

Regional Reporter

Volume 16, Issue 118 MAY, 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Mon Valley once again is an up-and-coming region with vibrant communities and it's definitely coming back to life. The Mon Valley's Main Streets are thriving. Small locally-owned businesses occupy the storefronts. Broad Avenue, McKean Avenue and West Main Street are populated with shops and restaurants providing high quality goods and services.

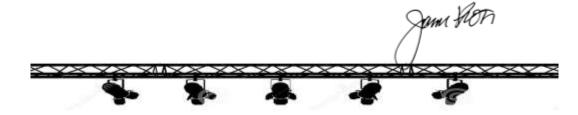


Developing downtown business districts is sound economic development practice, in addition to generating short-term economic activity in the form of retail sales and dinners out. Over time, it also raises the value of the buildings in the area, which generates greater long-term tax revenue for the community.

With a thriving locally-based economy, complimented by corporate investment and local government partnerships we will succeed in creating sustainable jobs and sustainable economic prosperity.

The Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Outing is Thursday, June 2nd at beautiful Nemacolin Country Club. Each year this event attracts Chamber members and guests from around the region for a day of golf and networking. The MVRCC's annual golf outing has become one of Washington County's most prestigious business networking events. I look forward to seeing you there!

James Protin, President



In the Chamber Spotlight...

April—Mornak Excavation, Inc.
May—David Davis Communications, Inc.

See the stories on page 4.

Inside this issue:	
New Members & Renewals Member Spotlights	2-3 4
Young Professionals of the Mon Valley	5
Member News	6-7
PrePaid Legal Planning for Profits	Insert Insert



Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

One Chamber Plaza Charleroi, PA 15022

724-483-3507 Fax: 724-489-1045 E-mail: members@mvrchamber.org website: www.mvrchamber.org

President: James Protin
V. President: Atty. Rick Mudrick
Secretary: David Galloni
Treasurer: Milton Kubik
Executive Board: Armand Ferrara
Executive Board: Diann Donaldson

Chamber Staff: Executive Director: Debra Keefer Special Assistance: Donna Angelo

We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

AFLAC-Independent Agent

Beth Fronzaglio 21 Yankosky Road, Charleroi, PA 15022 724-344-6268 Insurance/Voluntary Benefits

ArcelorMittal Monessen, LLC

Randi Quattro 345 Donner Avenue, Monessen, PA 15062 724-684-1006 Manufacturer

Cialone's Business Services

Ruth Cialone 128 Thompson Avenue, Donora, PA 15033 724-379-5558 Personal Business Assistant

Confluence Financial Partners

Neil Rongaus
1000 Noble Energy Drive, Ste 240
Canonsburg, PA 15317
724-271-8808
www.raymondjames.com/confluencefp
Financial Planning/Wealth Management

Fay-Penn Economic Development Council

Bob Shark 1040 Eberly Way, Suite 200 Lemont Furnace, PA 15456 724-437-7913 www.faypenn.org Non-Profit

Kevin Gallagher Consulting

Kevin Gallagher 1037 Belfield Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 610-955-4521 Environmental & Financial Consulting

Pete Jenkins Tax, Accounting & Financial Services

Pete Jenkins 1294 Route 837, Monongahela, PA 15063 724-379-6370 Tax/Accounting & Investments

Magnolia Law, PLLC

Stephanie Rosser
PO Box 985, Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-984-9682
www.magnolialawpllc.com
Attorneys—Oil & Gas

Mutual Trust Insurance Solutions

Mary Oler 48 Nickman Plaza, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456 724-207-3506 Insurance

New Coat Paving & Sealing

Tammy Kalkbrenner
15 Kirchner Drive, South Park, PA 15129
412-295-2942
www.newcoatpaving.com
Contractor

Pure Green Energy, LLC

Michael Austin, Sr.
440 Center Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022
724-518-1089
www.puregreenenergyllc.com
Environmental, Health & Safety Consulting

