

CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

Anthony's on the Mon

119 River Road, Lower Speers

\$20.00/person*

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November Member Spotlight AUDREY'S CUSTOM DRAPERIES



Audrey's Custom Draperies and Accessories has been honored as the November Member Spotlight.

Seen here in her showroom is Deborah Buck, owner. Not available for the photograph was Jan Bricker, sales associate and installer Larry Pohovich.

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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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MVRCC FALL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"Strength in Numbers" is Theme

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is named as one of the Top 25 largest Chambers of Commerce in the Pittsburgh Region, after a survey conducted by the Pittsburgh Business Times. For 10 years running the MVRCC has been included in the list, and is one of nine Chambers in the 300+ member count.

"We believe that our presence in the region and the opportunities we can offer is a big part of our success and growth," said Deb Keefer, Director. "We are continually partnering, networking and listening to our membership."

Membership is open to any individual, non-profit, or business with dues rates beginning at \$72/year. "There truly is strength in numbers," added Keefer. Current information on benefits and events can be found at www.mvrchamber.org and on the organization's FACEBOOK page at www.facebook.com/MonValleyRegionalChamberofCommerce. Inquiries may also be made at 724-483-3507.



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GIFTS/SPECIALTY SHOPS

724-547-0573	Crystal Concepts— <i>Awards/Gifts.</i>	724-929-6633	MarBill Diamonds & Jewelry
724-489-9105	Dee's Record & Video Shop	724-483-6589	Medved's Pharmacy
724-483-8634	Gene-N-Boots Candies, Inc.	724-632-3147	Plum Run Winery
724-684-8644	Keystone Bakery	724-565-5586	Prima Diva Boutique
724-986-4201	Leaning House Fine Cigars & Collectibles	724-292-8351	Ripepi Winery
724-483-5138	Maple Creek Distributors	724-825-1994	Sammy's Smoke Shop
		724-483-4112	Zelenski's Bridal & Gown Shoppe

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APPLIANCES/TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

724-483-7371	Charleroi Sweeper Center <i>Sweepers/Model Trains</i>
724-929-6535	Coulson's Sales & Service <i>Lawn care—tools/equipment.</i>
724-326-5616	Highway Appliance Company <i>Appliances, Electronics, Furniture, & Bedding, Recliners & Sweepers</i>

HEALTH/BEAUTY

724-328-2834	Chaney's Natural Health & Wellness
724-797-1654	Devigne's Delights Candles & Bath Products
724-483-5515	Studio K Nail Salon/Day Spa
724-483-6550	Susan Jo's Salon
724-565-5315	Vain Salon & Day Spa

AUTO CARE

724-379-5558	Cialone's Auto Care Center
724-483-5541	Davies Ford of Charleroi
724-483-8861	Marsh Tire Company
724-379-5433	Naylor's Body Shop
724-326-5653	Roberts Auto Body
724-489-9571	Rotolo Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep-Ram
724-785-8000	Solomon Automotive Group
724-239-2200	Tregembo Motors
724-489-4483	Valley Tire Company

RESTAURANTS/CATERING/BANQUET

724-326-4222	Allenport Marina
724-565-5148	Anthony's on the Mon
724-483-5540	Armando's Pizza
724-483-8244	BJ's Diner, LLC
724-483-4500	Back Porch Restaurant
724-489-4700	Campy's Pizza
724-483-3397	Charleroi Elks Club
724-489-9222	Dairy Queen of North Charleroi
724-483-0500	Double M's Pizza
724-929-3160	Gyros by George
724-483-0505	McDonald's of Charleroi
724-483-5660	My Girls Korner Kitchen
724-483-6200	Rego's Restaurant
724-565-5700	Salatino's River House Café
724-483-9495	Subway/TCBY
724-483-2177	2 Fine Caterers
724-379-5666	The Willow Room

