



# Regional Reporter

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*Happy New Year!*

*As we close out 2022, We look back on a year that hasn't always been easy on our businesses and communities, but it is a year which also makes me smile. During this year's ebbs and flows one thing remained constant, **SUPPORT**. Whether it came from us to our members, from members to our chamber, or members supporting each other, that is one thing you could count on to never waver. The undying support and dedication our chamber receives from all of our members, is beyond measure.*

*We had a full calendar of events in 2022 and hope to continue to do so in this coming year. Our most important mission this year as well as in previous years is to be able to bring value, support, and attention to our members. Giving back is always our core focus for each of you who work tirelessly to make your businesses a success for our community. Thank you for your continued commitment to our region and the families who live in our Mon Valley.*

*We have many exciting events we are planning for 2023. Keep an eye out because we will be looking for feedback from our members to learn more about how we can service your businesses as well as what you would like to see on the chamber's agenda for the upcoming year. We will continue as always to create a climate for economic development, encourage new business investment, grow existing business investment, and support educational programs as well as promote tourism in 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 and the opportunities that lie ahead.*

*We look forward to seeing everyone soon!*

*Leanna Spada, Executive Director*

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## New Memberships

### Direct Results/Greene Scene Magazine

185 Wade St  
Waynesburg, PA 15370  
724-627-2040  
www.directresults.us

### Family Farm & Home

520 Tri County Lane  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
724-268-4046

### Magic City Barbershop

521 McKean Ave  
Charleroi, PA 15022  
724-747-1676

### Laurel Highlands Council, BSA

1275 Bedford Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
908-463-4097

## Ribbon Cuttings



### Boarded Up, 417 S. Center Ave, New Stanton

L to R: Bryce, Ryan, Amelia, Hillary and Preston Stiffey

Our chamber was excited to be a part of the grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony at Boarded Up located at 417 S Center Ave. In New Stanton. It is a fantastic storefront that showcases and sales beautiful local artisans work as well as events and classes. Best wishes for much success on your new venture. For more info, call 724-331-0026, or find them on Facebook



### Magic City Barbershop, 521 McKean Ave, Charleroi

L to R: Michelle Jacobs, Heather Skobel, Leigh Dooley, Todd Dooley, Lee Zielinski, Brenda Jacobs, Cary Charles, Bryan Jacobs

The chamber was excited to celebrate with Magic City Barbershop for their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am-7pm, Friday by appointment only and Saturday 9am-1pm. Walk ins welcome! Call 724-747-1676



**2022** Was a Big Year for the Chamber. After the Pandemic, we were pretty much up and running to our full extent.

## 14 Ribbon Cuttings



## 23 New Members



We were one of many wonderful sponsors at the **All for Her Event**, which educates, motivates and inspires the women of our community. This event was held at Tanger Outlets

## 3 Lunch & Learns

## + 4 After Hours

## 7 Member Mixers



**Sol Wellness Center & Winslow Winery**  
Sponsored a Ladies Night



**Giant Oaks Winery**  
Sponsored a Spirit Luncheon with Carole J. Obley



Thank You to Vitalant for partnering up with us for our first Blood Drive.



**Charleroi NPP**  
Proud to be a part of such a great program, that will benefit our Mon Valley.



**Leadership Washington County**  
We were honored to host a tour of the Mon Valley



## Love Local Mystery Bus Tour



This year's Love Local Mystery Bus Tour had 80 participants. We were SOLD OUT. The day started out at the MMVTA Building in Charleroi with coffee from McDonalds and baked goods from Valdiserri's Bakery. From there we went to Prima Diva Boutique, Collins Corner and Dee's Event Center for some pop ups (Shortbread City, Rustic Home Treasures, Paparazzi Jewelry, Winslow Winery, Color Street Nails). Next Stop, Creative Elegance in Belle Vernon, then to lunch at Domenico's On Grand. From there, we went to Joseph's Nursery and His Place Coffee in Monessen for some shopping and then refreshments. Next Monongahela, for a sweet at Sweets by Mrs. C. followed by a little shopping and wine tasting at Ripepi Winery. Our last stop was Wild Buffalo Trading Co. in Bentleyville. We ended our day with a Basket

Raffle at MMVTA where we had 18 baskets to raffle. Perfect way to end our day. Thank you to everyone for making this day such a success. We are already looking forward to next year and where we can take you.....?????????

