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7th ANNUAL **BEACH BASH**

Wednesday, July 18, 2012 5:00 PM -7:00 P.M.

Allenport Marina

This event was designed for fun and it is hoped that all members and their guests will take advantage of this networking opportunity. Games, refreshing drinks, and a snack buffet are some of the items on the "agenda" for attendees. The Pot of Gold



Door prize recipients at 2011 event included: Dr. Jocelyn McWilliams and Barb Bonde from Riverside Dental and Diane Roberts, Roberts Auto Body.

drawing, door prizes, silly games and music is all included in the price of \$15.00/ member. This event is not open to the public, however members are entitled and encouraged to bring a non-member as a guest. Sponsorships available. Contact Deb or Donna today at 724-483-3507. See insert for details.



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June Member Spotlight CHARLEROI SUBWAY/TCBY



Charleroi Subway/TCBY is honored in the June Member Spotlight. Pictured L to R: Wendy Cole, Manager, J.R. MacDonald, Shift Leader, Ron Barbe and Don Cooper, owners, Mike Harmon, Assistant Manager, and Adam Cramer, Sandwich Artist.



Mon Valley Regional **Chamber of Commerce**

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We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Butler's Golf Course

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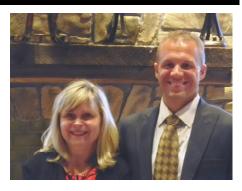


CHAMBER NEWS

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP PARTICIPANTS GRADUATE Seeking Applicants for Class of 2013

Susan Badzik of Southwestern PA Human Services, and Jake Cuthbert of Waddell and Reed, Inc. 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 2012 was held on May 22 at the Bella Sera restaurant in Washington, PA.

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



Susan Badzik and Jake Cuthbert

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. Leadership Washington County is open to any citizen residing in or working in Washington County. It has been operating for 11 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.

Program tuition is \$950 per participant with the Chamber's scholarship in the amount of \$800. The remaining \$150 is paid by the participant or the participant's employer to demonstrate a commitment to the program.



Interest forms will be accepted only from members in good standing. 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. Also, see insert in this newsletter.



June Member Spotlight CHARLEROI SUBWAY/TCBY



Ron Barbe and Don Cooper, Owners

Charleroi Subway owners Ron Barbe and Don Cooper started out with a plan and a commitment to hard work back in 1991 when they started their Subway location at 419 McKean Avenue. They were the only employees. As the chain became more successful, they moved to the corner of Fourth and McKean in 1999 and incorporated a drive-through window and the ever delicious TCBY brand to their store. Now a popular and happy place to pick up a freshly made breakfast, lunch or frozen treat, Ron and Don now join 14 part time employees in the business.

The Chamber salutes this 14 year member for their support and generosity to the local community. Please visit the Subway store at 407 McKean Avenue, Charleroi Monday through Friday, 7 am-midnight, Saturday 8 am-10 pm, Sunday 9 am-10 pm. A full menu and on-line ordering can be found at www.subway.com.



2012-2013 Member Directory & Resource Guide

Watch for Your Copy!

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2012 Chamber Golf Outing

THANK YOU to everyone who golfed on June 7—and to all our valued sponsors and volunteers who made the event a huge success!



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







Charleroi Academic League



Thanks to Butler's Golf Course Staff and the Chamber Staff for their dedication and professionalism.

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Special Thanks to Washington County Chamber of Commerce for providing each golfer with a Complimentary 4-day Mylan Classic Pass, Chaney's Natural Health & Wellness for providing complimentary massages, Keystone Bakery for donating donuts, 5-Hour Energy Girls for their participation and Crystal Concepts for donating in part the beautiful crystal trophies to our winners.

Scenes from the Golf Out-

The 5th Annual Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament at Butler's Golf Course was held on June 7. 105 golfers participated in the best ball tournament on Butler's Lakeside Course. During the program, remarks were made by Neil Bassi, Bradley Bassi, and Keith Bassi, sons of Melvin Bassi, and Deb Keefer, Chamber Director. Adam Lyons, Butler's Golf Pro then announced the team awards and skill prizes. The first place team received engraved crystal trophies bearing the Bassi Tournament logo.

Five golfers sunk putts at the putting contest, Bob McKinley won the drawing for a \$100 prize.











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1st place team with a score of 55—Davies Ford of Charleroi. Pictured (l to r): Pat Calvaresi, Vince Lemanna, Jim Davies and Marty Rottler.



Clockwise from top left: Ken Codeluppi, Keith Bassi and grandson, Jacob. Jake Cuthbert, Waddell & Reed, Inc. and Joe Osborne, BVA Federal Credit Union. Kevin Mollis, Marsh Tire. Sonny Russo, Charleroi Sweeper Center and Audie Eddy. Trish Brickner, PA CareerLink, Mon Valley and Josie Pelzer, Rotolo Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep-Ram.

