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July Member Spotlight RIGHT BYTE COMPUTER CENTER



Right Byte Computer Center is in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber Member Spotlight for the month of July. Right Byte is celebrating twenty years in business, being established in 1993 by Kevin Iacovangelo. They sell Dell computers, security cameras, and specialize in computer service and repair. Right Byte also offers a drop-off zone, and most computer repairs are finished within three days, while

providing the lowest hourly rate in the valley. Owner Kevin Iacovangelo, technician Joe Wells and Josie Iacovangelo (Kevin's mom) comprise the team at Right Byte.

Right Byte is located on the

corner of 5^{th} and Fallowfield in downtown Charleroi and can be contacted at 724-483-4813. Right Byte is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or by appointment.



Kevin Iacovangelo



August Member Spotlight CAMPY'S PIZZA



Campy's Pizza and Six Pack Shop are in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber's Member Spotlight for August. Pictured here are (left to right): Campy's employees Robert Cumer and Daniel Wood IV, Owner Mike Grimes and his children, Allie and Evan Grimes. See story page 2.

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Mon Valley Regional **Chamber of Commerce**

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Chamber Staff: Executive Director: Debra Keefer Financial Assistant: Donna Angelo Intern: Corey Greenwood

We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

Cabin Fever Inn B-B

Harry Torbert
11 Torbert Drive
Coal Center, PA 15423
724-483-5456
www.cabinfeverinnb-b.com
Bed & Breakfast

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*These new members only reflect dues received as of July 31, 2013. New members will continue to be acknowledged in upcoming issues of the Regional Reporter.



August Member Spotlight CAMPY'S PIZZA



Mike Grimes

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber's Member Spotlight shines on Campy's Pizza and Six Pack Shop for the month of August. Owner Mike Grimes established Campy's in 1984 by striving to offer the absolute best quality food at reasonable prices. Campy's is a household name in the Mon Valley, featuring pizza, calzones, wings, hoagies, and salads in addition to original creations

like the The Pittsburgh Pizoagie. Customers can enjoy an outstanding assortment of takeout beer that sets a new standard in the Mon Valley. A friendly staff is found at 3 locations: 119 Pennsylvania Avenue in Belle Vernon (lower Speers), California and New Stanton. A Perryopolis location will be reopening in August. Campy's is open throughout the week – Monday through Sunday and offer delivery. Call 724-489-4700 (Speers location) or check them out at www.campyspizza.com.



We will be collecting the following items:

ELECTRONICS – computers, monitors, cell phones, digital cameras, chargers, adapters, microwaves, old radios, etc. (**GOODWILL OF SOUTHWESTERN PA**)

SORRY Television sets **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Goodwill cannot recycle them and the Chamber has no way to dispose of them.

CLOTHING – Used clothing will be accepted at this year's event. (**GOODWILL OF SOUTHWESTERN PA**)

EYEGLASSES – Used eyewear collected will be refit for people in need. (**CHARLEROI LIONS CLUB**)

PAPER—Available Green Day and *EVERYDAY*.
What Goes in the Paper Retriever® Bin?

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- Newspaper and Inserts
- Magazines/catalogs
- Office/School papers, window envelopes, paperback books, workbooks and staples without a problem.
- Shredded paper is acceptable but please bag the shreds before putting them in the Retriever bin.

Paper Retriever

- However, please <u>do not recycle</u> colored paper, wrapping or tissue paper, carbon paper or sticky notes.
- Mail Most direct mail is printed on high quality recyclable paper. Please recycle the mail that you feel comfortable putting in our recycling bin.

NO-

- No Cardboard
- No food boxes, fiberboard or chipboard.
- No textbooks or hard cover books.
- No Phone Books

USED BOOKS – Collected for the **CHARLEROI LIBRARY** where they will be put in the "book store" or on the free shelf.

The Chamber of Commerce and Green Day participants have the right to refuse items that are not acceptable for recycling.



A green initiative of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, August 14, 2013* 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Mon Valley Regional Chamber Building
Chamber Plaza, Charleroi



For computers donated that are five years old and less, receive the **Kil-A-Byte Destruction Service** FREE! Customers who get this service, receive a <u>certificate of data destruction</u> from Goodwill's HIPAA Compliance Officer confirming that the data has been destroyed.

Businesses wishing to dispose of a large number of computers can call Goodwill for a pick up—the Chamber has all the info!

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling is important, fun, and easy when you get the hang of it—information and resources in Washington County will be available.

"Nothing in nature is exhausted in its first use."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Chamber will honor its finest at Monongahela Valley Hospital's Anthony Lombardi Education Conference Center on **Thursday, September 12, 2013** at its annual Awards Event.

This year's recipients are:

Shining Star Award

Bill Lee

Excellence in Business

Shamrock Chemical

Outstanding Business Development

World Kitchen, LLC

Regional Service (Nonprofit)

Community Action Southwest



Bill Lee is among the honorees that will be recognized at the Chamber's Awards Event on September 12th.

The reception style event begins at 5:30 PM with the award ceremonies beginning at 6:30 PM. Members will receive a personal invitation in the US mail, however the public is invited to attend and may call the Chamber at 724-483-3507 to arrange for their reservation or use the on-line registration at **www.mvrchamber.org**. Space will be limited so early RSVP's are encouraged. Sponsorships are also available—see insert for details.

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LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON COUNTY Seeking applicants for Class of 2014

Through funds generated by the Melvin B. Bassi Golf Tournament, the MVRCC sends two qualified participants through the program each year and is seeking applicants for the Class of 2014.

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 12 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.



