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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!



It is a pleasure to serve as a Chamber Board member in a community that I call "home." Our region has always been known for its hometown feel, a "village" that strives to raise our children in a safe, loyal, and civic minded environment here in the Mon Valley Region.

If you are a lifelong resident of the Mon Valley, we all can say we have watched our communities change. My fondest memory as a child was of my mother and I spending countless hours window shopping in downtown Charleroi and Monessen. "Mom and Pop" stores made our communities flourish. However,

our values have never wavered. We still have the hometown feel, we still feel safe, and regardless of issues that we now face, we are still civic minded. In 2016, our civic duty is more important than ever. We have two retiring State Representatives, Peter J. Daley and Ted Harhai and an outgoing President of the United States. Whether we are Democrats, Republicans, or Independents these individuals served our community and country with great pride. And for that, we all should feel grateful for the time they served the people.

Soon, you will be asked to perform your civic duty to vote. I grew up with the teaching that voting is a privilege, not a right. We live in a nation that affords so many freedoms and one of those freedoms is to vote - for that "one" person who will serve with pride and honorable intentions. For this election I am putting aside my party affiliation and looking at the election as one.

One of the main reasons for low voter turnout is because of the weather - a mind set being "does my vote really count?" I was able to witness a person lose a local election by one vote. Yes, one vote. So, when I asked myself does "my vote truly count?" The answer was a resounding, yes!

This upcoming primary election is the most important one that I can remember in my lifetime. Mr. Daley and Mr. Harhai have been household names and now they are passing the torch onto someone else.

I encourage you, your family, and your friends to vote on April 26, 2016, and then again on November 8, 2016 in the general election. TOGETHER we can make a difference.

"Always vote on principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost." — John Quincy Adams (6^{th} U.S. President)

Sincerely,

Diann Donaldson

Diann is a MVRCC Board Member serving on the Chamber's Executive Committee and is Chair of the Membership Committee. She owns Reliance Business Solutions, a merchant services business located in Belle Vernon.



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Admin. Assistant: Kim Kopec
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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

Cialone's Business Services

Ruth Cialone 128 Thompson Avenue, Donora, PA 15033 724-379-5558 Small Business Services

Comcast Spotlight

Judy Eans 150 Gault School Road, Connellsville, PA 15425 724-626-9890 www.comcastspotlight.com *Media*

5th Street Escape Room
Jason Atkins
434 Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022
724-483-4618
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Entertainment

Greater Washington County Food Bank

Heidi Hoffman 909 National Pike West, Brownsville, PA 15417 724-632-2190 www.gwcfb.org Non-Profit

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22 Warner Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022 Associate Member

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43 South Beeson Boulevard, Uniontown, PA 15401
724-425-1010
www.fayettelegacy-janney.com
Financial

MEMBER RENEWALS*

70 Years Charleroi Area Teacher's Association

> 68 Years World Kitchen, LLC

58 Years Interstate Paper Supply Company

> 50 Years Charleroi Elks Club Guttman Group Seals & Demillion, PC

45 Years
Davies Ford of Charleroi
Lettrich Group Architects/Planners, Inc.
Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority

40 Years Lee Supply Company Ron Monack

30 Years The Back Porch Restaurant Charleroi Sweeper Center

25 Years
Charleroi Area School District
Charleroi Borough
Culligan Water Treatment
PNC Bank
Kenneth Wiltz
Yohe Roofing, Inc.

15 Years

Campy's Pizza

Charleroi Paint & Glass

Cupari Home Improvements

Fairpoint Communications

Home Warehouse

Kidney Disease & Hypertension Associates

Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association

Northwest Savings Bank

MEMBER RENEWALS *

15 Years continued Right Byte Computer Center RTS Packaging Tri State Hydraulics, Inc.

10 Years

Chaney's Natural, LLC

Charleroi Fire Department

Community Bank

David Davis Communications, Inc.

