Northern Hemisphere Hoodie Hoo Day will take place on Friday, February 20, 2015.** This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hoodie Hoo Day sponsored by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce. **This Valley wide** event will be held at Magic City Square in Charleroi, and is designed to help chase winter away by dressing in brightly colored clothing and shouting "Hoodie Hoo" three times to the sky at exactly the stroke of noon. Activities begin at 11:00AM, and merchants and restaurants will be offering Hoodie Hoo discounts and specials. Noise making, live music, food and nonsense are also on the schedule of events for the day. **Best employer group and best individual costumes will win traveling trophies and prizes!** New for this year is two air dancers named "Hoodie and Hoo", a mini parade and more!!!!

**New This Year: Sponsorships! Put Your Business Name On This One-of-A Kind Mid Mon Valley Event!**  
**\$200—Signage, Recognition at Event, Pre Hoodie Media Coverage. Call 724-483-3507 for details!**



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