ENTERTAINMENT/GOLF

412-751-9121	Butler's Golf Course
724-929-8300	Cedarbrook Golf Course
724-632-3300	Nemacolin Country Club
724-223-9796	Washington Symphony
724-250-9555	Washington Wild Things

LODGING

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724-929-8100	Hampton Inn—Belle Vernon
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OTHER SERVICES

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724-489-4339	Garrow Canine Training
724-344-7238	Handyman Matters
724-929-3566	Snapshot 47 Photo's
724-483-9553	Tri-County Chem-Dry



November Member Spotlight AUDREY'S CUSTOM DRAPERIES

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber recently honored a ten year member, **Audrey's Custom Draperies and Accessories**, owned and operated by Deborah Buck.



Audrey's is a complete window design service creating custom treatments since 1980. A showroom located at 315 Second Street in Charleroi offers thousands of samples, room accessories and over a dozen window treatment displays. Easy adjacent free parking is available. A customer can also utilize Audrey's shop at home service.

Call Audrey's today to get that custom look in your home for the holidays at 724-483-8045. Visit online at www.audreyscustomdraperies.net. Store hours are: 9-5 Monday-Friday, and Saturdays and evenings by appointment.



"HO, HO, HO WITH THE WSO!" SET FOR DECEMBER 1

The **Washington Symphony Orchestra** presents its annual "Ho, Ho, Ho with the WSO!" on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 8 p.m. at Trinity High School, Washington, PA. Concert-goers will hear a wide selection of traditional and modern music this year, including such favorites as "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and electric guitar selection, "A Mad Russian's Christmas" popularized by the Tran-Siberian Orchestra.

Concert tickets are available on-line at www.washsym.org, by calling 724-223-9796 and advance tickets can also be purchased at Citizens Library in Washington and all branches of Washington Financial Bank. Tickets will also be available at the door.

MCDONALD'S 2012 GIVE A HAND FUNDRAISER

McDonald's participates in the Give a Hand Fundraiser every year in November which benefits Ronald McDonald House Charities. Donations are accepted in amounts of \$1, \$3, and \$5, and your "hand" will be displayed at the **Charleroi McDonald's** located at 318 McKean Avenue. The event runs from November 10 through November 20, 2012. If you choose to participate as a group, a special section of the lobby will be dedicated to your groups "hands!"

Life can unravel in an instant and Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) are there to help. Sometimes when a child gets sick they may have to go to a hospital far from their families and parents want to be with their child every second. That's where RMHC comes in. They have places where families can be together, because they believe that children heal faster when they're with their loved ones.

Please "Give a Hand" to help give the "Gift of Togetherness" by donating to RMHC at your local McDonald's. For more information on the Ronald McDonald House Charities go to www.rmhc.org.






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MEMBER NEWS

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Look around. **Douglas Education Center** students and graduates are everywhere, making a valuable impact on local businesses. DEC's Career Services Department makes it easy for local employers to find qualified candidates for part-time positions, event assistance, and long-term careers. DEC now offers free employment classifieds that reach hundreds of job seekers! With a large student body and programs in cosmetology, medical, business, graphic design, illustration, digital film, special makeup effects and fantasy art, DEC has resources that match employers' needs.

Visit collegetcentral.com/dec and click the employer icon to register and post jobs, or contact DEC Career Services at 724-653-2215 with any questions.

SBA ADMINISTRATOR TOURS HUCKESTEIN
MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.

In honor of National Women-Owned Small Business Month, Karen Mills, administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, toured **Huckestein Mechanical Services, Inc.**, a woman-owned small business headquartered in Duquesne, PA.