Delattre Corporation

Double M's Pizza

Ductmate Industries, Inc. (Charleroi)

Dunlevy Gardens

Joseph's Nursery & Garden Center

Mon Valley Care Center

Mon Valley Progress Council

Mon Valley YMCA

Mornak Excavation, Inc.

PA CareerLink, Mon Valley

Presbyterian Senior Care

Rotary Club of Charleroi

S.E. Technologies, LLC

Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc.

Spartan Health Surgicenter

Stewart Creative

Tregembo Motors

Tri-County Patriots For Independent Living

Villella Remodeling, LLC

Waddell & Reed, Inc.

The Willow Room

5 Years

Amcom Office Systems

Aguatorium Innovations, Inc.

Ashcraft Records Management & Storage

Belle Vernon Area School District

Blank Welding

EJ Burns Construction Company

CASA For Kids, Inc.

CCA Solutions, Inc.

Ferrara Appraisal Services

Gentiva Hospice

Diana Irey-Vaughan, Washington County Commissioner

MarBill Diamonds & Jewelry

Mon Valley Networking

5 Years continued

Morgan Excavating, LP

Orthopedic & Sports Physical Therapy Associates, Inc.

(OSPTA)

OSPTA @ Home and Hospice

Peoples Natural Gas

Riverside Dental Care

Roberts Auto Body

Rupert Chiropractic Clinic

South Hills—Mon Valley Messenger

Susan Jo's Salon

United Way of Mon Valley

Valley Outpatient Rehabilitation

Washington Wild Things/The Rebellion

All Other Renewals

Advanced Orthopaedics & Rehabilitation

Bayshire Properties, LLC

California University of Pennsylvania

Central Blood Bank

Crystalline Technology, LLC

Duke of Oil

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Fallowfield Township

Leadership Washington County

Anthony Lombardi

Mariner's Hall

Matrix Property Settlements, LLC

Mon River Industrial Group, LLC

Neff's, LLC

Nemacolin Country Club

Off the Wall Arts

Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Mark A. Smith

Tri-County Carpet Cleaning

Valley Pool & Spa

VisuGroup

Eugene A. Vittone, Washington County District Attorney Washington County Council on Economic Development



*These new members and the following renewals only reflect dues received as of March 15, 2016.



January Member Spotlight PRESBYTERIAN SENIORCARE

Presbyterian SeniorCare is a not-for-profit that's been focused on just one thing for more than 85 years — helping older adults live positively.

As the region's largest eldercare provider, they provide a continuum of services and living options, and invest significantly in their people. They believe that people are what make the difference between good and great. Everyday lives are being enriched and changed positively by Presbyterian SeniorCare's compassionate and well-trained staff and volunteers — people whose dedication to excellence is consistent with their faith-based mission of improving the lives of older adults from all walks of life.





Presbyterian SeniorCare is privileged to serve more than 6,500 older adults through its continuum of 54 communities at 45 locations across 10 Western Pennsylvania counties. Care and service options in the Washington area include:

- Personal Care at Southminster Place
- Skilled Nursing at Southmont which offers Rehabilitation Services and Skilled Nursing.
- Specialized Alzheimer's and Dementia Care at Southminster Place and Southmont
- Affordable and Supportive Housing Communities: Presbyterian SeniorCare offers affordable housing in all sizes and types from condominiums to high-rise apartments for income-qualified seniors. In the Washington area there are supportive housing communities, including The Oaks at Center in the Woods.
- In-home and Community-based Programs like Presbyterian SeniorCare at Home, which is both a licensed home care agency and a licensed home health agency in Pennsylvania.
- They also offer Longwood at Home: Longwood at Home is the only licensed Continuing Care at Home program in Western Pennsylvania.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber is honored to recognize Presbyterian SeniorCare for their many years of loyal membership and for the vital services they provide to our region. For more information about Presbyterian SeniorCare visit www.SrCare.org or call 724-222-4300.

Reserve Your Space Today!



Advertising in the 2016-2017 Membership Directory & Resource Guide will put your business in front of thousands of targeted clients! Capitalize on your investment with the Chamber by utilizing this valuable tool to increase your current market growth and reach new customers.

