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2022 *Legends of Commerce* Golf Tournament Honors *Jerry Zahand, Sr.*

Mon Valley Regional Chamber is very proud to announce this year's Legends of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament Honoree, Mr. Jerry Zahand, Sr.

Mr. Zahand has not only been a vital part of the success of the Mon Valley Region and business community since 1946, but also has been an integral part of our chamber for many decades. Jerry represents a commitment to his vocation, he helps to advance the mission of the

Mon Valley Regional Chamber, and promotes as well as gives back to the Mid Mon Valley community at large.

We hope you can join us to celebrate this "Legend" on June 16, 2022 at Nemaquin Country Club during our annual golf outing and awards event.

For more information, please call the chamber at 724-483-3507. Sponsorship info, found inside, on page 7.



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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter.

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New Memberships

BehaviorWorx of Southwestern PA

100 Peasant Village Lane, Ste 101

Rostraver Twp, PA 15012

724-562-5302

www.behaviorworxofsouthwesternpa.com

Dawg's Sports Bar & Grille

110 Sara Way

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

724-263-7536

www.dawgs-sportsbar.com

The White Orchid

346 Tri County Plaza

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

412-885-4411

Thewhiteorchid.com

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

Creative Elegance

719 Broad Avenue

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

724-972-6346

www.facebook.com/CreativeElegance15012/

Ribbon Cuttings



BehaviorWorx of Southwestern PA

100 Peasant Village Lane, Rostraver

Deb Puglia & Roberta Ritter-MVRCC Board

Nikki Ingram— Rep for Eric Davanzo's Office

Kristen Weisdack, Owner

Dr. Ken Williams— Superintendent BVASD

Donna Dunlap, Administration



The White Orchid, 346 Tri-County Plaza, Rostraver

Thom Amatangelo, Baby Zoe Walker, Jeanne Amatangelo, Tonya Rebar, Tracy Cathers, Joyce Graham, Mia Walker, Jefferi Amatangelo—Owner, Ryan Walker, Jake Amatangelo, Megan Christner, Tressa Shannon, Krista Cathers



Dawg's Bar and Grille, 110 Sara Way, Belle Vernon

Brandon Cottle, Asst Manager, Lori Friend, Asst Manager, Marty Sivic, Owner, Angie Morrison, Manager

Staff: Ryan Ziemba, Braden Ashbaugh, Lou Clay, Ben Hutchison, Staci Ryan, Becca Lucas, Hayley Markoff, Haley Somers, Mary McKenna



Jett&Sons, 437 Fallowfield Ave, Charleroi

Samantha Conaway, Staff, Ashley Seman, MVRCC Board, Nikki Ingram, Rep Eric Davanzo's Office
Deb Puglia, MVRCC Board, Jamie Colecchi, MVA, Ben Brown, MVA, Jenna Chambers, Staff, Heather Reynolds, MVRCC Member, Chef Michael Madigan, Owner



Realty One Gold Standard, 1179 Rostravr Rd, Rostraver

Rep. Eric Davanzo, David Spina, Doreen Walters, David Knight Patsy Alfano, Kristin Moffett, Mike Lukas, Cody Inman, Steve Limani, Dionne Malush(owner), Zak Denner, Uncle Lou Incardona, Jason Matthey, Mike Hanlon(owner), Tracy Hewitt, Heather Rodebaugh, David Strejeck, Bobbie Glasser, Ashley Knight, Greg Incardona, Janelle Leone, Jennifer Manown, Cindy Schmidt, Jamie Santore

Members in a Minute



Camel Coffee Company located at 1309 Fayette Avenue Belle Vernon. Camel has just celebrated its one year anniversary. They now serve lunch specials beginning at 11am every day to go along with delicious coffees and specialty drinks!! (The blueberry cold foam is a must try). This enjoyable urban atmosphere is a great place to kick back and relax or get some work done. Either way you are going to love this friendly family owned business nestled in the BV neighborhood. Open 7 days a week!!! In a rush? They now offer the convenience of ONLINE ORDERING just go to their website or Facebook and pre order. They'll have it waiting for you when you arrive. We are so happy to have such a great establishment in our Valley. Stop in at and see for yourself. It will quickly make it to the top of your favorites list.



