

LEANNA SPADA IS NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MON VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has announced that Leanna Spada will assume duties of Executive Director of the organization, effective May 7, 2018. She will succeed Debra Keefer, who has held the post for 21 years.



Leanna Spada

She has been working in an administrative support role since February at the Chamber, according to Armand Ferrara, Chamber President. "We have been totally impressed with her people skills and understanding of our program of work," said Ferrara.

"Leanna comes from a family rooted in community service," said Deb Keefer, retiring Director. "She has so many qualities that make her perfect for the position and I am absolutely thrilled with the Board's choice."

Spada lives in Charleroi, and comes to the Chamber with broad experience in the private sector in the insurance and human resources fields. She graduated magna cum laude from California University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/ Human Resource Management, and has also owned and operated a business in downtown Charleroi called the Country Cottage.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be able to make a difference in the Mon Valley," said Spada, "and with the help of the Board and Deb Keefer, I hope to make the transition between Directors as seamless as possible," she added.

She is married to Derek Spada, and has two sons, Gino and Vito.

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Executive Director: Debra Keefer
Administrative Assistant: Leanna Spada
Financial Assistant: Donna Angelo

We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter.

In the Chamber Spotlight...

Gene-N-Boots Candies, Inc.
Southwestern PA Human Services, Inc.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*

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Charleroi Area School District
Charleroi Sweeper Center
Culligan Water Conditioning
PNC Bank
Valley Tire Company

25 Years

Charleroi Borough
McKnight Medical

20 Years

Channel Craft & Distribution
Charleroi Paint & Glass
RTS Packaging

15 Years

Campy's Pizza
Cupari Home Improvements
Gosai & Gandhi, MD
Kidney Disease & Hypertension Associates
Northwest Bank
Residence at Hilltop
Right Byte Computer Center
S.E. Technologies, LLC

MEMBER RENEWALS CONTINUED *

15 Years continued

Tri State Hydraulics, Inc.
Waddell & Reed, Inc.

10 Years

Amcom Office Systems
E.J. Burns Construction Company
Community Bank
David Davis Communications, Inc.
Double M's Pizza
Keystone Bakery
LegalShield
MarBill Diamonds & Jewelry
Mornak Excavation, Inc.
Riverside Dental Care
Rupert Chiropractic Clinic
Spartan Health Surgicenter
Transitional Paths to Independent Living
Villella Remodeling, LLC

5 Years

Anova Home Healthcare Services, Inc.
Aquatorium Innovations, Inc.
Ashcraft Records Management & Storage
Badzik Printing Service, Inc.
Belle Vernon Area School District
Blank Welding
Cabin Fever Inn B-B
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5 Years continued

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Peoples Natural Gas
Prima Diva Boutique
Reliance Business Solutions
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Susan Jo's Salon
Washington Wild Things

All other Renewals

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We appreciate your prompt
payments of your 2018 renewals.
We will continue listing renewals
in the upcoming newsletters.

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Saturday MAY 5th 2018 @ **BVA Derby Day**
Amulet Farms Race Track
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Member Spotlight GENE-N-BOOTS CANDIES, INC.

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber was pleased to announce one of Charleroi's oldest businesses, **Gene-N-Boots Candies, Inc.**, as the Member Spotlight during this year's Easter season. Founded in 1930 by two high school pals, Gene Madigan and his friend Boots, Gene and Boots was started from a single location in Charleroi selling popcorn and salted peanuts to the Coyle movie crowd. In addition to the Charleroi store at 522 Fallowfield Avenue, there are also five more locations in the surrounding area, one being the actual factory at 2939 Pittsburgh Road (Route 51) in Perryopolis.

Family owned and operated by Eric Ferguson who is a third generation Madigan, Gene and Boots now sell a multitude of new products and all of the old favorites. Hours of operation at the Charleroi location are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM with extended hours during the Easter holiday season. Please visit www.geneandboots.com to see their product line, additional locations and store hours. Whether it's your first visit or your traditional stop, please include Gene-N-Boots for your holiday shopping.



Pictured left to right: Bernadine Aten, Manager (Charleroi location) and Joann Kozura, Sales Clerk(Charleroi location)



Member Spotlight SOUTHWESTERN PA HUMAN SERVICES, INC.



Seen here, left to right is Luther Sheets, Chief Operating Officer, Jeff Mascara, Chief Executive Officer and Kelly Vavasori Chief Financial Officer

More than fifty years ago, a group of Mon Valley citizens joined together to develop an organized, collaborative network for the delivery of health and human services. After many transitions, a multi-corporate system consisting of **Southwestern Pennsylvania Human Services, Inc. (SPHS)** and eight affiliate corporations evolved. Today, SPHS provides the full range of management/administrative services and central oversight to a comprehensive health and human service provider system, which allows the affiliates to concentrate their energies on direct service delivery throughout the four county region of southwestern Pennsylvania.

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Their headquarters is located at 300 Chamber Plaza in Charleroi. To learn more about SPHS, their affiliates and services, please visit www.sphs.org.

SCENES FROM DEB'S ROAST & TOAST

Laughter, smiles and even a few tears were in abundance at **Deb Keefer's Retirement Roast & Toast** on Saturday, April 14th at the **Charleroi Elks Club**. Chamber President Armand Ferrara was the Master of Ceremonies for the event celebrating the illustrious career of the Chamber's retiring Executive Director. The Roasters poked some good-natured fun at our favorite Chamber lady. The slate of roasters included: Justin Forlini, Armando's Pizza; Denise Mornak, Mornak Excavation and lifelong friend; Vic Vitale, Vitale State Farm Insurance; Tom Villella, Jr., Villella Remodeling; Diann Donaldson, Reliance Business Solutions, Jeff Kotula, Washington County Chamber President; Donna Angelo, MVRCC & SPHS, Inc.; Tim Keefer, Deb's brother-in-law; Donn Henderson, and Bill Horrell, Jr., Mar-Bill Diamonds & Jewelry and high school pal. It was a "night to remember" according to Deb and one everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



More photos can be seen on the Chamber's Facebook page.

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Outing**

Thursday, June 7, 2018



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all upcoming events!*



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Tuesday, May 1, 2018—Chamber Breakfast, Nemacolin Country Club 7:45 AM—9:15AM.

See page 5 for details



Wednesday, May 16, 2018—Chamber Board Meeting 8:00 AM.

Thursday, June 7, 2018 —MVRCC Annual Golf Outing, Nemacolin Country Club

8:00 AM Registration, 9:00 AM Shotgun Start.

See insert for more information.

Wednesday, June 20, 2018—Chamber Board Meeting 8:00 AM.



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Chamber BREAKFAST



A Panel Discussion With Our County Commissioners

Larry Maggi, Chair—Washington County

Gina Cerilli, Chair—Westmoreland County

Vince Vicites, Chair—Fayette County

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Registration 7:45 AM

Breakfast and Program 8:00am—9:15am

Nemacolin Country Club

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