



ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT

Thursday, September 13, 2012

5:30 PM –7:30 PM

**Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center,
Monongahela Valley Hospital
\$25/person**

Honoring:

Keystone Bakery — Excellence in Business

**LaCarte Development Company, Inc. — Outstanding Business
Development**

Special Recognition: Gardner Denver Nash and Weatherford

Mon Valley Initiative — Regional Service

Local Community Development Partners in
Greater Charleroi, Monessen and West Newton

Attorney Richard Mudrick —“Shining Star”

Make your reservation today! Call 724-483-3507 or info@mvrchamber.org.

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September Member Spotlight GOSAI & GANDHI, MD



The Practice of Gosai & Gandhi, MD has been honored with the September Member Spotlight. Seen here left to right is Lori Spina, CEO, A.J. Gandhi, M.D and K. Gosai, M.D.

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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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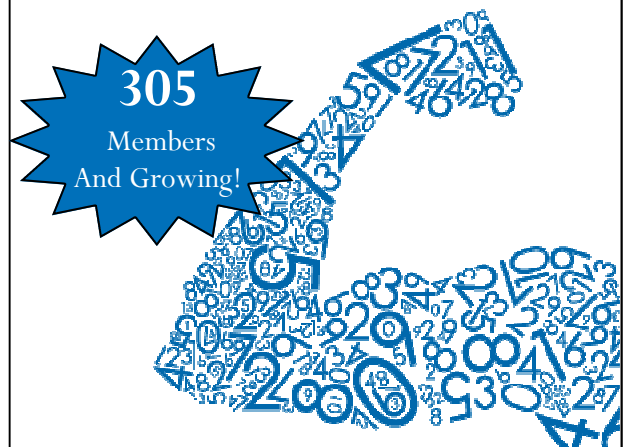
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Providing our wine at
Chamber's Awards Event
on September 13th!



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!



Now Open at Allenport Marina
ALLENPORT MARINA RESTAURANT



Allenport Marina Restaurant recently held a ribbon cutting. Congratulations to Mike Grimes, Steve and Andrea Morgan and Chef Daniel! The restaurant at **Allenport Marina** opens at 4:00 PM. Plan to dine inside or outside - you will enjoy a spectacular view of the Mon from both sides! Call 724-326-4222 or www.allenportmarina.com for more information.

NEW MEMBERS
Get the FALL
Months FREE!

Prepay dues for 2013, begin
benefits immediately!

*Call Deb Keefer today
at 724-483-3507 for dues
quote and more information.*

ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT SET FOR SEPTEMBER 13

outstanding individual at Monongahela Valley Hospital's Anthony Lombardi Conference Center on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at its annual Awards Event. **First Federal Savings Bank** is the event sponsor, with **Monongahela Valley Hospital** and **Charleroi Federal Savings Bank** serving as specialty sponsors. **Ripepi Winery**, the evening's wine sponsor, will be on hand to serve guests during the reception hour.

The reception style event begins at 5:30 pm with the award ceremonies beginning at 6:30 pm. Members will receive invitations in the mail, however the public is invited and encouraged to attend by calling the Chamber at 724-483-3507 to arrange for their reservation or inquire about remaining sponsorships.



Keystone Bakery will be awarded the Chamber's Excellence in Business Award. The well known business has been family owned since 1926, when Costas

Croussouloudis emigrated from Greece to join an already decade-old bakery as a partner. Once located at 217 Schoonmaker Avenue, the business moved to its current site in Monessen in 1974. John Croussouloudis owned the bakery with his wife, Pauline, from 1959 until 2007 at which time J.J. Georgagis, a nephew to John and Pauline, and his wife Melissa purchased the business. Keystone Bakery also operates a store in Rostraver Township.



Missy and J.J. Georgagis, owner of Keystone Bakery will be honored for "Excellence in Business."



The Mon Valley Initiative helps community groups in Greater Charleroi, Monessen and West Newton

Based in Homestead, the **Mon Valley Initiative** strives to meet its mission of working together to unite the communities and restore the economic vitality of the Mon Valley. To meet this mission, they renovate and construct high quality affordable housing, assist communities in developing their main street districts and also help member Community Development Corporations to become efficient and effective organizations. Locally, organizations participating as part of the MVI coalition are Greater Charleroi, Monessen, and West Newton.

Each year the Chamber gives a Regional Service Award to a non-profit entity that contributes to the quality of life in the Mid Mon Valley. Economic and community development entities are among those considered for this award.

Based in Homestead, the **Mon**

The Chamber's Outstanding Business Development Award will be given to **LaCarte Development Company, Inc.** with special recognition to the newest Alta Vista Business Park's tenants, Gardner Denver Nash and Weatherford. This award recognizes a MVRCC member who has successfully expanded its facilities, generating growth and employment in the Mid Mon Valley region. John LaCarte and his team will be recognized for leadership and tenacity in bringing high quality tenants to the Alta Vista Business Park, owned by the Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association.



John LaCarte will be among those honored for his efforts in bringing industry to Alta Vista Industrial park.