Jett & Sons, the world's first metaverse restaurant, is a Jetsons-themed space-age restaurant located at 437 McKean Avenue Charleroi. It is a must-see with fantastic futuristic decor and a kid-friendly atmosphere! You can even shoot a nerf gun while dining or be entertained by one of their many interactive robots. Owner, Michael Madigan is trying to enhance the dining experience by not only serving delicious food but also entertaining his customers during their visit. We are excited to have such a cool gem in our community. The Cafe is open Monday through Thursday from 10:30am-2:30pm, Friday and Saturday 11am-7pm.



because they simply don't know about the great local jobs available right here, right now. That's why we support Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW). PFEW is a youth development program like no other. It teaches high school students about business and our American free enterprise system and helps them develop job-ready skills like leadership, communication, work ethic, finance, marketing and more that prepare them for great careers right here at home. To learn more about PFEW or their other educational programs, please visit the Foundation's website, www.pfew.org, or contact Scott Lee, vice-president of marketing & development for the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education at (814) 833-9576 ext. 8, or scott@pfew.org.

As your partner in supporting local business, we know how difficult it is to find and keep great employees. Many of our young people lack the knowledge and skills they need, or they leave to pursue opportunities

Members in a Minute



Salon Seva, located at 625 Lincoln Ave, Suite 101 in Charleroi, opened its doors in 2018 and has been growing by leaps and bounds ever since. Owner & Stylist, Nikki Sukel has over 24 years of experience in her trade. She is always versed on the newest coloring techniques and trending styles. Recently joining her style team is Melissa Granato. Melissa brings energy and flair to the shop. Following in the footsteps of this salon, she is also an amazing stylist. Shellee Flament, Nail Technician, uses the latest nail techniques and trends as well. Her specialty nail art is a one-of-a-kind masterpiece for each client. Falling in the top 3 of the OR's Best of The Best Nail Salons in 2021, Shellee will not disappoint. Rounding out this phenomenal group of ladies is Tara Susick, Salon Assistant and Makeup Artist. Along with professional makeup artistry, Tara will soon be offering micro-blading at the salon. Stay tuned for the announcement in the near future. For more information visit their FB page or website at salonseva.com. To schedule an appointment, call 724-483-6968

Chamber Events

Member Mixer

This year we are doing monthly *Member Mixers*. It's a free way for members to network, and visit each others' place of business. For March, we were at *Jazzy Boutique in Belle Vernon*. Diann Donaldson, owner, provided refreshments, showed some summer fashions, and gave discounts and prizes for the night. If you would like to be a participating Business, call for details. See Upcoming Events for the next one! Hope to see you there!



L to R:

Ruth
Cialone,
Ashley
Seman



Lunch & Learn

So excited to be having *Lunch & Learns* again this year! April 14th was with Reimagine Mainstreet. We learned great tips on marketing and digital media.

reimagine»
main street
digitally forward thinking

The next one is April 21st, 12 noon, Alumni Room, Charleroi Area High School. The Ignite Business Incubator and Co-Working Space will be the speakers.

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New Board Members



Ashley Seman (Altemare) was appointed as Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority (MMVTA)'s Executive Director in September 2019. She was previously MMVTA's Director of Marketing & Planning for 8 years. Ashley graduated from Charleroi High School in 2005 and attended Waynesburg College and California University of PA earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Political Science. She currently resides in North Belle Vernon with her husband, Bret.

The Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority serves 21 communities throughout the Mid Mon Valley in sections of Washington, Fayette, Westmoreland Counties and further services via the Route 88 corridor in Allegheny County.



