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Legends of Commerce Annual Golf Outing is Back!

We are excited to announce we will be having our Legends of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament this year. As many of you remember, we had to cancel last year due to the pandemic, but we are back and we promise it will be the best one yet! This year we are honoring the Lee Family. Be sure and join us at Nemacolin Country Club for a round of golf, refreshments throughout the day, prizes, half the take, a silent auction, and a chance to win not 1 but 2 cars, courtesy of Davies Ford and Rotolo Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram and a steak dinner!!! We will also be offering Stoney's Beer, Rollin Stogies Cigar Trailer, mini massages by Sol Wellness, and a silent auction with a chance to win a Nemacolin Golf Membership. So mark your calendars for June 3rd, and we will see you there!



Shawn, Dave, Mike and Kevin Lee

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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Brian A. Rudolph, DMD
514 Circle Drive
Rostraver Twp, PA



Dairy Queen
22 PA 33
North Charleroi, PA



SWC Realty
122 S. Main St
Washington, PA



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RENEWING MEMBERS*

50 +Years

Corelle Brands
Dee's Cricket
Guttman
Interstate Paper Supply Co.
Model Cleaners & Uniforms

40 +Years

Lee Supply Company
Monongahela Valley Hospital

30 +Years

Charleroi Area School District
Charleroi Borough
Charleroi Sweeper Center
Columbia Gas of PA
McKnight Medical
PNC Bank
Valley Tire Co. Inc.
Yohe Roofing

20 +Years

Channel Craft & Distribution
Cupari Home Improvements
RTS Packaging
Subway/TCBY

15 +Years

Ace Handyman Services
Affordable Health Insurance
Blueprints
Community Bank
Coulson's Sales & Services
DeLattre Corporation
Emerald Masonry & Construction LLC
Mornak Excavation, Inc.
PA Career Link-MonValley
Rotary Club of Charleroi
Solomon Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ford
Spartan Health Surgicenter
SPHS
Waddell & Reed, Inc.
Washington Symphony Orchestra

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWALS
THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM
JANUARY 17TH THRU APRIL 6TH,
2021!**

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**

10 +Years

Belle Vernon Area School District
BVA Federal Credit Union
Campy's Pizza
CASA for Kids, Inc
Garrow Canine Training
Havencrest SNF
Mon Valley Initiative
Pennatronics Corporation
Prima Diva Boutique
Studio K Nail Salon/Day Spa
United Way of Mon Valley

5 +Years

5th Street Escape Room
Advanced Orthopedics
Amcel Center Properties
ArcelorMittal Monessen, LLC
Bayshire Properties, LLC
Berkshire Hathaway HomeSvcs
EQT Corporation
Fallowfield Township
Gardner Denver Nash
Hampton Inn & Suites California
Janney Montgomery Scott
Jazzy Boutique
Leadership Washington County
Mon River Industrial Group, LLC
Mon Valley Academy for the Arts
Nemacolin Country Club
New Coat Paving & Sealing Company
New Leaf Recovery Services, PC
Observer Reporter
Washington Financial Bank

All Other Renewals

Allstate Bottino Financial
Ashley Shannon Photography
Big Barn Country Store
Big Fish Contracting
Bilsky Bruner Insurance
Cambridge Retirement Living, LLC
Cavcon Construction Company
Center for Fitness and Health
Challenge Program
Charthene Club
Comcast Business
Commercial Bank & Trust of PA
Community College Allegheny County
Culligan Water Treatment
Ferguson Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
Hopkins Agency
Jefferson Hospital
Lendmore Financial
Live, Laugh, Play, Learn, LLC
Marianna Outdoorsmen Asso.
Mochnaly Landscape and Design
Mon Valley Hose and Fitting
Monessen Salvation Army
Patton Electric, Inc.
Quality Pasta
Reynolds, Heather
Salon Seva
Santori Kitchen & Bath, Inc.
Sol Wellness Center
T-Rock Construction, Inc.
Tri-County Carpet Cleaning
Union Cleaners
Val's Distributing and Car Wash
Valdiserri's Bakery, LLC
Village Print Shop
Vintage & Vines
Williams/Laurel Highlands Insurance Group
Winslow Winery



Member Spotlight Solomon's Auto Group



This month the Mon Valley Regional Chamber's spotlight shines on a long-time member Solomon Auto Group. Solomon's is a local family-owned and operated business with over 40 years of experience. Norman Solomon opened the doors of his own business in 1993. Located in Carmicheals, he started out selling Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram. Since then he has expanded, in 2002, Norm opened a second location on Route 40 in Brownsville. Soon after came Solomon Ford directly across the street. Now operating four locations and bringing his daughter, Kelly Garofalo, and son, Todd Solomon aboard, Solomon's is truly a family-built business.