Toast To Our Stars

Rick Hyk 720 Locust Lane, North Charleroi, PA 15022 724-929-3853 www.toasttoourstars.org *Non-Profit*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

UpStage Studio

Lisa Behanna 435 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022 724-797-3562 Performing Arts

WesBanco

Jennifer Bibb 312 Beverly Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 412-902-3012 www.wesbanco.com Banking/Financial Services *These new members and renewals only reflect dues received between March 15 and May 17, 2016. If your business sent in dues earlier in the year, your listing appeared in the January and March newsletters.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEMBER RENEWALS*

68 Years Dee's Cricket

15 Years Channel Craft & Distribution, Inc. Subway/TCBY

10 Years Action Coach Business Coaching Mary Ducato, DPM

5 Years
Badzik Printing Service, Inc.
The Challenge Program
Fayette Waste, LLC
Havencrest SNF
Larry Maggi, Washington Co. Commissioner
Mary, Mother of the Church
Studio K Nail Salon/Day Spa

All Others
Edward Jones Investments
First Commonwealth Bank
Lowe's Home Improvement

MVRCC WELCOMES NEW MEMBER NEW COAT PAVING & SEALING

Begun in 2010 as New Coat Sealing Services and expanding into New Coat Paving & Sealing, owners Tamara Kalkbrenner and Floyd Stangroom of the Finleyville area, along with Rick Meek of Monongahela have taken great pride in providing quality work to hundreds of satisfied customers in the Mon Valley and Southwestern PA. Together, they share combined experience; Floyd (31 years) as a paving company superintendent, Rick (22 years) as a paver screw operator and laborer, and Tamara (28 years) of accounting and business experience.

New Coat Paving & Sealing's services include asphalt paving and sealcoating, crack sealing and repairs, pavement paint markings and installation of reflective rubber wheel stops.

New Coat Paving & Sealing is fully insured and offer free estimates. Examples of their work can be seen on their website: www.Newcoatpaving.com. Phone: 412-295-2942.





April Member Spotlight MORNAK EXCAVATION, INC.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to recognize Mornak Excavation, Inc. in the April Member Spotlight. They are a long time family-owned and operated business located in Rostraver Township. They specialize in excavation, (residential, commercial and municipal), utility lines, snow removal and landscaping, in addition to a long list of related services they can deliver to you with efficiency and integrity. Call them at 724-929-7203 for your next earth moving project!

Seen here (left to right) is David and Denise Mornak, owners, and son Dane, daughter Dena, and son David. Mornak Excavation is a MVRCC member and sponsor since 2004. Denise is one of our favorite volunteers at the Bassi Golf Tournament and Dena pitches for the Chamber softball team.





May Member Spotlight DAVID DAVIS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

David Davis Communications, Inc. started in 1983, is Western PA's premier technology provider. Their objective is complete customer satisfaction. And to bring to you unsurpassed value and innovative technology that will increase your profitability and give you a competitive advantage.

David Davis is a customer-driven and results-oriented technology company. The experienced staff is ready to assist you with all the phases of the planning, design, installation, and maintenance of your data, voice, and security systems. David Davis Communications provides timely professional service for all of its customers' local and remote needs. The office and technical staff are employees, not subcontractors, and have grown as technology has changed, but the key to their success has remained the same - knowledge and commitment.

The MVRCC is pleased that this firm is committed to the community. They have been a member since 2002 and have continually remained connected to the organization. Mike Joos is a former Board member, and both David Davis and Mike have participated in the Leadership Washington County Chamber scholarship program and the Melvin Bassi Golf Outing. Please visit DDC on line at www.ddc-inc.com or call at 724-348-5463. They

www.ddc-inc.com

are located at 84 Walter Long Road in Finleyville.



