



Mon Valley Community Night

Friday, July 14th @ 7:05pm
Fireworks Friday & Free Shirt Friday

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce invites all community members to share a night of Minor League baseball with the Washington Wild Things. Ticket proceeds will be donated to the Chamber, for programs that benefit the Mon Valley area. Arrive early, as the first 1000 fans receive a FREE T-Shirt!

Name:	Section/Ticket	# of People	Price/Ticket	Total
Address:	Mon Valley Ticket		\$10	
City:				
State:	Zip:	ORDER TOTAL		
Phone:	Payment: _____ Credit Card _____ Check _____ Cash (Make checks payable to Washington Wild Things)			
E-mail:	Card #:	Exp. Date:		

Seating based on availability.
 For reservations or questions contact
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10TH ANNUAL BASSI TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS!



The 1st Place Team from Davies Ford are left to right: Pat Calvaresi, Derek White, Jim Davies and Marty Rottler

The 10th Annual Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the Nemacolin Country Club in Beallsville. 120 golfers participated in the sell out event, and sponsorships were also sold out. The First Place Team with a score of 60 was Davies Ford. Longest Drive contest was won by Derek White and Jim Galligani, Longest Putt(s), Art Guthrie and George Guseman and Closest to the Pin, John Van Eman and Doug Derrico.

Event Sponsor was Highway Appliance with cfsbank sponsoring the \$10,000 Hole In One Contest and Stoney's Brewing as the Beer Sponsor. They were joined by more than 50 additional sponsors. A hockey stick putting contest, and a Money Wall that paid out \$1,040 to the winner were featured as fund raising activities throughout the day. See more info on pages 8 and 9.

CHAMBER ENJOYS BUSY YEAR.....



John LaCarte of Stoney's Beer at Chamber's June Luncheon....

MVRCC Hosts Washington, Westmoreland and Fayette County Commissioners



Ribbon cuttings at MMV Transit Authority CNG fueling station and cfsbank's new Southpointe location



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 Executive Director: Debra Keefer
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We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

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Vickie L. Carolla, Director of Hospice Operations
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100 Stoops Drive, Suite 300
Monongahela, PA 15063
724-483-4109 Hospice
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www.amedisys.com
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Bud Cook, PA State Representative

55 Gosai Drive, Suite 112, Bentleyville, PA 15134
855-271-9380
www.repbudcook.com
Elected Official

Community College of Allegheny County

Charlene Newkirk
1750 Clairton Road, West Mifflin, PA 15122
412-469-6301
www.ccac.edu
Colleges/Higher Education

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Charleroi, PA 15022
724-263-6682
Disc Jockey

Evans Painting

Tom Evans
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724-344-4984
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Contractor

Face2Face Marketing

Scott McAfee
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527 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022
724-243-8358
Tattoo & Piercing

Mackin Engineering Company

James Protin, Jr.
530 McKean Avenue
Charleroi, PA 15022
412-721-0620
www.mackinengineering.com
Engineer

Major Love Daycare LLC

Holly Parrish/Donna Majors
600 Donner Avenue
Monessen, PA 15062
724-314-8169
www.majorlovedaycare.com
Daycare

Mission Homestead

Allison Yeckel
102 Lusk Road Ext.
Bentleyville, PA 15314
724-884-3754
Non-Profit

Perked Up Café

Casey Clark
530 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022
724-565-1459
Restaurant/Take Out



2017 Chamber Awards Event!

Thursday, September 7, 2017

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, Monongahela Valley Hospital

2017 HONOREES

Shining Star Award: Deborah Buck, Audrey's Custom Draperies

Outstanding Business Development Award: Prima Diva Boutique

Excellence in Business Award: DeRienzo Family Practice

Regional Service Award: Harvest Bounty Program/Charleroi Area Teachers Assoc.

We are offering the following sponsorships that include:

- Listing in the awards program
- Acknowledgement at the podium and mentions in pre-event publicity.
- All sponsor names will be listed on the "BIG SCREEN" in the conference center.
- A table will be provided for company literature in the reception area.

Please select from the following:

☐ Event Sponsors – \$600

Receives all items listed above in addition to four (4) reservations.
Event Sponsor has priority listing in all printed matter produced for the event.

☐ Presentation Sponsors – \$350

Reservations are additional

Please email to members@mvrchamber.org or fax to 724-489-1045

I wish to be a sponsor for the 2017 ANNUAL AWARDS EVENT

Company Name _____

Contact _____ Phone _____

(Please send company logo in jpeg format to members@mvrchamber.org)

☐ I WILL MAIL MY CHECK FOR \$_____ MADE PAYABLE TO:

☐ BILL MY CREDIT CARD: VISA__ MASTERCARD__ DISCOVER__ OTHER__
Total \$_____

Name on card _____
Billing Ad- _____

dress _____

Card Number _____
Expiration Date ____/____/____ Signature _____

Invitations will be mailed to
Chamber members in August.
Public will be invited.