- Full Page Ads—\$300
- 1/2 Page Ads—\$200
- Business Cards—\$125
- 1/8 Page Ads—\$75

Space is Limited! Deadline for ads—APRIL 15th!
Call Kim at 724-483-3507 TODAY!
See page 11 for more information.



March Member Spotlight S.E.TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

S.E. Technologies, LLC is in the member spotlight for March. S.E. Technologies, LLC (SET), is a Pittsburgh-based professional and technical services firm, provides creative technical and management solutions for the complex environmental problems of industry and government. Privately held, SET fosters an entrepreneurial environment and a corporate culture that is customer driven and safety focused.



S.E. Technologies was founded in 1992, and has its corporate headquarters in Bridgeville, PA with strategic office locations in Chagrin Falls and Zanesville, Ohio as well as other geographic regions. SET provides comprehensive environmental services including permitting, environmental compliance auditing, site investigation and remediation, waste management, industrial hygiene monitoring, environmental engineering, and health and safety consulting. Their clients include commercial real estate brokers/developers, attorneys, banks, real estate investors, insurance companies, industrial facilities, real estate management companies, manufactures, and firms involved in shale gas E&P and Midstream operations.

The mission at SET is to be efficient, highly responsive and cost effective on every project. This is accomplished through the efforts of a knowledgeable and competent staff focused on the needs of their clients.

Roger A. Dhonau, PE, QEP is President of SE Technologies, whose headquarters are located at 98 Vanadium Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Find out more about SET at www.se-env.com or by calling 412-221-1100. Carol Delfino, Sr. Safety Consultant, is a familiar face at our MVRCC functions and can help you with any questions about their services. The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce appreciates S.E. Technologies' continual membership and support since 2002.



Please Note:

Next Golf Committee Meeting:

Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Noon in the Chamber Conference Room.

2016 MVRCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The 2016 MVRCC Board of Directors are seated (I to r): Trish Brickner, Josie Pelzer, Diann Donaldson, Debra Keefer-Executive Director, Debbie Buck, Alyssa Mendola, and Kim Kopec-Admin. Asst. Back Row (I to r): Randy McMahon, Angela Stay, Lynn Baron, James Protin, Milt Kubik, Casey Clark, J.J. Georgagis, and Wayne Ray. Not Pictured: Donna Angelo-Financial Asst., Keith Bassi, Vito Dentino, Armand Ferrara, Dave Galloni, Brook Gardner, Don Good, Jeff Mendola, Rick Mudrick, Donna Ramusivich, Luther Sheets, Phil Sparacella, and Ken Wiltz.

OFFICE SPACES FOR RENT

A 2nd floor office suite is available in the historic Chamber of Commerce building located at One Chamber Plaza, in the heart of the business district of Charleroi. The space would be perfect for a small business or non-profit agency. There is a shared restroom and conference area and all utilities are included. Adjacent free parking. Call 724-483-3507 for more details.



POT OF GOLD WINNERS



Congratulations to the Mon Valley Herald-Standard, Pot of Gold Winner at the Chamber's February luncheon and to the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, Pot of Gold Winner at the March luncheon. Pictured (I to r) above are Mike Palm, Chris Buckley, Bob Pinarski and Clint Rhodes from the Mon Valley Herald Standard. Member must be current on 2016 dues to be eligible. Next chance to win—April 12th at the Chamber Luncheon.

"HOODIE HOO" DAY A SUCCESS—THANKS TO SPONSORS, MERCHANTS, DONORS AND PARTICIPANTS!

The 3rd Annual Hoodie Hoo Day hosted by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce took place on Saturday, February 20, 2016 in downtown Charleroi. The

> weather was picture perfect for the "Hoodie Hoo" shout to chase those winter blues away. Thank you to all who participated in this fun and







More pictures can be found on the MVRCC FaceBook page.