Huckestein Mechanical Services is owned by Wendy Staso, who purchased the company more than two years ago, restructuring and redefining the business to place the 60-year-old company on solid financial ground. Huckestein is a certified woman-owned mechanical contractor serving the tri-state region's HVAC mechanical contracting needs for the commercial, industrial, institutional and high-end residential markets. The new business model focuses on HVAC service, design-build projects, energy management strategies and specialized services and diagnostics. As part of this restructuring, Huckestein Mechanical Services recently utilized an SBA-backed 7(a) loan from Enterprise Bank for debt restructuring and permanent working capital, and an SBA CAPLines loan, which is a revolving line of credit that provides short term working capital. In addition, Ms. Staso receives business counseling services from Seton Hill University's E-Magnify, an SBA resource partner and women's business center.

"Operating capital is everything to a small business," remarked Staso. The SBA-backed loans opened up opportunities and enabled our doors to stay open."



Welcome New Business to Charleroi
FOURTH STREET BARBEQUE



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber held a ribbon cutting for **Fourth Street Barbeque**. Located at 308 Fourth Street in Charleroi, the newly opened restaurant features barbeque ribs, chicken, pulled pork, and beef brisket. A full menu is available to view on line at www.fourthstreetbbq.com.

Dining is available in the upstairs dining room. Take out and delivery is also available. Fourth Street Barbeque is open Thursday thru Saturday from 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM and Sunday from Noon – 7:00 PM. Contact them today at 724-565-5456 or follow them on FACEBook/FourthStreetBarbeque.



Pictured left to right: Jack Woods, cook; Allen Granus, cook; Chris Rocco, deliveries; Mark Alterici, Charleroi Borough Council President; Dave Barbe, Owner/General Manager; Sammi Jo Shupenko, server; and Deb Keefer, MVRCC Executive Director. Missing from the photo from their staff are Jack Rocco, Head cook; Chelsea Wiley and Mia Porreca, servers.

Celebrate the Season in
Downtown Charleroi

Santa Arrives in the Magic City

**Saturday, November 24 at 11 AM in the
Charleroi Market House**

visit with Santa, enjoy snacks, crafts & more!

FREE Parking!

Greetings to Our Troops
Join the American Legion in the Market House to send holiday greetings to troops.

Charleroi's Merry Mart
Checkout the holiday vendors at the Merry Mart at 433 McKean Ave. • 11AM - 3PM

Caroling in the Square
Sing along to your favorite holiday carols in the Magic City Square. • 11AM - 1PM

Festive Downtown
Tour the Festival of Trees and window painting by CASD students.

Holiday Movies
Watch holiday classics at Dee's Record

See the Special Tab in the Valley & around town to SAVE!

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Enjoy a relaxed shopping experience throughout Downtown Charleroi!

SPONSORS: Lee Supply Company; Monongahela Valley Hospital; Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, PC; Corning Credit Union; Davies Ford of Charleroi and HighwayAppliance Company

For more info visit teamcharleroi.org or follow Team Charleroi on Facebook.

Adults can enjoy a relaxed holiday shopping experience throughout downtown Charleroi during the Small Business Saturday® Event beginning at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 24th. **Free parking** is being offered by the **Borough of Charleroi**. Enjoy the festive downtown shopping district and tour the Festival of Trees, the holiday window painting by Charleroi Area School District Students, enjoy Christmas carols at Magic City Square and take advantage of the many specials offered at these local businesses:

- **About Time**, 410 Fallowfield Avenue - \$1 off all watch batteries 11/24/12 only.
- **Armando's Pizza**, 538 Fallowfield Avenue – Purchase a \$25 gift card for \$20!
- **Bill's Feed & Garden Center**, 130 McKean Avenue - \$1 off 40 lb. Bag Economy bird seed.
- **Celebrations by Janet Rands**, 524 Fallowfield Avenue – In store specials.
- **Charleroi Sweeper's Train Land**, 616 Fallowfield Avenue – Big savings on all your model train supplies.
- **Colonial Floral & Gift Shoppe**, 539 Fallowfield Avenue – In store special on holiday bouquet.
- **Dee's Record and Video**, 514 McKean Avenue - Christmas movies playing all day long. In store coupons and specials.
- **Fields of Heather**, 237 McKean Avenue – Shop the fabulous holiday creations.
- **Frank's Auto Supply**, 628 Fallowfield Avenue – Big savings on man gifts- good through 12/24.
- **Gene-N-Boots Candies, Inc.**, 522 Fallowfield Avenue – Mention this listing and receive 10% off in-store purchase at Charleroi location. Offer good 11/24/12 only.
- **Image 2 Salon**, 522 McKean Avenue - Gift certificates available for salon services.
Initials Inc. will have products on display and for sale

