

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



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December Member Spotlight AD FORMS, LLC



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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter

Ad Forms, LLC has been honored as the December Member Spotlight. Shown here during the Spotlight tour is (left to right) Dan Stark, owner, Danny and Paul, press and collator operators, and Kim Mesher, typesetter. See story on page 2.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Washington County Special Olympics

Jeremy Sellew
144 Cummins Avenue
Houston, PA 15342
724-747-1875
Non-Profit



CHAMBER OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Chamber Office will be closed on Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed at noon December 31 and January 1.



December Member Spotlight AD FORMS, LLC

Ad Forms, LLC was recently honored in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber's Member Spotlight for December. Located at 756 McKean Avenue in Donora, the team at Ad Forms can provide all forms of printing at fantastic prices, including high speed black and white and full color copies, business forms, program books, brochures, stationery and much more. Owned by Dan Stark, the business has been in operation for over 25 years, and had its beginnings in Dan's home basement in Speers. The Chamber's annual directory is printed at Ad Forms, and the Chamber staff loves the personal assistance and cooperation from Dan and Kim Bergman, typesetter and graphic designer. Please call Ad Forms for a quote on your next printing job – 724-379-6022.

1ST QUARTER MEMBERSHIP BLITZ



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a 1st Quarter Membership Blitz event to be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2012 at 5:30pm at Salatino's River House in Charleroi. All existing members are urged to recruit a potential member to bring to the football themed event. A 30" flat screen TV will be among the incentive based prizes that will be given away. Chances to win hundreds of dollars off new and existing membership dues will also be part of the program. Stay tuned to the Chamber website www.mvrchamber.org and January's issue of the "Regional Reporter" for more information on the 1st Quarter Membership Blitz!



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CHAMBER NEWS

CHAMBER ELECTS BOARD MEMBERS TO 3 YEAR TERM

The following individuals were recently elected to serve on the Class of 2015 Chamber Board of Directors:

- Patricia Brickner, Site Manager, PA CareerLink, Mon Valley (Donora)
- Vito Dentino, Vito Dentino Insurance Agency (California)
- Armand N. Ferrara, Jr., Ferrara Appraisals (Speers)
- Richard Mudrick, Attorney at Law (Charleroi)
- Lori Spina, CEO, Southwest Medical Center (California, Bentleyville, Charleroi)

New Board member pictured right is Luther Sheets, Southwestern PA Human Services (Charleroi)



Chamber Board of Directors meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 AM. Watch for additional information on the Chamber's calendar of events at

www.mvrchamber.org.

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724-326-8317	Emerald, LLC
724-872-6589	Morgan Excavating, LP Pompei & Sons, Inc.
724-929-7203	Mornak Excavation, Inc.

Phone number correction

Handyman Matters
724-258-4884

Sorry for the misprint in the November newsletter.

NETWORKING AND HOLIDAY CHEER AT CHAMBER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



Laura & Dennis Hough, West Pike Run Township



Jackie Gavlik & Tammy Mayton, Redevelopment Authority of Washington County

BREAST CANCER WALK SUCCESS THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted the 9th Annual “Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk” on Saturday, October 13th. \$12,800 in proceeds was raised from this year's event. The Breast Cancer Committee presented a check in the amount of \$6,400 to Monongahela Valley Hospital which will benefit cancer patients using the Charles L. & Rose Sweeney-Melenzyer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center. Additionally, a check for \$6,400 will be presented to the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.

Pictured here are front row (l to r): Charlie Wagner, daughter of Karen Wagner, Deb Keefer, Tom Ducoeur, and Sara Schumacher. Back row: Karen Wagner, Donna Angelo, Lois Ducoeur Ruschak and Donna Henderson.



Committee members not available for the photo include: Mary Altemara, Linda Anders, Amber Angelo, Debbie Burkhardt, Donn Henderson, Theresa Paluso, Trudy Radus and Anne Smith.

The Committee wishes to thank the many volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and walkers who made this event a huge success. Special thanks to Sara Schumacher and Anne Smith of Monongahela Valley Hospital, who will be organizing next year's walk to be held Saturday, October 12, 2013.