Always the final award of the evening is the Shining Star Award which will be presented to **Richard Mudrick**, who practices law in Charleroi and resides in Fallowfield Township. The Chamber selects an individual that displays outstanding personal and professional attributes, shows a commitment to his/her vocation, helps to advance the mission of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber, and promotes the Mid Mon Valley community at large.



Attorney Richard Mudrick will be this year's "Shining Star."

Rick is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, owning his own practice since 1978. He specializes in real estate and estate law. Over the years Rick has acquired a reputation for conducting his legal practice with integrity and consistently giving back to the community by contributing time and money. He has held leadership positions, including serving as Vice President of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber, since 2001. He is married to Cindy, has three children, and two grandchildren.



September Member Spotlight **GOSAI & GANDHI, MD**

Established in 1988 in the wonderfully pleasant town of Bentleyville, PA, the Practice of: K. Gosai, M.D. and A.J. Gandhi, M.D., has provided world class medical care to the rural community in a professional, humble and loving approach. Through very hard work and

unprecedented dedication to their patients, these doctors have carved out a specialized practice where patients receive superior medical attention while being treated like family members. It is not uncommon to be met by one of our physicians with a big hug instead of a handshake.

To meet the growing needs of specific patients, from the onset, Dr's. Gosai and Gandhi have offered internal medicine, specialized diabetes care, and a focus on women's health. In the hopes to continue to provide the world class care these doctors have instilled in their practice, the small town's modest practice grew to the surrounding areas of Charleroi and California (soon to have locations in Finleyville and Rostraver).

All three offices offer same day appointments and accept most private insurances. The offices have a plush waiting room, large plasma screen TV's and a fireplace. In addition, anyone with a busy personal or work life can easily schedule an appointment with convenient hours of operation starting at 7:30am, five days a week. Saturday hours are available at the Charleroi location. For added convenience, all locations have a department solely devoted to IV infusion. Providing this service saves patients time and money by saving those who require IV infusions a costly and time consuming trip to the hospital.

Kara Anthony, CDE, offers our patients and their families' valuable education on the subject of diabetes, while adding the fundamentals of the all-important nutritional education.

Modern Healthcare magazine named Southwest Medical Center (The Practice of: K. Gosai, MD & A.J. Gandhi, MD) one of the America's top 100 "Best Places to Work in Healthcare." Close to 400 health care organizations across the country competed for this very prestigious national distinction.

When it comes to one's medical needs in the Mon Valley and surrounding areas, there is only one choice that can provide high quality medical service, with a small town touch, come and see the practice of Gosai and Gandhi, they are right in your back yard! For additional information please go online to www.gosai-gandhimd.com.



Thursday
September 20th
5:00—7:00 PM

Chamber Mixer on the Mon

No Agenda, No Program, No RSVP.
Just a Fun Evening with Fellow
Chamber Members.
Drinks, Appetizers and Dinner on
Your Own.

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PHYSICIANS

724-483-3581	DeRienzo Family Practice
724-483-5538	Mary E. Ducato, DPM, <i>Podiatrist</i>
724-489-0866	Gosai & Gandhi, MD
724-489-0220	Kidney Disease & Hypertension Assoc.
724-489-9004	Durga Malepati, MD, <i>Pediatrician</i>
724-258-5566	Vasu Malepati, MD, <i>Ear, Nose, Throat</i>
724-483-6527	Nix Optical, <i>Optical/Optomtrist</i>
724-938-2308	Riverside Dental
724-483-5507	Paul Ruschak, MD
724-489-9600	George M. Toohey, <i>Optometrist</i>
724-258-2229	Valley Women’s Health, <i>Ob/Gyn</i>

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724-258-3000	Havencrest SNF
724-310-1111	Mon Valley Care Center
724-483-5818	New Dawn, Thorpe’s Personal Care
724-250-4981	Presbyterian Senior Care
724-258-8940	Residence at Hilltop

PHARMACY

724-483-6589	Medved’s Pharmacy
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724-929-6077	Porreca Chiropractic Center, Inc.
724-483-4242	Rupert Chiropractic Clinic
724-684-4551	Wohar Chiropractic Health Center

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION

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www.osptainc.com	OSPTA @ Home
www.osptainc.com	Valley Outpatient Rehabilitation

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www.mcknightmedical.com	McKnight Medical

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www.mvems.org	Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services
www.monvalleyymca.org	Mon Valley YMCA, <i>Fitness Center</i>
www.monvalleyhospital.com	Monongahela Valley Hospital
724-483-2760	Spartan Health Surgicenter

“Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings”.

~Unknown



CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT AT CEDAR CREEK PARK DRAWS CROWD

On a beautiful August evening Chamber members, park representatives and guests enjoyed networking and wine tasting along the beautiful Youghiogheny River at Cedar Creek Station. Thank you to the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation for providing this newly remodeled facility for our event and to the friendly park staff who paid attention to detail. Thank you to Green House Winery for providing the wine tasting.