L to R:: Mike Joos-Vice President, Steve Dobrick-Operations Coordinator, Julie Cardello-Client Care Representative, Paul Harshall-Project Manager, Mark Ingold-Reginal Sales Representative, Daniel Foyle-Customer Relations Specialist, and (seated) David Davis-President



It's hard to believe that the first half of 2016 is coming to a close! This winter was an exciting time for YPMV. This winter, we took some time make a few necessary organizational changes. While were somewhat quiet during this period, we still managed to host a successful fundraiser for **Charleroi's Harvest Bounty** program. At this event we raised over \$1,600 for the program! As we turn the page into the second

half of 2016, I want to make everyone aware of the exciting happenings coming from the Young Professionals of the Mon Valley this summer.

On June 16th at 6:00PM, we will be holding our next Social networking mixer at the outdoor space of The Bar in Monongahela. This is a free event, open to members and guests alike. If you are a young professional, or you know a young professional that may be interested, I invite you to come out and mix and mingle with our group. These events are great opportunities to network with the areas young professionals. We would love to tell everyone more about the benefits of a \$50 investment into YPMV membership! (\$25 if you are a MVRCC member).

YPMV is moving full steam ahead! We will begin a bimonthly schedule of social events. Throughout the year, we will also be hosting a number of professional development and community engagement events. Be sure to mark your calendars for our August 18th social event at Fourth Street BBQ at 6:00PM. Our regular schedule of events will be posted to our website launching soon, but you can always keep with us on our Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and invite all of you to join in as we "attract, retain, and develop the next generation of Mon Valley professionals"!

Ryan Galiotto, Chairman



COMMITTEES

<u>Executive Committee</u>—Ryan Galiotto, Alyssa Mendola, Tanya Chaney, Melanie Nagy, Ashley Altemare

Marketing

Ashley Altemare <u>aaltemare@mmvta.com</u>

<u>Membership</u>

Melanie Nagy Melzer 82@msn.com

Community Engagement

John Barkey ijbarkey1979@yahoo.com

Social Events

Brody Carcellacarcellabt@gmail.com

Professional Development

Justin Brovey jbrovey@communitybank.tv

Special Events

Matt Shorraw mshorraw@gmail.com





Register your Foursome TODAY! Space is limited and selling out quickly! Call 724-483-3507, email members@mvrchamber.org or go to www.mvrchamber.org for more information.

MEMBER NEWS

THE AUXILIARY OF MON-VALE HEALTH RESOURCES, INC. HOSTS ANNUAL LINEN INGATHERING LUNCHEON

The members of the Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources, Inc. are always busy raising money for Monongahela Valley Hospital. From operating the Gift Shop to planning and working the seasonal festivals and merchandise/food sales, the Auxilians are present at the hospital daily.



More than 100 people attended the Linen Ingathering hosted by Auxiliary of Mon-Vale Health Resources, Inc. at Monongahela Valley Hospital on May 2.

On May 2, the Auxiliary hosted its traditional Linen Ingathering Luncheon in the Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center to raise funds for the Hospital. Many years ago, the event began as a tea but has grown into a full luncheon that is enjoyed by many.

"Tradition is important to not only the Auxiliary but the entire Mon Valley region," said Auxiliary President Kay Blair. "When the Linen Ingathering Tea was first introduced, its purpose was to raise funds to provide supplemental linens for the Hospital's use. However, throughout the years the Hospital's needs changed, but we still hold a luncheon that we call the Linen Ingathering to raise funds for the purchase of patient care equipment and items."

LEADERSHIPWASHINGTON COUNTY CLASS OF 2016





Diane Holder, West Penn Power, is this year's Chamber scholarship recipient. Graduation ceremonies ore on May 26.