MVRCC Announces 2017 Awards Recipients!

The Chamber will honor its finest at Monongahela Valley Hospital's Anthony Lombardi Education Conference Center on **Thursday, September 7, 2017** at its annual Awards Event. 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 NEXT PAGE for details.*

SHINING STAR AWARD

Deborah Buck
Audrey's Custom Draperies



OUTSTANDING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Prima Diva Boutique
Daneen Troup



EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD

DeRienzo Family Practice
Dr. Umberto DeRienzo



REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Harvest Bounty Program
Charleroi Area Teachers Association



Mid Year Opportunity to Join the Young Professionals

Semi-Annual Rate for NEW YPMV Members: Only \$25.00
You will be invoiced in January for the full amount (\$50.00) to renew your membership FOR 2018.

Semi-Annual Rate for Chamber Members: FREE!*
*Individuals who are employed
By members in good standing sign up
For the YPMV at no charge. (Subject to a \$25 renewal charge in 2018.)

ACCESS APPLICATION AT

WWW.YPMV.ORG

Questions?

724-483-3507



Do you want to network with local business and government professionals?

Are you interested in meeting similar like-minded young professionals in the area?

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!

- Networking
- Business Development
- Community Involvement
- Social Media Recognition
- Referrals
- Free Advertising
- Chamber Events
- Member Spotlights
- and much more!

Join the Young Professionals of the Mon Valley today!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

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Lannette McWilliams
121 N. Main Street, Suite 310
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-515-5251
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532 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022
724-710-0804
Winery

Quick Cuts & Hair Supply

Devona Carter
525 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022
412-501-7015
www.vagaro.com/quickcutsandhairsupply
Hair Salon

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED AS OF JUNE 10, 2017!**

We appreciate your prompt payments of your 2017 renewals.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEMBER RENEWALS*

50 Years

Charleroi Elks Club
Citizens Bank
Seals & DeMillion

5 Years

Garrow Canine Training
Havencrest SNF
Mary, Mother of the Church
Nemacolin Country Club
Northwood Realty/201 Associates
Riverhouse Café
Studio K Nail Salon/Day Spa
Susan Jo's Salon
Eugene A. Vittone, Washington Co.
District Attorney
Washington Wild Things

Higher Images

Janney Montgomery Scott
Jazzy Boutique
Mutual Trust Insurance Solutions
MV Transportation
Patriot One, Inc.

30 Years

PNC Bank

15 Years

Kidney Disease & Hypertension Assoc.
Mon Valley Care Center

10 Years

ActionCoach Business Coaching
Amcom Office Systems
Chester Engineers
Coulson's Sales & Service
GE Grid
Joseph's Nursery & Garden Center
Legal Shield

All other Renewals

Aquatorium Innovations
Bee Graphix
Brunswick Zone
Duke of Oil
Edward Jones Investments
Four Points BBQ
Greater Washington County Food Bank
Greenhouse Winery





Member Spotlight—COMMUNITY BANK

Pat McCune, president and CEO of **Community Bank**, likes to point out that Community Bank, “with a capital ‘C,’ capital ‘B,’” feels an obligation to epitomize all that comprises a community bank, “lower-case ‘c,’ lower-case ‘b.’”

For Community Bank, a 116-year-old financial institution, formed in 1901 with the “founding philosophy of ‘neighbor helping neighbor’ and that’s what we do every day.” This ingredient is part of why Community Bank was named among the Top 200 community banks by American Banker Magazine in 2016, soon after their fall of 2014 closing of its merger with First Federal Savings Bank. In 2015, they were also awarded the Bauer Financial “Five Star Award” for outstanding performance and safety, augmented by an award from Sandler O’Neill as one of the top 34 community banks in the U.S.

Community Bank leaders started the “Community Bank Cares” program in March 2014. With each direct loan of more than \$50,000, the customer can designate a charity that the bank then donates \$100 to, in unrestricted funds. Nonprofits—both local and national, schools, fire companies, and more, have benefited from this Community Bank-to-customer-to-charity pipeline.

Another beneficiary of the bank’s generosity was the Graham Street Park, now known as the “North Belle Vernon Community Bank Park.” This park is now a multi-sport venue with updated facilities, a new handicapped-accessible playground and security upgrades to keep the park safe for families.

Based in Greene County in the town of Carmichaels, the locally owned and operated bank’s service area stretches into Allegheny, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland Counties, also serving customers to the south and west of Pittsburgh, with 16 offices.