- **Joyrena Leccia Electrolysis**, 521 McKean Avenue – Open house.
- **McDonald's**, 318 McKean Avenue – In store specials.
- **Medved's Pharmacy**, 536 McKean Avenue – In store specials and giveaways.
- **Paolo's Pizza & Pastaria**, 411 Fallowfield Avenue – Get a Large 1-topping pizza for \$8. Offer good 11/24/12 only.
- **Prima Diva Boutique**, 515 McKean Avenue - Refreshments and prizes all day. Plus take \$5 off your purchase!
Chair massage by **Chaney's Natural Health and Wellness** and Satin Hands Treatments **Mary Kay Cosmetics**
- **Salatino's Riverhouse Café**, 506 McKean Avenue - Present your receipt from another participating small business for 10% off lunch!
- **Studio K Nail Salon & Day Spa**, 329 Fallowfield Avenue – Holiday open house.
- **Subway/TCBY**, 407 McKean Avenue – 6" Meatball sub for only \$2. Offer good 11/24/12 only.
- **Susan Jo's Salon**, 706 Fallowfield Avenue – Open house.
- **Vain Salon**, 431 McKean Avenue - Favorite Things - Shopping event and Open House Special offers and giveaways
Aveda makeup. Airbrush makeup, Hair styling demos, Sabika Jewelry, Thirty-One gifts
- **Zelenski's Bridal & Gown Shoppe**, 409 McKean Avenue – See ad in this supplement.
- **Zimmerlink's Paint –n- More**, 141 McKean Avenue – In store special.



Stop by the “**Merry Mart**” located at 433-435 McKean Avenue from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Vendors participating to date include:

- **Mary's Snowmen** - Handcrafted Country Items
- **Plum Run Winery** – Local Winery
- **Tastefully Simple** - Lil Hurst - Free samples - various dips & beer bread. Cash and carry available on site
- **Pink Zebra** - Patricia Petrus - 48 different fragrances, simmer pots, jar candles, soaps and hand lotions. 15% off on Spiced Vanilla while supplies last! Free samples and raffle on Small Business Saturday.
- **Bonnie's Travel 2 U Boutique** - Vintage Clothing 70's and earlier, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Other specialty boutique items
- **Wreaths by Becky** - Becky Protin - Custom decorating & floral design for the home, office or event
- **Legal Shield** - Lois Dille

Vendors are still being accepted for the “Merry Mart.” Call 724-483-3507 or 724-565-5586 for additional information.

The event is sponsored by **Lee Supply Company**. Specialty sponsors are **Monongahela Valley Hospital, Bassi, Vreeland & Associates, PC, Corning Credit Union, Davies Ford of Charleroi, and Highway Appliance Company**.

See updates for these listings online at **www.teamcharleroi.org** or FACEBook/TEAM Charleroi.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER/TABLOID

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

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See pages 6 & 7 for more information.

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, November 21 —Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00 AM.

Thursday, November 22—*Happy Thanksgiving!* Chamber office closed.

Saturday, November 24—Small Business Saturday & Santa Arrives in Downtown Charleroi. *See pages 6 & 7 for more information.* www.teamcharleroi.org

Wednesday, December 5 —Chamber's Annual Christmas Party, Anthony's on the Mon, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM.

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

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

Monday—Tuesday, December 31 & January 1—*Happy New Year!* Chamber office closed.

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

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