Leadership Washington County Class of 2016 are: Sitting left to right: Stephanie Masters- Strength Finders Instructor for the LWC class Jennifer Bigi Standing in the first row left to right: Jodi Lignelli, Judith Bee, Joyce Andrechak, Jaclyn Gavlak, Bob Rak, Jacob Lippert, Ruth Anne Williams, Brody Carcella, Christopher Jursa Standing in the back row left to right: Stephanie Wagoner, Patrick Fazzini, John Koontz, Casey Clark, Jamie Yancich, Diane Holder, Christopher Watters

GARDNER DENVER NASH EXPANDS BUSINESS

Excerpts from an article by Christopher Buckley Herald-Standard

Driving eastbound on Interstate 70, the lights are visible on the hill above the Bentleyville exit. "From Washington heading east, they're one of the first things you see when you come into the Valley," said John LaCarte, vice chairman of the Mon Valley Alliance. They are the lights of the businesses along the hillside where Alta Vista business park is located in Fallowfield Township. And those lights — and the developing number of businesses they represent — are growing.

Gardner Denver Nash held traditional ribbon-cutting ceremonies marking the third expansion of their facility in Alta Vista. The expansion includes a 4,157-square-foot research and development test center and marine operations facility.



Engineer Wilson Gaibor leads a tour of the Nash research and development lab. The MVRCC was a part of the ribbon cutting celebrating the expansion

Gardner Denver Nash is joined in Alta Vista, which literally means "a view from above" by Weatherford, Progeny Systems and Scientific Drilling. The park was opened in 2002 by the Middle Monongahela Industrial Development Association. MIDA and the Mon Valley Progress Council consolidated effective April 1, creating the Mon Valley Alliance.

CHANNEL CRAFT MAKES INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF PENNSYLVANIA

Channel Craft & Distribution owned by Dean Helfer and located in North Charleroi, recently made a donation to the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education. This gift will enable the Foundation to award one full and a partial scholarship to local high school sophomores or juniors to attend the Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week 2016.

In a letter thanking Channel Craft from PFEW's Karen Musante, Vice President and COO stated, "Dean, your gift is truly an investment in the future of Pennsylvania and the nation as we endeavor to teach our future leaders to both celebrate and understand our private enterprise system. We all know the issues that face our country's private sector and we must educate our youth, our most precious resource, about what free enterprise means to the quality of life for all of us. Your support of our mission is absolutely invaluable and I hope you feel some much deserved pride in knowing that you are truly helping shape a positive future for all of us."

To learn more about Free Enterprise Week check out their website at: www.pfew.org

BEER-A-MID IS GROWING!!! TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! ONLY 500 WILL BE SOLD AT \$5.00/EACH

A Beer-A-Mid is being built with 12-pack donations from our generous members. Bring in your favorite crafty or domestic beer to help grow the Beer-A-Mid!

We will give away the beer on June 27 via a ticket that has TWO numbers that play on the PA Lottery. Tickets are going fast! Get yours at the Chamber office, Maple Creek Distributors, or from any member of the Chamber Membership Committee.

Beer Donations
to Date
Armando's Pizza
LegalShield
Steel Dog
Construction
Reliance Business
Solutions, Inc.
Higher Images Inc
Villella Remodeling,
LLC
Visugroup









"Serving the Business Community Since 1921"

REGIONAL REPORTER
One Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022
724-483-3507
members@mvrchamber.org
Return Service Requested



724-483-3507

www.mvrchamber.org

Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!



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

www.mvrchamber.org

Monday, May 30, 2016—Chamber Office Closed—Memorial Day

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

Tuesday, June 14, 2016—Joint Luncheon with GRC—The Willow Room Candidates for PA House of Representatives 49th and 58th District Meet the Candidates Beginning at 11:15am, Lunch and Forum, Noon—1:00PM

Thursday, June 16, 2016—Young Professionals Social Networking Event

Wednesday, June 22, 2016—Chamber Board Meeting, Chamber Conference Room, 8:00 AM.

Monday, June 27, 2016—Chamber BEER —A-MID Ticket Drawn on Pa. Daily Lottery

Monday, July 4, 2016—Chamber Office Closed—Independence Day



SAVE THE DATES

Thursday, September 8, 2016—MVRCC Annual Awards Event Saturday, November 19, 2016—Steel City / Chamber Comedy Night Wednesday, December 7, 2016—Chamber Christmas Party