Pictured left to right: Ashley Lewis, Branch Manager (Monongahela Branch), Lizzette Sterner, Branch Manager (Monessen Branch), Brook Gardner, VP Commerical Relationship Officer (Rostraver Branch), and Jody Krett-Maund, Branch Manager (Rostraver Branch).



NEW BUSINESS—MAJOR LOVE DAYCARE

The **Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce** was on hand to help celebrate the opening of **Major Love Daycare**, located at 600 Donner Avenue in Monessen. Major Love Daycare provides a unique and safe learning environment that focuses on the child, as well as the family. The 24-hour facility concentrates on furthering children's Mental, Emotional, Physical, and Spiritual (MEPS) abilities to help them succeed throughout their lives.

The facility is owned by Donna Majors and Holly Parrish. Please find out more about Major Love Daycare and their dedicated, experienced staff at www.majorlovedaycare.com or by calling 724-243-2300 for a tour today.

Seen here is **Charlie Batch**, former Pittsburgh Steeler and cousin of owner, **Donna Majors**, owner, **Holly Parrish**, owner, **Lou Mavrakis**, Mayor of Monessen, and **Debbie Buck**, Chamber Executive Committee.



SCENES FROM THE MELVIN B. BASSI GOLF TOURNAMENT



Golf Committee and Volunteers Left to right (back) Jeff Mendola, Waddell and Reed, Jim Protin, Mackin Engineering, Denise Mornak, Mornak Excavation, Milt Kubik, Donna Angelo, Chamber Staff (front) Deb Keefer, Chamber Director, Diann Donaldson, Reliance Business Solutions, Jenn Bibb, WesBanco, Kristine Hall, Chamber Staff and J.J. Georgagis, Committee Chair. Missing from photo is Trish Brickner, PaCareer Link, and Josie Pelzer, Rotolo Motors.

More photos can be found on the Chamber’s Facebook page.



The MVRCC Thanks All Supporters of the 2017 Bassi Tournament!



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Washington County Commissioners

~Golf Committee~
J.J. Georgagis, Keystone Bakery, Chairman*
Trish Brickner—PA CareerLink,
Mon Valley*
Diann Donaldson—Reliance Business
Solutions*
Denise Mornak, Mornak Excavation
Josie Pelzer, Rotolo Motors*
Milt Kubik*
Jeffrey Mendola—Waddell & Reed, Inc.*

The Golf Committee and Chamber Board are proud to present scholarships with proceeds from the outing to two students from our Mid Mon Valley High Schools attending:



Proceeds will also fund a scholarship to a Chamber member attending Leadership Washington County.

Door Prizes/Gifts Provided By:
Highway Appliance, Janney Montgomery
Scott, David Davis Communications and
Stoney's Brewing

~Volunteers~
Jennifer Bibb—WesBanco
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*Denotes Board Member

Thanks to the *Nemacolin Country Club Staff* for their superb service and professionalism.

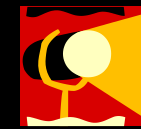
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Stablein's Wholesale

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Highway Appliance, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Nutrifections Services, LLC



Member Spotlight—SPARTAN HEALTH SURGICENTER

Spartan Health Surgicenter was named in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Member Spotlight for May. Spartan Health Surgicenter was founded and opened its doors to the Mon Valley communities in September 2005. Situated on the site of the former Mon Valley Catholic High School on Coyle Curtain Road in Carroll Township, it has provided state of the art outpatient surgical procedures to thousands of patients since inception.

Patrick Garman has been serving as the Administrator of the surgery center since November 2007 and leads a team of dedicated, highly experienced nurses and operating room technicians with over 300 years of combined experience. Patricia Monaghan has been Spartan's Director of Nursing for the past eight and a half years and brings over 30 years of nursing experience to Spartan's mission.

Dr. Vince Ripepi is the center's medical director, replacing his late father, Dr. Philip Ripepi, one of the original founders of the Spartan complex and neighboring Mon Valley Care Center, a licensed skilled nursing bed and assisted living facility.

Spartan surgical services include ophthalmology, gastroenterology, orthopedics, general surgery, pain management, dental/oral surgery, podiatry, and ENT (ear, nose & throat) procedures.

"Spartan is, at 15,000 square feet, one of the largest ambulatory surgery centers in SW Pennsylvania," said Garman. He added, "Spartan's patient satisfaction scores are close to 100% and the environment is very safe and efficient for physicians and patients. Spartan has also developed a recognized Center of Excellence for ophthalmology, where the entire spectrum of eye services are featured to include the very latest state of the art surgical procedures for cataract, glaucoma, and corneal transfers".

