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Happy New Year!

As we close out 2021, our 100th year of operation we couldn't be more pleased. The undying support and dedication our chamber receives from all of you, our members, is beyond measure.

Thank you to each and every one of you who sponsored and/or attended our events throughout this past year, the success of these events could not happen without your support.

We know how difficult these past few years have been for everyone and it was so nice to be able to see some of your smiling faces in person this year as we were able to get back to in person events. We hope we can continue to host our events in person this coming year, but no matter the circumstances we will make every effort to continue our outreach and support of our members and the community. We have many exciting events we are planning for 2022 and we will continue to add services to provide value to our members. We will work tirelessly to create a climate for economic development, encourage new business investment, grow existing business investment, and support educational programs as well as promote tourism of our area. We are here to serve as your voice in creating a strong regional economy where we all can live and thrive.

On behalf of the Chamber Board of Directors, Melissa, and myself we would like to wish our members a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year! We look forward to this year with excitement and enthusiasm as to what lies ahead.

Here's to a great year!

Leanna Spada

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Chamber Staff:

Executive Director: Leanna Spada

Executive Assistant: Melissa Trombley

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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter.

New Memberships

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church

119 St. Spyridon Lane
Monessen, PA 15062
724-684-5411
www.stspyridon.com

Sharon Oliver

110 Linda Court
Canonsburg, PA 15317
412-310-1018

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Alia Wiant
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724-466-1584

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1 Washington Federal Way

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Sweets by Mrs. C

Heidi Hoffman

260 West Main Street

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724-292-8392

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Camel Coffee Company

Kalie Davis-Llewellyn

1309 Fayette Ave

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

724-562-9852

Shortbread City

Designer Desserts

Chef Tiffanie Rawlins

615 Summitt Ave

Monessen, PA 15062

469-388-2797

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Façade Program

The Charleroi Design Committee operating in conjunction with the MVRCC, is still continuing to offer its Façade Improvement Grant Program to assist business and property owners in Charleroi. The Phase IV portion of this program is focused on improving the appearance of the facades of commercial buildings in the Borough and leverages private dollars by reimbursing the property owner for half of their project cost. The funding for the program is provided by the Washington County Local Share Account (created by gaming revenues). This program is now in the fourth phase which will be coming to a close in June of 2022. There is still time and money left to help businesses and building owners who are looking to improve the façade of their business. In the first three phases of the grant program, the Chamber distributed \$146,226.21, representing \$320,159.01 in facade improvements to 44 properties within the community. So far phase four has distributed over \$25,000 in grants and helped 15 more properties. The program is designed to stimulate investment, sales and other economic activities. It also helps to enhance the existing character of the buildings and to stimulate economic and community development by increasing property values in the Borough. The Design Committee will review applications for a maximum grant amount of \$5,000.00 per property. Minimum grant is \$1,000 per property, i.e., must be at least \$2,000 investment. The applicants must show proof of payment to their contractors and suppliers to be reimbursed under the grant guidelines. Guidelines and applications can be e-mailed by request to lspada@mvrchamber.org or by calling 724-483-3507. Leanna Spada, Chamber Director is the Grant administrator, and Debbie Buck is the Design Committee Chairman.





Ribbon Cuttings



The Mon Valley Regional Chamber was honored to be a part of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Charleroi Area Public Library. An open house was held to commemorate their new name (previously John K Tenor Library) and the new upgrades to their facility along with the outside facade of the library. Also, another exciting addition to announce was the new Librarian for the Charleroi Area Public Library, Regina Carson Stottlemeyer.

Caption L to R: 1st row: Brian Tirpak, Senator Camera Bartolotta's office; Barbara Pepper, Library Board; Regina Carson Stottlemeyer, Librarian; Washington County Commissioner Nick Sherman

2nd Row: Carol Bobby, Library Board; Adele Pireaux, Library Board, Cynthia Kinder, Library Board; and Patsy Brinker, Library Board



MVRCC was proud to be a part of Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to announce the new and improved Park and Ride Shelter located in California, PA Across from the Vulcan Village. The California University of Pennsylvania students will be taking advantage of this great update. Some of the new features in the shelter include a new real-time electronic sign and charging stations available for the patrons as they wait for the bus. Executive Director, Ashley Seman and Board member Ryan Encapera spoke of the new facility and the new amenities.

