

## Chamber Announces 2014 Annual Award Winners

The Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce 2014 Awards Dinner was held on April 30th at Terraveiw at Stroudsmoor and over 180 people were on hand to honor this year's award winners. The winners were:

**Dr. Marcia Welsh**, Gray Chevrolet Cadillac ATHENA Award, **Anthony Mazzella**, Humanitarian of the Year, **Jason Motts**, Businessperson of the Year, **Pat Ross**, Citizen of the Year, **Doris & Robert Kinsley**, Frank Schoelch Community Commitment Award, and **John Holahan**, Chairman's Business Award.

A special thanks to our sponsors: PPL - Gold Sponsor, Met-Ed A First Energy Company - Silver Sponsor and William Rinehart & Gray Chevrolet Cadillac for sponsoring the ATHENA Award. We would also like to thank the Pirone Family at Stroudsmoor for the complimentary hors' doeuvres served during the cocktail hour.



*Annual Award Winners from l to r: Anthony Mazzella, Robert & Doris Kinsley, Pat Ross, Jason Motts, Dr. Marcia Welsh, John Holahan*

*Photo courtesy of VIP Studios*

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### GPCC MISSION STATEMENT

Act as A Unified Voice of Business  
Dedicated to the Prosperity of all  
Commerce  
Leading to the Enhancement of  
the Quality of Life in our region and surrounding  
areas.

## May 2014 Calendar of Events

- May 2**.....*Government Relation/Public Policy Committee*  
8:00 a.m. - Stroud Township Bldg. - Stroudsburg
- May 5**.....*Business Card Exchange*  
5:30 p.m. – Grace Park Seniors Living Well - Stroudsburg
- May 13** .....*Women In Business Luncheon*  
Noon – *Peppe’s Bistro - East Stroudsburg*
- May 14** .....*Econ Dev./Transportation Committee*  
8:00 a.m. – *GPCC*
- May 20**.....*Women in Business Committee*  
9:00 a.m.– *GPCC*
- May 19**.....*Finance Committee*  
7:45 a.m. – *GPCC*
- May 19**.....*Executive Committee*  
8:15 a.m.– *GPCC*
- May 20**.....*Board of Directors*  
11:00 a.m.. – *Chateau Resort & Conference Center - Tannersville*
- May 20**.....*Youth Appreciation Day Luncheon*  
Noon .– *Chateau Resort & Conference Center - Tannersville*
- May 23**.....*Environmental Committee*  
8:00 a.m. – *GPCC*

## Members in the News



Spring is finally here! With temperatures warming up again, I'm sure many of you are thinking about outdoor digging projects.

Before you start, remember to call Pennsylvania One Call at 811 or 1-800-242-1776 at least three business days before any digging, so underground utility lines — including any PPL Electric Utilities lines — can be marked.

Pennsylvania is made up of a complex underground structure of pipelines, wires and cables. Striking an underground utility line can cause harm to you or those around you, disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

If you work outdoors as part of your job, **PPL Electric Utilities** invites you to become an e-SMART worker. Check out our training tips, videos, and case studies at [www.pplelectric.com/safety](http://www.pplelectric.com/safety). Each is designed to help you work safely around electrical lines. Workers can learn more about how and why you should call before digging. You can also learn about understanding locator marks, tolerance zones, hand digging, vacuum technology and trenchless technology.

So how does Pennsylvania One Call work? One free, simple phone call to 811 makes it easy for Pennsylvania One Call to notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig.

Call at least three business days before digging to ensure enough time for utility lines to be properly marked.

When you call 811, a representative from Pennsylvania One Call will ask for the location and description of your digging project.

Pennsylvania One Call will notify affected utility companies, who will send a professional locator to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.

Once lines have been properly marked, roll up those sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas.

So please, call before you dig – whether it's a simple landscaping project like planting trees or shrubs, or more complicated jobs like building a deck. According to the Common Ground Alliance, an underground utility line is damaged every six minutes because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Don't become a statistic. Make sure to call 811.

To learn more about working safely outdoors, as well as other electrical safety information, visit [www.pplelectric.com/safety](http://www.pplelectric.com/safety).

### LEADS WANTED!!!!

If you are aware of a new or existing business in the Greater Pocono region that might be interested in learning more about the various benefits of chamber membership, please contact Patricia Metzgar at 570.421.4433 or email to [pmetzgar@greaterpoconochamber.com](mailto:pmetzgar@greaterpoconochamber.com).

**Pocono Raceway** will host their first-ever 'Halftime Party' from lap 60 to lap 120 of the Pocono 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Sunday, June 8. This exclusive party will allow fans, ages 21 and older, to access a VIP-only area which will include beer, food, beer games, live music and a big-screen television to watch the race broadcast.