NEW MONTHLY SEMINAR SERIES STARTING IN JANUARY—“*RIISING TO BUSINESS*”

Beginning on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 7:30am a new, FREE, monthly seminar series called “Rising to Business” a morning business information series will be introduced as an added benefit to your chamber membership. The series will be held at the Rostraver office of Waddell and Reed, and will focus on the current “hot topics” for business owners and their executive personnel. Each month will feature a local professional that will be able to address the particular topic from their experience and also field pertinent questions from those who attend. This series will be available exclusively to Greater Rostraver and Mon Valley Regional Chamber members and will include coffee and pastries at each session.

The line up of topics that has been decided on thus far are:

January 25 - Tax cuts, codes, and impacts

February 27- Business start ups-> steps, codes, variances, permits, etc.

March 27 - Tax attorney/CPA->Filing taxes, Applicable deductions, charitable giving, estate impacts

April 24- Medicare Supplements, Healthcare, Group coverage

May 29- Commercial/Business Insurance, Workers Comp

June 26- Technology in business-> Uses, social networking, cloud technology

Each session will take place at the Waddell & Reed offices at 1030 Rostraver Rd. in Belle Vernon on the last Wednesday of the month and will last from 7:30 to 8:30 am. To reserve your spot, please contact the Waddell & Reed office at 724 929 3959. Seating will be limited to 10 people and will be on a first come first serve basis. Stay tuned to the chamber newsletters and local media for more information.

CHAMBER NEWS

KEEFER IS HONORED BY STATE CHAMBER ASSOCIATION

Debra Keefe, Executive Director of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, was awarded PACP's distinguished 15-Year Service Award recently at the 2012 PACP Fall Conference held October 21-23 at the Allenberry Resort Inn and Playhouse in Boiling Springs, PA.

PACP's service awards are meant to promote and recognize outstanding chamber service not only to the individual's community but also to their professional association. PACP is pleased to recognize Debra for her 15 years of service.

The mission of PACP is to enhance the quality and relevance of chamber management in the Commonwealth of PA. To achieve this mission, PACP is dedicated to providing direct professional assistance and continuous quality education in professional and organizational development to its members.



The MVRCC recently held a member luncheon at Douglas Education Center's Van Keulen facility in November. The program included a video presentation by Tony Milan Baez, and tours of DEC's campus.

Pictured L to R: Kevin Fear, Director of Marketing, Crystal Lape, Career Services Coordinator, Molly Williams, Admissions Coordinator, Jeff Imbrescia, President/CEO, Deb Keefe, Chamber Director, Tony Milan Baez, Director of Admissions, Kate Kellar, PR Coordinator, Loretta Castana, Senior Admissions Representative, and Donna Stairs, Director of Career Services

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER/TABLOID

Submit your news (anniversaries, achievements, etc.) to
info@mvrchamber.org

Deadline for Editorial/Advertising for January Tabloid:
Wednesday, January 2. Tabloid—Publication date:
Thursday, January 10, 2013.

AFFORDABLE ADS ARE A PHONE CALL AWAY!

Advertise in the **Mon Valley Messenger**—Contact Judi Robbins, Ad Manager at 412-708-7328 or
robbins.judi@gmail.com

Advertise in the monthly Chamber Supplement to the **Valley Independent**—Contact your Ad Rep or Karen Strickland at 724-684-2609.

CHAMBER LOOKS TO GROWTH AND EXCITEMENT IN 2013

As the Chamber Executive Committee and Board of Directors plan for 2013, the agenda is shaping up to include a lot of programming and initiatives that center around the Marcellus Shale industry, and small business promotion and education. Now a member of the Marcellus on Main Street™ on line directory and an official partner of SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY®, the MVRCC hopes to be even a greater asset to the membership area it serves.

“We have so many resources and dynamic partnerships,” said Deb Keefer, Chamber director. “2012 was a year where relationships were born that will nurture success for our business community in 2013.”

The Chamber will be announcing its 2013 calendar in the coming month and is encouraging current members to renew their membership investment in January. The organization hopes to also add new members to the existing 305 count. The organization has been named in the *Pittsburgh Business Times* “25 Largest Chambers in the Pittsburgh Region” for the last several years.