Within the last few years Solomon's has continued to grow, purchasing Fike Chevrolet in Masontown in 2018 and most recently, Phil Detwiler GMC, Buick in 2020 right before the pandemic hit. Solomon's is currently in the process of constructing a new state-of-the-art facility that will replace their Masontown branch and be home to three brands, Chevrolet, Buick, GMC. As Kelly Garofalo states, "These were perfect purchases for us, being family-run ourselves and being able to purchase family-run stores with over 40-50 years of experience was a great opportunity for us to help carry on the family tradition." The estimated date of completion for the new facility located at 1777 McClellandtown Road,

McClellandtown, PA, is projected for late spring/early summer. MVRCC is honored to be a part of the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony and celebration, stay tuned for the official announcement.

Even though the pandemic has been rough on everyone, Solomon's has been very fortunate to be able to return almost all of its staff back to work since the shutdown in early 2020. They have created numerous jobs for this area and will continue to do so with the expansion and new location. If you are looking for a great deal and friendly service from a family-oriented business, make sure to visit Solomon Auto Group. With four locations selling Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, Ram, Ford, Chevrolet, Buick, and GMC, there is definitely something for everyone. Give them a call at 724-785-8000 or visit them at www.solomonauto.com for more information.



Member Spotlight Zelenski's Prom and Bridal Shoppe



This month the Mon Valley Regional Chamber shines an extra bright spotlight on Zelenski's Prom and Bridal Shoppe. As one of our longest standing members, from their inception in 1923, we are beyond proud to have one of the oldest businesses in our community as part of our team. There is something to be said for a business that has been serving its customers since 1923 at the same location. Let's put this into perspective, Zelenski's Prom and Bridal Shoppe has 98 years of helping brides find the wedding gown of their dreams, girls find the perfect look for the prom, mothers find that special dress, making little girls feel like princesses in their flower girl and communion dresses, creating the perfect bridesmaid, and even the gentlemen find their perfect tuxedo for any event. They have watched their customers/friends grow up and at times they have had three generations of women who have purchased their wedding gowns with them. Zelenski's has become part of your family. This is truly what they pride themselves on, not only having extensive knowledge of the product but getting to know the client and the special look they want. With the latest styles and a large selection of sizes and colors you are guaranteed to find that perfect look.

Zelenski's is one of the longest standing bridal stores in the country. They have survived the great depression, recession and now a pandemic. Zelenski's has succeeded because the ladies that work there are sincere with their customers and go above and beyond for every friend that walks over the original marble "Zelenski's" as they enter. The pandemic was difficult for everyone; their hearts went out to the brides who had to postpone their wedding and the teens who missed their prom. Slowly as life returns to normal, they are excited to see 2021 PROM in full swing and brides saying "I DO".

"Saying yes" is of the utmost importance, and having fun while doing it is part of the journey. Zelenski's makes sure that choosing your dress is just as memorable as the event. The staff of Zelenski's would like to thank their generations of clientele for allowing them to be a part of your special day.

GOLF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – 2021
Legends of Commerce Golf Tournament
Honoring “The Lee Family”
June 3, 2021 – Nemaquin Country Club

Graphite Sponsors - \$600 (Includes 2 golfers)

- ✓ Cart Sponsor – **SOLD**
- ✓ Goody Bag Sponsor - **SOLD**
- ✓ Putting Contest Sponsor - **SOLD**
- ✓ Trophy/Prize Sponsor - **SOLD**
- ✓ Volunteer Sponsor - **SOLD**
- ✓ Dinner Sponsor – **SOLD**
- ✓ Silent Auction - **SOLD**

Iron Sponsors - \$300

- ✓ Beverage Sponsor - **SOLD**
- ☐ Morning Refreshment Sponsor
- ✓ Program Sponsor - **SOLD**
- ☐ Lunch Sponsor
- ☐ Mulligan Sponsor
- ☐ Registration Sponsor



☐ **Green Sponsors - \$150** (14"x22")

☐ **Tee Sponsors - \$100** (14"x14")

☐ **Silent Auction Donation** Silent Auction Items will have a sign with your logo and name next to item. Please let us know if you would like your item picked up or need arrangements to drop it off. (Value \$50 and up)

**All Sponsors receive signage, recognition in program, monthly publications and e-mails.*

☐ Golfers are \$150/Foursome is \$600

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2. _____ 4. _____

☐ Check made payable to MVRCC , 1 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022

☐ Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____ CVV _____

Name _____

Address _____

SPONSORS REMIT BY MAY 21ST ——— FOURSOMES BY MAY 27TH

Advertising Opportunity



Chamber Members!!!