"We are really excited about today's announcement," said Pocono Raceway President/CEO, Brandon Igdalsky. "To the best of our knowledge, this is the first NASCAR Sprint Cup Series mid-race party of its kind. Fans can enhance their Pocono race-day experience by getting out of the sun for a few laps, grabbing a few beers with friends and enjoying the live entertainment we're offering with the Halftime Party. All this without missing the action on the track."

Fans have two options to gain access to the Pocono Raceway's Inaugural Halftime Party. The first is a \$69 ticket package which includes a 100-level Grandstand ticket to the Pocono 400 and the Halftime Party Access Pass. The second option is a \$19 Halftime Party Access Pass, for those who either have previously purchased Pocono 400 tickets or are looking to purchase higher-level seats.

To purchase this one-of-a-kind access, and for more information, please visit [www.poconoraceway.com/halftime](http://www.poconoraceway.com/halftime).



*Dr. Ellen Didimamoff*

Only twenty minutes from the Anderson Campus, **Bushkill Family Practice** has become a popular choice for primary care services among patients from the Lehigh Valley, Slate Belt and Poconos. The practice recently welcomed Ellen Didimamoff, MD, a board certified family practitioner, to accommodate the growing patient population.

"I want to work where I live and serve my own community," said Dr. Didimamoff, who has resided in the Lehigh Valley since 2005. "St. Luke's is a wonderful organization and my first choice for medical care for my own family." Previously, Dr. Didimamoff was employed by the Hunterdon Healthcare System in New Jersey, where she spent nine years in private practice following a three-year residency with Hunterdon Medical Center.

The addition of Dr. Didimamoff has allowed Bushkill Family Practice to expand its hours, offering evening hours twice a week. Also, most days she begins seeing patients at 8 am, a popular time with patients wanting an appointment prior to work or school. Adding to the convenience, patients can go directly from their appointments to the St. Luke's Wind Gap Medical Center, just across the street, for laboratory work, ultrasounds, X-rays and mammograms.

While Dr. Didimamoff offers the full range of primary care services from newborns through geriatrics, she especially enjoys working with women, children and adolescents.

"As a mother myself, I feel patients can relate well to my experiences," she said. "In turn, I have learned so much from my patients over the years." Dr. D., as she is often called by her patients and their families, reassures parents that she wouldn't suggest anything for their children that she wouldn't do for her own.

Dr. Didimamoff has enjoyed watching patients and their families grow over the years. "In my previous practice, I saw children progress from grade school to college," she said. "It is a very rewarding experience and a privilege to be part of their lives for so long."

Dr. Didimamoff is eager to build her practice here in the Lehigh Valley. She looks forward to the years ahead and already feels much at home in her new working environment.

**Tobychanna Federal Credit Union** awarded three local high school seniors a John Paul Ruggiero Scholarship. The winners are: Abigail Pipcho of Abington Heights High School (3<sup>rd</sup>), Margaret Dodgson of Scranton Preparatory High School (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Alexandria Soller of James M. Coughlin High School (1<sup>st</sup>).



*L to r: Amy Crain, Marketing Manager, Tobychanna FCU, Alexandria Soller, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner, James M. Coughlin High School, Margaret Dodgson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner, Scranton Prep High School, Abigail Pipcho, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner, Abington Heights High School*

The placements of the three scholarship finalists were announced at the credit union's 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting which was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. The competition awards three scholarships totaling \$4,500 to members who are local high school graduating seniors with plans to attend a 2 or 4 year accredited post-secondary institution.

A total of 11 applications were received, evaluated, and graded by the credit union's Scholarship Committee. Each application asks the students to provide information on

academic achievement, extracurricular activities, demonstrated need, and community involvement. Along with the completed application, each student must submit an essay or other project based on a predetermined topic relating to the services and benefits of a credit union.

"We always receive applications from some of the brightest and most ambitious young students in this area, which makes the job of our Scholarship Committee that much tougher," said Sean Jelen, CEO. "We are proud to offer this scholarship to our members and we congratulate this year's winners on their great accomplishments."

For more information about the John Paul Ruggiero Scholarship, please contact the credit union. New applications for the 2015 graduating seniors will be available in October 2014 on the TobyFCU website and in its branches.

**Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union** would like to announce Christopher Bresset as the new Assistant Vice President of Consumer & Indirect Lending for the credit union. In his role, Bresset will oversee and manage the credit union's consumer and residential lending, as well as its indirect lending program. Bresset comes to Tobyhanna from The Honesdale National Bank.



*Christopher Bresset, Assistant Vice President Consumer & Indirect Lending  
Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union*

Bresset, a Honesdale resident, has had over 18 years' experience in the banking and financial services industry. A 1997 graduate of Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA, Bresset began his career in banking shortly after graduating. He was employed with Pioneer American Bank in Carbondale as a Special Assets Officer for a year before becoming a Collections Officer with Wayne Bank in Honesdale in 1998.