Kellie McKevitt has lived in Charleroi most of her life. She has worked for SPHS for 30 years, starting as a caseworker and holding various positions, until being appointed CEO in 2021. Kellie has an undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Penn State and a graduate degree in social work from California University. She is also a licensed PA social worker. Kellie graduated from Charleroi High School in 1987. Her husband, Brian, whom she has been married to for 30 years works at West Rock (formerly Rock Tenn). They have one son, Chase, who is in medical school.

Kellie has served on many advisory boards and committees, including leadership roles over the years and is interested in serving to support the economic and social viability of our region.

Corinne Laboon is the System Communications Manager for Penn Highlands Healthcare. She offers more than 35 years of communications marketing experience in the health care, nonprofit and manufacturing industries.

In her communications role with Penn Highlands Healthcare, she oversees media relations and internal communications. For 11 years, she served as the Vice President of Marketing for Penn Highlands Mon Valley (formerly Mon Valley Hospital).

Prior to joining the health system, Ms. Laboon was the Director of Internal Communications for UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

For 13 years, she served as the Director of Communications for the Bronze Division of Matthews International Corporation, the world's leading supplier of cast bronze identification products. From 1984 through 1994, Ms. Laboon was the Director of Communications for the Greater Pittsburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau (now VisitPittsburgh). Following graduation from Duquesne University with a degree in Journalism, she began her career as a reporter for the *Pittsburgh Press* and *Pittsburgh Business Times*. Ms. Laboon is the author of the book, *I Will Survive: Techniques for Coping With a Health Challenge*. She is a resident of Pleasant Hills.



2022 Sponsorships



MVRCC Golf Outing

Company Name: _____

Contact _____

E-Mail _____ Phone: _____

☐ Check Enclosed

☐ Credit Card

☐ Please invoice

CC # _____ Exp Date _____ cvv _____

☒ Event Sponsor - SOLD

☐ Hole in One Sponsor - \$1000 (Includes 2 golfers, special signage)

☐ Logo Ball Sponsor—\$1000 (Includes 2 golfers, 12 dz balls to keep
And 1 sleeve of balls to each player.)

☐ Graphite Sponsor - \$800 (Includes 2 golfers)

☒ Cart Sponsor SOLD

☒ Putting Contest Sponsor SOLD

☒ Goody Bag Sponsor SOLD

☒ Skill Prize Sponsor SOLD

☐ Dinner Sponsor

☐ Volunteer Sponsor

☐ Trophy Sponsor

☐ Silent Auction Sponsor

☐ Iron Sponsor - \$400

☐ Beverage Sponsor

☐ Morning Refreshment Sponsor

☐ Program Sponsor

☐ Lunch Sponsor

☐ Mulligan Sponsor

☐ Registration Sponsor

☐ Green Sponsor - \$200

☐ Tee Sponsor - \$150

\$175/golfer
4some/\$700

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3. _____ 4. _____

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Upcoming Events

APRIL

- 21—Lunch & Learn, IGNITE, 12pm,
Alumni Rm, CASD
28—Member Mixer, 4-6pm
Behavoir Worx, 100 Peasant Village
Blvd, Rostraver

MAY

- 14—Community Night, 7pm
Washington Wild Things
26—Member Mixer, 4:30-6:30pm
cfs bank, 101 McKean Ave
Charleroi

JUNE

- 16—Legends of Commerce Golf
Tournament
8am registration
Nemacolin Country Club
30—Member Mixer, 4:30—6:30pm
Sweets by Mrs C, 260 W. Main
St, Monongahela

AUGUST

- 19—Awards Gala, 5-9pm
Gateway Clipper, boarding at
Aquatorium, Monongahela

SEPTEMBER

- 29—Member Mixer, TBD

OCTOBER

- 20—Member Mixer, TBD

NOVEMBER

- 12—Magical Mystery Bus Tour

DECEMBER

- 1—Christmas Party, TBD

Advertising Available



We deliver unique and cost effective products
and services in these key areas:

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- ◆ ACA/ERISA Compliance
- ◆ Business Insurance
- ◆ Energy Purchasing
- ◆ Discount Programs

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