Golf Committee & Volunteers

Milt Kubik, Chairman*

Michael Baines—Functional Solutions Diann Donaldson—Reliance Business Solutions* Trish Brickner—PA CareerLink, Mon Valley* Nicole Fioravanti—Donora Lumber Company J. J. Georgagis—Keystone Bakery* Bill Hanning-Waddell & Reed Inc. Jeffrey Mendola—Waddell & Reed, Inc.* Denise Mornak—David J. Mornak Excavating Josie Pelzer—Rotolo Dodge-Chrylser-Jeep-Ram*

*Denotes Board Member



Welcome New Business to Charleroi ABOUT TIME





A new specialty shop called "**About Time**" recently opened in Charleroi, at 410 Fallowfield Avenue. John Horner has extensive experience in watch and clock repair and also offers various timepieces and jewelry for sale at the new location. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm, Wednesday and Friday, 11 am-5 pm, and Saturday, 10 am-2 pm. John can be contacted at 724-483-3838.

Seen here at the May 24 ribbon cutting is left to right, Roberta Doerfler, Charleroi Borough Secretary, Donn Henderson, Borough Manager, John Horner, owner, Mark Alterici, Borough Council President, Michele Mackey, Code Enforcement Officer, Deb Keefer, Mon Valley Regional Chamber Director, and Joe Williams, TEAM Charleroi Chairman.



Welcome to Monessen DEE'S CRICKET





Festivities were recently held for **Dee's Cricket** in Eastgate Plaza, Monessen. Seen here at the official ribbon cutting is (left to right), Steph Rockwell, customer representative, Kayla McFeely, customer representative, Mark Alterici, owner, and J.J. Georgagis, Keystone Bakery and Chamber Board Member. They can be reached at 724-314-3027 or visit www.mycricket.com for more info on Cricket phones and calling plans. Alterici also operates a cricket store in downtown Charleroi at 514 McKean Avenue.

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Deadline for Editorial/Advertising for July Tabloid: Tuesday, July 3. Tabloid— Publication date: Thursday, July 12, 2012.

CHAMBER NEWS





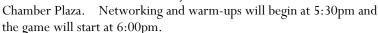
Donna Angelo of the Chamber staff was recently honored by the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition in

Harrisburg at the Governor's Mansion. First Lady Susan Corbett spoke to volunteers and advocates across the Commonwealth that assembled there. Donna, a breast cancer survivor was instrumental in developing the Lois Orange Ducouer Breast Cancer Walk held every October in downtown Charleroi. Seen here (left) is Pat Halpin-Murphy, President of the PBCC with Donna Angelo.



CHAMBER SOFTBALL SHOWDOWN ON JULY 25

The Greater Rostraver and Mon Valley Regional Chamber will come together for a friendly game of slow pitch softball on July 25, 2012 at Veteran's Field in Charleroi. The field is located at Charleroi Community Park in



Anyone wishing to participate on either team, may call the respective Chamber; Rostraver at 724-929-3329 or Mon Valley Regional at 724-483-3507. Members in good standing, their employees, and immediate family are eligible to play.

Player/coach for MVRCC is Tom Villella, **Villella Remodeling** and the Rostraver team will be lead by Robert Crall, **Valley 1**st **Credit Union**.

MVRCC AND MONVALLEY YMCA PARTNER FOR

Mon Valley Community Night

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Consol Energy Park Game Starts 7:05 PM

\$10/person ~ Tickets still available at the Chamber office and MonValleyYMCA!

Pictured: The Washington Wild Thing made a guest appearance at the May Chamber luncheon held at California University. Taking note of the June 20 date is Walt Bianchi, of Tri-County Chem-Dry.



Charleroi Farmer's Market is scheduled to open Thursday, July 12 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The event is held at the Charleroi Market House at 423-427 McKean Avenue and runs Thursdays through October at the only covered market venue in the area.



Vendors to date include Volkar's Market, Harden Farm, Plum Run Winery and Christian Klay Winery.

Those interested in becoming a sponsor or vendor for the upcoming season may contact the Chamber at 724-483-3507.

LOCAL CHAMBERS COMBINE MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR JUNE EVENT

Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce members are invited to attend the June membership luncheon of the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce at the Willow Room, Rostraver Township on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

Dr. John Wilkinson, incoming Belle Vernon Area superintendent, is scheduled to speak. He will be introduced to the group by retiring superintendent Stephen Russell.

Registration and networking begins at 11:30 AM and the program will conclude at 1:00pm. Reservations are required for the event by calling the Greater Rostraver Chamber at 724-929-3329. The cost is \$12.00/person.





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Mon Valley Community Night Wednesday, June 20, 2012

> Consol Energy Park Tickets still available!

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, June 20 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00 AM

Wednesday, June 20 — Mon Valley Community Night, Washington Wild Things vs. Florence Freedom, Consol Energy Park, Washington, Game starts 7:05 PM.

Tuesday, June 26—Joint Chamber Luncheon w/Greater Rostraver Chamber, The Willow Room, Rostraver, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM. *Call Gina at 724-929-3329 for reservations*.

July & August – Summer Break – No Board Meetings

Saturday, July 7 — Charleroi Community Day and Fireworks, Charleroi Market House, www.charleroiboro.org

Thursdays, beginning July 12—thru October—Charleroi Farmer's Market, Charleroi Market House, 3:00 PM—6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 18 —7th Annual Beach BASH, Allenport Marina, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM. See insert for details.

Wednesday, July 25 — Chamber Challenge Softball Game, MVRCC vs. GRC, Charleroi Community Park, 5:00 PM. See story page 7.

Wednesday, August 18—4th Annual "Easy to be Green" Day, Chamber Building, Noon—3:00 PM.

Wednesday, August 22—Member Networking Event, Cedar Creek Station, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM. Details coming soon!

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

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