Any business that is located in, or wishes to network in the Mid Mon Valley is welcome to apply for membership by calling 724-483-3507 or by e-mailing debbiek@mvrchamber.org.



Welcome New Owners to Charleroi Landmark Business **REGO'S RESTAURANT**



Excerpts from article by Chris Buckley for the Valley Independent / TribTotal Media

Charleroi's iconic place to dine for the past 64 years, Rego's recently changed ownership. Nino Giorgi, Tito's son, recently sold the eatery to Evonne and Eric Henderson of Fallowfield Township. But the mainstay at the corner of Sixth Street and McKean Avenue will remain, including its stable of veteran employees and the famous cuisine.

Evonne Henderson said purchasing Rego's is a dream realized. “This was always a dream – something I wanted to do – and I couldn't pass it up,” Henderson said. Evonne Henderson said her mom, a Rego's employee of 13 years, told her the restaurant was on the selling block. “So I went to bed and thought about it,” Evonne Henderson said. “In the morning, I said ‘That's something I'm interested in.’” Henderson said she wants to reassure the restaurant's legion of loyal customers that “everything will remain the same.” That includes the name, the employees and the menus. “We're so fortunate the people who purchased the place wanted to keep it local, staying in the same location,” Tito Giorgi said.

Nino Giorgi thanked his loyal customers. “We appreciate all of the patrons who have come to our restaurant to eat over the years. The new owners are enthusiastic. I believe they will continue the tradition of Rego's in the future,” said Nino Giorgi.



Seen here at historic changeover of Rego's Restaurant in Charleroi is left to right: Armand Ferrara, President Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, new owners Eric and Evonne Henderson, Mark Alterici, Charleroi Borough Council President, restaurant founders and owners Tito Giorgi, Lorraine Giorgi, Nino Giorgi and Deb Keefer, Chamber director.

SCENES FROM CHARELEROI'S SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY EVENT



Left: Christmas Elves anticipate Santa's arrival at the Market House.

Right: The JK Tener Library staff provided crafts for the children during the holiday festivities at the Market House.



Pictured below left : Mandie Radich, **Mon Valley Initiative** and Sid Simsic, **Greater Charleroi Community Development Corp.** volunteer at the TEAM Charleroi table in the Merry Mart, part of Charleroi Small Business Saturday event.



Joe Skocik from **Plum Run Winery** participated as a vendor in the Merry Mart located on McKean Avenue.



Congratulations on Expanded Services
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Tanya Chaney and staff are pictured above at the recent opening of her new **Natural Nail Salon and Yoga Studio** at Chaney's Natural Health and Wellness Monongahela location at 138 W. Main Street. Learn more about Chaney's at www.chaneysnatural.com or 724-328-2834.

CAREERLINK HOSTS HEALTH CARE REFORM SEMINAR

Prepare now for 2013 Healthcare reform changes by attending a seminar to be hosted by the **PA CareerLink**, 570 Galiffa Drive, Donora on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 from 9:00am to 11:00pm.

The session will include post election mandates for businesses, provisions that will have a direct impact, understanding and development strategies to comply, employer/employee perspectives and looking to the future regarding these changes.

To reserve a space for this free seminar, reply to Linda Jack at the CareerLink by December 17 at 724-379-4750 extension 111, or ljack@pa.gov.



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Wednesday, December 19—Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00 AM.

Wednesday, December 19—Health Care Reform Seminar, PA CareerLink, Donora Office, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. *See page 7 for additional information.*

Monday—Tuesday, December 24 & 25 —*Merry Christmas!* Chamber office closed.

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

Wednesday, January 23—1st Quarter Membership Blitz, Salatino's RiverHouse Café, 5:30 PM. *See page 2 for details.*

*** Winter Weather Cancellation Policy**

If inclement weather causes a 2 hour delay or cancellation in the Charleroi Area School District, please consider the Chamber and/or TEAM Charleroi 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 and/or TEAM Charleroi Face book pages. *Thank you!*

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

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