### **SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO THE MEMBERS THAT MADE OUR LOVE LOCAL MYSTERY BUS TOUR POSSIBLE**

All Seasons Travel

Athene Club

Audrey's Custom Draperies

By George

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Charleroi McDonalds

Collin's Corner

Commissioner Diana Irey Vaughan

Community Bank

Deb Puglia, Realtor, HHS

Dee's Cricket

Dee's Event Center

Dr. Brian Rudolph, DDS

Elite Physical Therapy and  
Wellness

Fayette Legacy Partners of Janney  
Montgomery Scott

Highway Appliance

Instant Brands

Joseph's Nursery & Garden Center

MarBill Diamond & Jewelry

MMVTA

N. Charleroi Dairy Queen

Observer Reporter

OSPTA

Pampered Chef

Prima Diva Boutique

Ripepi Winery

Senator Camera Bartolotta

Sol Wellness Center

SPHS

Stoney's Brewing Company

Studio K and Susan Jo

Valdiserri's Bakery

Washington Wild Things

Westmoreland Drug and Alcohol  
Commission

Williams Insurance Group

Winslow Winery



## Love Local Mystery Bus Tour



His Place Coffee and More, Monessen



Creative Elegance, Belle Vernon



Domenico's On Grand, Monessen



Dee's Event Center, Charleroi with our Pop Ups



Sweets by Mrs. C, Monongahela



Collins Corner, Charleroi



# Christmas Open House

Instant Brands™  
Made for together.

cfsbank

MarBill  
DIAMONDS & JEWELRY



**Richard C. Mudrick**  
**Attorney at Law**

*This Year our Christmas Open House was at Domenico's On Grand.  
Big Thank You to our Sponsors above,  
As well as Gene & Boots for favors and Joseph's Nursery for door prizes*



Eileen, Brittany & Matt Claybaugh



Joanne Pireaux, Kellie McKevitt,  
Rebecca VonFradenburgh



Terry Lacey, Bobbi Ritter, Kristin  
Calcek, Adele Hopkins



Brian & Kelly Moore



Jamie Hoff, Wendy Garde,  
Michelle Misiak,



Sherry Crawford, Lorie Shinsky,  
Corbin Shinsky



Gerry & Armand Ferrara



Lisa Neil, Betty Mugrage, Rachel  
Rotolo



Ashley Seman  
Kenny & Linda Wiltz



## SAME GREAT RATES!

**2023 Dues Invoices have been mailed out. If you did not receive yours, please contact the chamber.**

Why **renew** your membership?

For help  
in times of  
crises.

IT BRINGS  
CREDIBILITY TO  
YOUR BUSINESS.

THEY  
ADVOCATE  
FOR US.

YOUR BUSINESS  
NEEDS A STRONG  
NETWORK AND  
COMMUNITY.

BIG THINGS  
ARE  
COMING!

let's **stick** together

## DUES SCHEDULE

- 1 Employee Only/Owner-Operator: \$175
- 2 to 10 Employees: \$225
- 11 to 50 Employees: \$275
- 51 Employees and Up: \$325 + \$1.50 per employee over 50
- Associate Member: \$85
- Elected Officials: \$110
- Municipalities: \$110
- Non Profit Organizations: \$110 + \$1.00 per employee over 5
- Utilities: \$525

Additional Locations: add \$30 each

Have more than one business? Call for quote and ask about our family multi-business discount.

*Note: 2 part-time employees = 1 full-time employee*



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the **OR Best of the Best** nominees!

What do all these great Businesses have in common!

THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE **MON VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

Ace Handyman Matters  
Ace of Spades Fitness  
Armand Ferrara, Realtor SWC  
Armando's Pizza  
Ashcraft Storage  
Audrey's Custom Draperies  
Back Porch  
Bassi, Vreeland & Associates  
BluePrints  
Cambridge Hillside  
Columbia Gas  
Community Bank  
Couslon's Tractor &  
Lawn Equipment  
CSC Insurance  
Dawg's Bar & Grille  
Del's Pest Control  
Elite Physical Therapy & Wellness

Frick FCU  
Garrows Dog Training  
Highway Appliance  
Hogan Melenzyer Funeral Home  
JED Heating & Cooling  
Joseph's Nursery & Garden Center  
Linda Baldini, Realtor BHHS  
Lisa Neil of SWTS  
MarBill Diamond & Jewelry  
Marsh Tires  
McKnight Medical  
Model Cleaners  
Mon Valley YMCA  
Nemacolin Country Club  
Penn Highlands, Mon Valley  
Pete Jenkins Accounting  
Poochtique  
Presbyterian Senior Care

Prima Diva Boutique  
Realty One Gold Standard  
River House Café  
Salon Seva  
Salvatore's Pizza  
Southwest Training  
Services  
SPHS  
Studio K  
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Val's Car Wash  
Washington Wild Things  
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**Chamber Staff:**

Executive Director: Leanna Spada

Executive Assistant: Melissa Trombley

Solicitor: Bassi, Vreeland & Assoc, PC

We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Ladies Night at Sol Wellness

Progressive Wine Tour

Craft & Crunch

Legends of Commerce Golf Outing

Love Local Mystery Bus Tour

Awards Gala

Christmas Open House

Luncheon Learns—*Identity Theft, QR Codes, Social Media, Retirement Planning*

(Feel free to email any ideas you might like to see us do a Lunch & Learn on.)



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Chamber Website for information on all Chamber and Members news  
[www.mvrchamber.org](http://www.mvrchamber.org)