Angel Gulick of Mon Valley YMCA and Lori Spina, Southwest Medical Services 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 2013 was held on May 21 at the Bella Sera restaurant in Washington, PA.

Program tuition is \$975 per participant with the Chamber's scholarship in the amount of \$825. 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 by August 16, 4:00 PM. <u>Sorry, representatives from reciprocal organizations are not eligible for these scholarships.</u>

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.

CHAMBER NEWS

WELCOME COREY GREENWOOD, CHAMBER INTERN

Corey Greenwood, a student from Slippery Rock University, will be interning at the Chamber this summer. He will be helping to coordinate and take lead of various special events, programs and communications.

Corey is fulfilling the final requirement for his Communications: Public Relations degree from Slippery Rock University and will complete his



Corey Greenwood

Chamber internship in August. All students taking a Bachelor of Science in Communications are required by the department to complete at least 120 hours at an approved internship site.

Corey will graduate from Slippery Rock University in December of this year, and will pursue a career in the public relations field.



Celebrating his win at the hula hoop challenge are (I to right) Sammy Spina, Sammy's Smoke Shop, and fellow participants: Kory Imbrescia, Washington County Commissioner Larry Maggi and Tom Villella, Villella Remodeling.

PLENTY OF SUN FOR ANNUAL BEACH BASH

The Chamber held its annual Beach BASH on July 18 at Allenport Marina. The high temperatures did not discourage members from enjoying this light-hearted after hours event. Members and guests enjoyed networking, refreshments and entertainment by acoustic group Craig & Craig. The ever popular hula hoop competition was won by Sammy Spina, Sammy's Smoke Shop and Beth DiPiazza, Waddell & Reed, Inc. New for this year, members participated in a friendly corn hole tournament with Dena Mornak, Mornak Excavating and Ashley Fioravanti securing the top prize. Thank you to our sponsors: Gateway Hospice, Highway Appliance and Mon Valley Community Federal Credit Union.



Beth DiPiazza, Waddell & Reed, enjoying the friendly corn hole competition.

Annual Chamber Softball Challenge - MVRCC 22, GRC 14





Great night for softball on July 31st as the defending MVRCC champs took home the Chamber Pot for the 2nd time under Coach Tom Villella winning against the GRC 22-14. Thank you to the umpires: Steve Russell, D.J. Slagle and Dave Kurowsky. Special thanks to Charleroi Community Park Trustees, Ed Uhutch, Alvin, and Announcer Eugene Turtzer. Pictured clockwise from above: MVRCC celebrates the win, Dave Pascaralla scores a run, Brook Gardner anticipates the run from 1st base, Matt Green gets congratulated on coming home, the MVRCC crowd enjoying the game, Harlan Shober, Dr. Joslyn Bilitski and Dena Mornak. More photos can be found on the Chamber FACEbook page.







MEMBER NEWS



SPOTLIGHT CORRECTION

The Mon Valley Signs crew (pictured right in the June Spotlight) are Dave Zahand, Owner, Bill Clark and Gary Riley. Mr. Clark was mistakenly identified in the June newsletter. Sorry for the misprint.

WANTED: ALL LADIES Salons & Saloons

"Charleroi Business Crawl"

Proceeds Benefit the John K. Tener Library

Thursday, August 29, 2013

5:00 P.M.- Start Time

Your \$5 ticket buys you a beverage & hors d'oeuvres at each location...

Blue Light Recording Studio Celebrations by Janet Rand **Dee's Cricket Emporium II Image II Salon Prima Diva Boutique** Rego's Restaurant

Salatino's River House Café Studio K Nail Salon/Day Spa Subway/TCBY Susan Jo's Salon John K. Tener Library **Vain Salon**

- Your filled "Wild West" card is your entry for all drawings.
- Prize drawings begin at 8:00 PM, Salatino's River House Café.



Tickets may be purchased at the above locations and the Mon Valley Regional Chamber office.

Charleroi Borough





For more information go to www.charleroiboro.org

Save the Date

10th Annual Lois Orange Ducoeur **Breast Cancer Walk**

Saturday, Oct. 12

Registration, 9 a.m.; Walk, 10 a.m. Charleroi Market House 423 McKean Ave., Charleroi

One- or two-mile fun walk that benefits local cancer patients treated at the Charles L. and Rose Sweeney Melenyzer Pavilion & Regional Cancer Center.





For more information, 724-258-1657 or asmith@monvalleyhospital.com



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Annual Awards Event

Thursday, September 12, 2013

5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center Monongahela Valley Hospital

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!

Wednesday, August 14—5th Annual "Easy to be Green" Day, Chamber Building, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM. See page 3 for details.

Thursday, August 29—Salons & Saloons, "Charleroi Business Crawl," Downtown Charleroi 5:00 PM. For more information go to **www.charleroiboro.org**

Saturday, September 7— 27th Annual Charleroi Federal Little Great Race, Charleroi, 8:15AM. For more information go to **www.littlegreatrace.com**

Thursday, September 12—Annual Awards Event, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 5:30 PM—7:30 PM. See page 4 for more information.

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

Tuesday, October 8 — Chamber Luncheon, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM.

Saturday, October 12 — Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk, Charleroi Market House, 9:00 AM. For more information go to **www.monvalleyhospital.com**

Wednesday, October 16 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Saturday, November 9 — Save the Date—Special Event. Stay tuned for details!

Wednesday, November 20 — Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Building, 8:00 AM.

Thursday, November 28 — *Happy Thanksgiving!* Chamber office closed.

Saturday, November 30 — Small Business Saturday—Support your local merchants!

Thursday, December 4 — Save the Date—Chamber's Annual Christmas Party, Details coming soon.

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

www.mvrchamber.org