Sponsored by:

Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency



Participating Merchants

Armando's Pizza Bruno and Sons Diner Cotromano's Restaurant Dee's Cricket 5th Street Escape Room **Full Armor Fitness** Gene-N-Boots Candies, Inc. Mon City Apparel Neff's, LLC Off the Wall Arts Prima Diva Boutique Rego's Restaurant River House Café Seezuns Studio K Subway/TCBY Susan Jo's Salon Valley Pool and Spa

Vintage Valley Too

A Special Thanks and Hoodie Hoo To

Borough of Charleroi Charleroi Community Park Trustees Charleroi Police Department Diann Donaldson D.J. Donn Henderson TEAM Charleroi Ed Uhutch Susan Jo Johnson, Susan Jo's U.S. Postal Service & Charleroi Post Office VisuGroup - Martina Thomas

All MVRCC Board Members for selling raffle tickets and helping out!

Rego's Restaurant and RiverHouse Café for Hosting **Guest Bartenders** Macco Cannoni and Deb Keefer Raised \$638.75 for City Mission

MVRCC Staff Deb Keefer, Kim Kopec, Donna Angelo

Donations for Raffle Ticket

Armando's Pizza Bruno and Sons Diner Citizens Bank Cotromano's Restaurant 5th Street Barbeque First Commonwealth Bank Hey Juicy Highway Appliance Itty Bitty Treasurers Legal Shield-Lois Dille Edward Mendola, CPA Mon City Apparel Mon Valley Herald-Standard Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Neff's, LLC North Charleroi Dairy Queen Off The Wall Arts Prima Diva Boutique Rego's Restaurant River House Cafe' Seezuns Steel Dog Construction Susan Jo's Salon Tri County Carpet Cleaning Valley Pool & Spa Vintage Valley Too



NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN DONORA



The MVRCC recently joined family and friends at a ribbon cutting held at B and B Auto Service at 948 McKean Avenue in Donora. B and B offers a wide variety of auto repair services, including PA inspection. Seen here joining in the celebration is (left to right) Jim Protin, MVRCC President, Diann Donaldson, MVRCC Executive Committee, John Boyd, partner, Nancy Boyd, managing partner, Steve Boyd, partner, Don Pavelko, Mayor of Donora holding granddaughter Mia Oslowski, Bridget Bane, Aaron Bane, partner, Jerry Bane, Shawn Bane, Bob Bane, Kim Perrotti, and Trish Brickner, MVRCC Board Member.

Please call B and B Auto for your auto repair needs at 724-379-4441.



Over 75 members and guests were in attendance for the MVRCC March luncheon at the Willow Room which featured a panel discussion of local leaders from Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland Counties. Shown here are (I to r): Bob Shark, Fay-Penn Economic Development Agency, Washington Co. Commissioner Larry Maggi and Westmoreland Co. Commissioner Gina Cerilli.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE SET AT MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Mary, Mother of the Church Catholic Parish in Charleroi has a beautiful, inspiring Tenebrae Service at 7:00 PM on Good Friday, March 25th. Under the direction of Josie Merlino, the program is deeply moving, adding to the solemn tone of Good Friday.

Mary, Mother of the Church is located at 7th Street & Washington Avenue in Charleroi. All valley residents (not just Catholics) are welcome and encouraged to attend this special service.



MEMBER NEWS

MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNT OFFER

Handyman Matters 724-258-4884 Get Your To-Do-List Done Today! \$25.00 off any job—2 hour minimum.

For a complete listing of current Member to Member Discounts go to www.mvrchamber.org/M2M-directory

Have a discount to offer fellow Chamber Members?

Call Kim or Deb today at 724-483-3507 to participate in this FREE program!

In Partnership with the
Washington County Chamber of
Commerce
General Industries Breakfast
Briefing
& First Swing Golf Outing
featuring
Barry R. Niccolai, Assistant Executive
Director Centerville Clinics, Inc.