To learn more about Spartan or to schedule a tour, please call 724-483-2760.



Seen here is (left to right) Dr. Vince Ripepi, Medical Director, Patricia Monaghan, RN, Director of Nursing and Patrick Garman, MHA, Executive Administrator



NEW BUSINESS—LIONHEART TATTOO

The MVRCC welcomed new business and new Chamber member **Lionheart Tattoo** and owner **Christopher Henry** at their new location at **527 McKean Avenue in Charleroi**. Please visit **Lionheart** on Facebook at LionheartTattoo15022 or call 724-243-8358.

Seen here at festivities is (left to right) Jim Protin, MVRCC President, Casey Clark, Board Member, Deb Keefer, MVRCC Director, Edward Bryner, Charleroi Council, Mindy Petrone, Lionheart staff, Chris Henry, owner, Don Good, MVRCC Board Member, and Alan Benyak, Borough Solicitor





Member Spotlight—HAMPTON INN—BELLE VERNON

The **Hampton Inn Belle Vernon** was named in the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Member Spotlight for the month of June. The Hampton is located at 1525 Broad Avenue Extension in Rostraver Township, conveniently located just minutes from Interstate 70. The hotel has 71 guest rooms, 6 of which are whirlpool rooms. The amenities include a meeting room that accommodates 35 people, wired and wireless high speed internet, complimentary breakfast, a 24 hour business center, exercise facility and indoor pool. Also found at the Belle Vernon Hampton is Cloud Nine – the new Hampton Inn bed experience. And of course the 100% Hampton guarantee. General Manager Robyn Nobili says “Making You Happy Makes Us Happy!”



Pictured left to right Beverly Ritchie, Staff, Justin Patrick, Exec. Head of Housekeeping, Shane Aiello, Front Office Manager, Carly Sonafelt, Staff, Melissa Anthony, Staff, Heather Homa, Staff, Robyn Nobili, General Manager, Fred Weightman, Staff, and Aaron Jones, Staff.

The MVRCC is grateful for the hotel’s loyal membership since they opened their doors in 2006. Please call 724-929-8100 for more information, or make reservations at www.hilton.com/Hampton_Inn/Belle_Vernon.



NEW BUSINESS —PERKED UP CAFÉ



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce helped the Clark family to celebrate the opening of **Perked Up Café** on June 2, located at 530 McKean Avenue in Charleroi. The café offers a trendy-friendly atmosphere, free wifi and a variety of gourmet coffees and teas, home baked pastries, and sandwiches and salads.

Seen here (left to right) is Haley, Casey, Eric and Haden Clark with a host of family, friends and Chamber supporters. Casey is also the owner of “Off the Wall Arts” and houses eight businesses in

her downtown Charleroi properties. Perked Up Café can be reached at 724-565-1459, and please follow on Facebook for updates and menus.



NEW BUSINESS - QUICK CUTS & HAIR SUPPLY



The MVRCC recently helped to cut the ribbon at **Quick Cuts and Hair Supply** at 525 McKean Avenue in Charleroi. Quick Cuts is owned and operated by Devona Carter and is open seven days a week. Please call 412-501-7015 or get more information at www.vagaro.com/quickcutsandhairsupply.

Seen here left to right is Eric Clark, Casey Clark, Chamber Board member, Off the Wall Arts & Perked Up Cafe, Haley Clark, Christine Somaes, James Carter, Jr., Devona Carter, owner, Patricia Carter, Myjah Harrison, Monica Harrison, Jacqueline Kirkland, Chris Henry, LionHeart Tattoo, and Clarence Pettyjohn.



GRAND RE-OPENING—JAZZY BOUTIQUE

Mon Valley Regional Chamber joined **Jazzy Boutique** when they recently celebrated their grand re-opening at 1049 Broad Avenue in Belle Vernon. Owned by **Diann Donaldson**, the store is classified as an “upscale resale” shop, offering consignment sales and also new merchandise. The new location will also house **Reliance Business Solutions**, a merchant services company also owned by Diann Donaldson.

Seen here helping to cut the ribbon is (left to right) Alyssa Mendola, MVRCC Board, Ashley Altemare, MVRCC Membership Committee, Armand Ferrara, MVRCC Executive Committee, Alisha Hotchkiss, Jazzy staff, Rick Mudrick, MVRCC Vice President, Diann Donaldson, owner, Angela Rostchek Dacko, Office Manager, Reliance Business Solutions, Heather Cain, Jazzy staff, and April Cacia, WCCED. Jazzy Boutique is open every day, Monday through Friday 10-7, from 10-4 on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit them at www.jazzyboutique.rocks, and Facebook, or call (724) 243-3405 for more information.