Caption L to R: PA State Representative Bud Cook, Carrie Zeletski, North Charleroi Borough Board Member; Ryan Encapera, California Borough Board Member; Ashley Seman Executive Director MMVTA; George Eckert City of Monongahela Board Member; Chris Johnston, California University; Rachel Willson, PA State Representative Bud Cook's office; Brian Tirpak, Senator Camera Bartolotta's office

2021 CHRISTMAS MERRY MINGLE



Greg Rakosky, Lindsay Winslow, Laura Williams, Joan Rakosky



Destiny Habeck, Jessica Mascara, Walt Henry



Johnny Vann Trio, Musical Entertainment

And As Always A Big THANK YOU to our Event Sponsors. Without the generosity of our Members we wouldn't be able to do these wonderful events.



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Melissa Trombley & Leanna Spada

2021 CHRISTMAS MERRY MINGLE



Ashley Seman, Alyssa Mendola, Betty Mugrage,
Lisa Neil, Rachel Rotolo



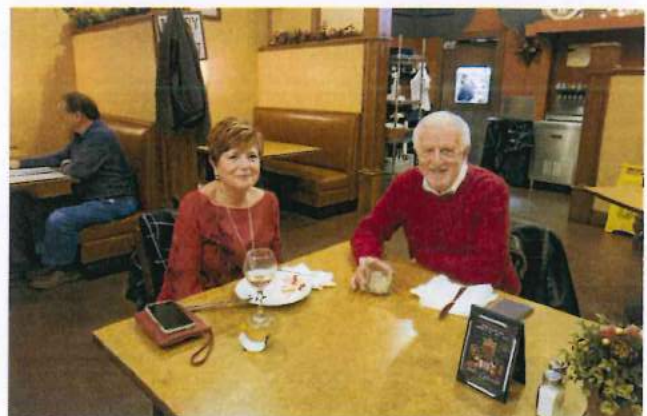
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☐ Legends of Commerce Golf Outing

☐ Event Sponsor - \$1000

☐ Hole in One Sponsor - \$800

☐ Graphite Sponsor - \$600

☐ Iron Sponsor - \$250

☐ Green Sponsor - \$150

☐ Tee Sponsor - \$100

(Package details for each sponsorship to follow)

☐ Annual Awards Event—Held in September

☐ Event Sponsor - \$1000

☐ Reception Sponsor - \$600

☐ Awards Sponsor - \$300

☐ Cocktail Sponsor - \$200

(Package details for each sponsorship to follow)

☐ Annual Holiday Event—December —\$250 (10 available)

☐ Fundraiser Events (varies throughout year)

Advertising Opportunities

☐ Newsletter Insert Sponsor—\$65(Profit) \$45(Non-Profit) You provide 400 copies of 8.5X11 flyer
Jan, April, July, Oct (Please indicate month(s) _____)

☐ Website Advertising—Reserve a Spot today!

☐ \$30/ 2 weeks

☐ \$50/ 1 month

Call for pricing on 6 month specials and 1 year specials.

☐ Eblast Ad—Business size ad at the bottom of every E-blast

☐ \$75/ 3 months

☐ \$140/ 6 months

☐ \$260/ 1 year

Send Form to Reserve your Sponsorship

Mail: Mon Valley Regional Chamber, One Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022

Email: members@mvrchamber.org

Questions? Please call Leanna or Melissa at 724-483-3507

CHAMBER EVENTS

Steel City Comedy Tour—Oct 16th—St. Spyridon's Hellenic Center



Magical Mystery Bus Tour—Nov 13th

80 participants

3 Mon Valley Communities

10 stops !



Best of the Best 2021

MVRCC—Best Chamber of the Year

Leanna Spada—Person of the Year

These community awards are voted on by the public and awarded from the Washington Observer Reporter. We couldn't be more proud of our Executive Director winning Person of the Year!

"Well Deserved, Leanna!"



2021 Douglas Education Center Scholarship Recipient

Amanda Phillips, Exec. Dir. of Operations

Riley Ferita, Cosmetology Student

Karen Nelson, Cosmetology Supervisor.





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Reliance Business Solutions) **Secretary**

Armand Ferrara (Ferrara Appraisal, BHHS) **President**

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- ✦ Business Insurance
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