Friday, April 29, 2016
Nemacolin Country Club
Route 40, Beallsville, PA
7:45 AM - 9:00 AM Breakfast Briefing,
Golf to follow (very limited)
Presenting Sponsor: Community Bank

RSVP: Washington County Chamber of Commerce at 724-225-3010 or register on line at www.washcochamber.com

MVH DAY AT SALATINO'S RIVER HOUSE CAFÉ TO BENEFIT AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources, Inc. is partnering with a popular Charleroi restaurant to host a fun — and filling — fundraiser. Monongahela Valley Hospital Day at **Salatino's River House Café** — which is open to the public — is set for Thursday, April 7, from noon to 10 PM. Ten percent of all the food sales during the event will be donated to the Auxiliary, which raises funds that are used for patient care at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

MVH President and CEO Louis J. Panza Jr. will serve as guest bartender from 3:30 to 6 PM. The event will also feature a specialty basket raffle. All of the funds in the bartender tip jar will also be donated to the Auxiliary.

Located at 506 McKean Avenue, Salatino's River House Café offers dine-in, take out or delivery.

"The Auxiliary is grateful to Salatino's River House Café for providing us this opportunity to raise funds for Monongahela Valley Hospital," said Auxiliary Services Manager Janet Cieply.

For more information, contact 724-258-1090.





Tuesday, April 12 , 2016

11:45 AM -1:00 PM Lunch Begins Promptly at Noon!

Monongahela Valley Hospital Lombardi Conference Center

1163 Country Club Road Monongahela, PA 15063

\$15.00/Member \$18.00/Non Member

*parking token included

No on-site registrations, please!

Sponsorship Available - call Kim or Deb 724-483-3507

Chamber LUNCHEON



Speaker Patrick G. O'Brien

Sr. Exec. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer



"Noble Professions Need Servant Leaders"

TELEPHONE 724-483-3507 OR FAX 724-489-1045 BY Friday, April 8, 2016
OR PLEASE TRY OUR EASY ON-LINE REGISTRATION!—www.mvrchamber.org

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-SOLD-	Front Inside Cover	4-½"w x 7-¼"h	\$400.00
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	Full Page	4-1/2"w x 7-1/4"h	\$300.00
	Half Page	4-½"w x 3-½"h	\$200.00
	Quarter Page	2-1/8"w x 3-1/2"h	\$125.00
	Eighth Page	2-1/8"w x 1-3/4"	\$75.00
	Ad Design	Additional charge	\$20.00

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Please use the same ad as last year.

 I am indicating my ad size and enclosing my ad information to have an ad designed by chamber staff. (Additional \$20.00 charge)

RESERVE SPACE ASAP!

Ad space is limited and available on a first comefirst serve basis. The deadline for ad reservations is April 15, 2016.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADS

- JPEG or PDF format preferred
- Fonts—please embed in pdf files All ads submitted are subject to the approval of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Want help designing your ad?

Contact Kim at 724-483-3507 or e-mail members@mvrchamber.org Additional \$20.00 fee applies.

Submit ad to members@mvrchamber.org

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Payment: □Check □V	/ISA □MasterCard □Discover
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Billing Address	
Signature	

Make checks payable to: Mon Valley Regional Chamber

One Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022

For questions or more information contact Kim Kopec at members@mvrchamber.org or 724-483-3507. Reserve your space today!

FAX TO 724-489-1045

Deadline APRIL 15, 2016

PLEASE NOTE: Advertising must be paid in full within 60 days of publication date.







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Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!



Watch the US mail, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter and website for information on all upcoming events!

www.mvrchamber.org

Tuesday, April 12, 2016—Chamber Luncheon, Monongahela Valley Hospital, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM. See page 10 for details.

Friday, April 15, 2016—Chamber Directory deadline. All listing updates are DUE!

Wednesday, April 20, 2016—Chamber Board Retreat, California University of PA, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Friday, April 29, 2016—First Swing Breakfast Briefing, Nemacolin Country Club, 7:45 AM—9:00 AM, Golf to follow.

Tuesday, May 10, 2016—Chamber Luncheon, TBD, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM.

Thursday, June 2, 2016—Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament, Nemacolin Country Club, 8:00 AM Registration, 9:00 AM Shotgun Start.