The **Charleroi Area School District** won the Chamber's Pot of Gold worth \$150 at the August event. The monies will be used to purchase gift cards for a local family in

Charleroi that had lost everything in a recent home fire.

Crystal Zahand, CASD Business Manager was present for Chamber's Pot of Gold drawing.

Current members are eligible to win the Pot of Gold provided they are present at the event. Next drawing will be at the Annual Awards Event on September 13th.



Pictured above (L to R): Amy Mouyard and Diann Donaldson from Reliance Business Solutions, Denise Mornak, Mornak Excavating, Daneen Troup, Prim Diva Boutique and Deb Keefer, Chamber director.

Pictured right: Heather Kingley and Dan Petrulak, DP Ready 2 Paint.



CHAMBER'S ANNUAL "EASY TO BE GREEN" EVENT SUCCESSFUL



Workers from General Industries and Goodwill Industries unload unwanted electronics for recycling.

The Chamber's "Easy to be Green" day held on August 15 was a busy and productive day. The largest amount of e-waste ever collected by the Chamber was calculated to be 9,400 pounds. Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania, a leader in the nationwide effort to deal with the fast-growing problem called "e-waste," will refurbish and recycle the donated computers. Through the Chamber's Green Day event two truckloads of recyclable goods were collected and kept out of landfills!

Also collected throughout the day was used clothing for Goodwill, eyeglasses for Lion's International, and books for the J.K. Tener Library. The Chamber also has Abitibi Paper Retrieval bins, which are available for recyclable paper collection every day.

MEMBER NEWS

DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER YOUTH PROGRAM HOLDS ART EXHIBIT



Garrett Werner is seen here displaying his artwork at the Douglas Education Center Youth Program Art Exhibit. This year, the students are working diligently to help develop a mural that will be a commemoration to Monessen, PA history with a "steel mill" theme. The mural installation will be located at 505 Donner Avenue at the Monessen Historical Society.

MONONGAHELA VALLEY HOSPITAL IS RECERTIFIED FOR HIP AND KNEE REPLACEMENT

Joint replacement surgery (hip and knee replacement) is considered the most effective intervention for severe osteoarthritis, reducing pain and disability and restoring some patients to near-normal function.

In early August, Monongahela Valley Hospital received recertification by The Joint Commission with its respected Gold Seals of Approval™ for Management of Joint Replacement — Hip, and Management of Joint Replacement — Knee.

MVH underwent a rigorous onsite survey which was conducted by a Joint Commission expert surveyor in management of joint replacement hip and knee. The hospital was evaluated for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients and families, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

In addition to The Joint Commission recertification, MVH is a Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association Blue Distinction Center for Hip and Knee Replacement and has been designated an Aetna Institute of Quality® (IOQ) Orthopedic Care Facility for total joint replacement surgery.

Monongahela Valley Hospital provides a range of orthopedic care services, including treatment of injuries and fractures, general orthopedic surgery, knee arthroscopy, hip and knee joint replacements, foot and ankle, and specialized shoulder and elbow surgery. MVH also provides a dedicated hospital unit for recovery and complete inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services to help maximize function following injury or surgery.

For a list of all orthopedic physicians serving Monongahela Valley Hospital and the mid-Monongahela Valley, visit monvalleyhospital.com.




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Thursdays through October
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Charleroi Market House 423-427 McKean Avenue
The only covered market venue in the area.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER/TABLOID

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

Deadline for Editorial/Advertising for October Tabloid:
Tuesday, October 2. Tabloid—Publication date: Thursday,
October 11, 2012.



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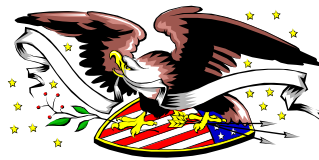
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Saturday, October 13, 2012

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9:00 AM Registration — 10:00 AM Walk

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Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

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

www.teamcharleroi.org

Thursday, September 13—Digital Marketing 101: Getting Your Business Online, Mon Valley Career & Technology Center, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM. *See insert for details.*

Thursday, September 13—Annual Awards Event, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 5:00 PM—8:00 PM. *See story on page 3*

Wednesday, September 19—Chamber Board Meeting, SPS Board Room, 8:00 AM.

Thursday, September 20—Social Media: Doing the Basics Well, Mon Valley Career & Technology Center, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM. *See insert for details.*

Thursday, September 20—Chamber Mixer, Anthony's on the Mon, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM. *More information on page 4.*

Wednesday, September 26—Prescription Drug Abuse Summit, Charleroi Area High School Auditorium. *See insert for details.*

Thursday, October 4—Mon Valley Job Fair, The Willow Room, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM. *See insert for details.*

Tuesday, October 9—Chamber Luncheon, Charleroi Elks Club, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM. *See insert for details,*

Saturday, October 13—Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk, Charleroi Market House, 10:00 AM.

www.teamcharleroi.org *See insert for more information.*

Wednesday, October 17—Chamber Board Meeting, SPS Conference Room B, 8:00 AM.

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

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