We are very excited to bring this opportunity to your business.

Add your business logo to our chamber sign.

Our chamber will be rolling out new signs in our coverage areas in multiple phases. There will be 2 signs in our first phase which will be located at the entrance to Charleroi on Rt. 88 North, near the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi. The second will be at the North Belle Vernon I-70 exit ramp near Sunoco. Our next phase will include two more towns in our coverage area.



*Our signage will read : **SHOP LOCAL, EAT LOCAL, WORK LOCAL, LOVE LOCAL**

*Above is an example of the approximate design, sign size will be 12 ft x 11 ft

- **Each Space will be 2.5ft x 2.5ft**
- **Signage will be displayed for 2 years**
- **Advertising Opportunity that Exposes your business to thousands of consumers per month**
- **2 Signs choices available in our first phase
Belle Vernon or Charleroi**
- **13 Spaces Available on each sign**
- **Cost \$500 (Average cost only \$20 per month)**

Space is Limited!! First come First Serve Basis, call the chamber to secure your space, 724-483-3507 or email members@mvrchamber.org

COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP)

Grant Application Opens at Noon on March 15, 2021

On February 5, 2021, Governor Tom Wolf signed Act 1 of 2021, authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to allocate \$2.3 million in funding to Washington County for a grant program to provide financial relief to businesses with a primary activity in NAICS Code subsector 721 (Accommodations) and 722 (Food Service and Drinking Places).

Two local certified economic development organizations, the Washington Industrial Development Corporation (WIDC) – an affiliate of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce – and the Mon Valley Alliance (MVA) have partnered to administer this grant program in Washington County. This partnership between the WIDC and MVA will accept applications, review required documentation and make recommendations to the county for grants to eligible county businesses.

The eligibility, application requirements, program design, and program administration are all developed from the text of Act 1 of 2021. To download a copy of the full program guidelines or to apply online go to www.washcogrant.com/

The application window for this program will open at Noon on Monday, March 15th, 2021 and remain open until all available grant funds have been awarded as stipulated by the legislation.



This project was financed by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE!

for FAYETTE COUNTY restaurants, hotels, caterers, bars, pubs, campgrounds, food trucks ... and possibly others!

If your hospitality business has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible to receive grant funding from Fayette County through Pennsylvania's COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP).

Basic eligibility criteria: (not all inclusive)

Located in Pennsylvania (Fayette County businesses will apply through Fay-Penn. Other counties have their own programs.)

For-profit (Non-profits may be eligible for the federal PPP and EIDL programs. Call Fay-Penn to learn more.)

Provide accommodations, food, or drink to the public. (NAICS codes beginning with 721 or 722. Some 312 NAICS codes may also be eligible. See www.naics.com)

Fewer than 300 employees and less than \$15 million in business net worth per establishment.

Fay-Penn is accepting applications on behalf of Fayette County on a phased, rolling basis until available funding is exhausted. The Phase I application period is open now through 5:00 PM Eastern, April 15, 2021. Grant amounts awarded will depend on the number of applicants and their reported need. The minimum grant award is \$5,000. If funding remains unawarded after Phase I, Phase II will be announced, etc. Note, however, that Fayette County has over 550 potentially eligible businesses. It is anticipated that funding will go quickly.

Applications can be downloaded from www.faypenn.org/chirp or requested by calling 724.437.7913 or emailing info@faypenn.org



CHAMBER VISITS

Lucy was out and about visiting our members for Valentines Day. Look for Lucy to visit your business soon.



Joseph's Nursery
Monessen



By George
Monessen



Sol Wellness Center
Rostraver Twp



River House, Charleroi



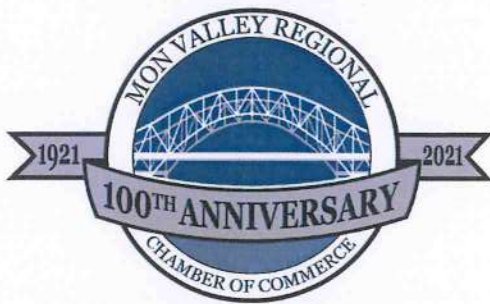
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OFFICE SPACES FOR RENT

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. Includes 3 offices, approximately 600 sq ft. All utilities are included except phone and internet. Adjacent free parking. Call 724-483-3507 for more details.



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

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