Bresset shifted from the Collections department to Lending in 1999 when he became a Loan Officer and remained in that role for five more years before moving onto The Honesdale National Bank. Shortly after being hired on, Bresset was promoted to AVP, Retail Lending Manager where he oversaw many of the institution's Lending De-

partment policies and procedures, and credit decisions. Additionally, Bresset was also responsible for managing the bank's construction mortgage loan and indirect loan portfolios.

"The credit union has been aggressively positioning itself within the NEPA indirect market and Chris's experience was second to none in this area," said Sean Jelen, CEO. "His expertise will be essential as we continue to expand this division of our business. We're excited to have him on board"

Bresset current resides in Honesdale with his wife Mindy and three sons: Jonathon, Matthew, and Gavin.

**Covington Creations, LLC** is now offering computer, technology, and network support to small businesses in the Greater Pocono Area (Stroudsburg, Mount Pocono, Scranton), for - Computers, Laptops, Servers, Mobile Devices - Home Theaters, Cameras, Networking- All makes and models (Dell, HP, Apple, Acer) - All platforms (Windows, OS X, Ubuntu, Chrome).

They are available by appointment and they do on-site or drop off service and estimates are free. For more information you can contact them at 570.595.3956.

**Pocono Raceway** is looking for two race fans, a male and female contestant, to be their 'top dogs' and participate in the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest Qualifier, at the Infield Block Party stage, on Saturday, June 7. The Infield Block Party and annual Saturday Night Firework Show will be open to the public, for a donation to benefit the Tunkhannock Township (PA) Volunteer Fire Department. These events take place prior to the Pocono 400, featuring the stars of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, on Sunday, June 8.

The Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest Qualifier at Pocono is one of 13 taking place across the county. Male and female winners, from each qualifier, gain entry into the annual finals at Coney Island in Brooklyn, NY, on July 4. Interested fans can visit <http://www.poconoraceway.com/hotdog14> for more information and to register to win entry into the Pocono qualifier. Must be 18 years of age to enter. "This is definitely a unique opportunity which I hope race fans will 'relish,'" said Pocono Raceway President/CEO, Brandon Igdalsky. "It will be interesting to see, if those Pocono fans fall behind in the competition, if they will be able to 'ketchup' to the professional eaters participating. 'Buns' aside, we are really looking forward to welcoming Nathan's Famous Hot Dogs here for their qualifier and to see who will eat the most 'wieners.'"

"We're excited to bring our Nathan's Famous qualifying tour to Pocono Raceway, on a NASCAR race weekend," said Nathan's Famous Vice President of Franchise Operations, Randy Watts. "Our licensing partner John Morrell Food Group, a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods who sponsors Aric Almirola and the famed NO. 53 car for Richard Petty Motorsports, will run a Nathan's Famous paint scheme for

the first time during the Pocono 400 race weekend. Additionally we'll be hosting some of our top eaters competing to qualify for the July 4th main event, which is sure to make this a weekend you will not want to miss in Pennsylvania."

Pocono Raceway will open its infield gates to all fans on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>; to not only watch the hot dog eating contest, but to join in the fun at the Infield Block Party and Saturday Night Fireworks Show. The Infield Block Party will feature live bands and entertainment for the entire family to enjoy. The general public are invited to enter our Gate 1 Tunnel for a \$5 donation, per carload, to our local fire department starting at (exact time is TBD) p.m.

Interested fans planning to attend the events on Saturday, June 7 can visit <http://www.poconoraceway.com/blockparty14> for more information.

For tickets and additional information, please visit [www.poconoraceway.com](http://www.poconoraceway.com) or call us at 1-800-RACEWAY (1-800-722-3929).

**Pocono Raceway** and their official mascot, Tricky, announced today they will start a Kids Club for younger race fans, ages 14 and under. This membership will feature an exclusive welcome package, at-track benefits, two member-only events during the year and automatic entry into a drawing where one lucky member will be selected to wave the green flag to start one of Pocono Raceway's ARCA Racing Series Presented by Menards or Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tire races in 2014.

"One of my favorite things is the look on younger fans' faces when they watch a race live at Pocono," said Pocono Raceway President/CEO, Brandon Igdalsky. "Over the last few years, we have made a conscious effort to not only improve, but also to add to our kids-centric programs. Our annual Bowlopolis Kids Day (taking place Saturday, June 7) has grown each year, the introduction of Tricky and his Kit Kamp was greeted with rave reviews and the creation of the Kids Club is another piece to the ever-evolving kid initiatives we are putting in motion."

After becoming a member, kids will receive a welcome bag containing their membership card, two-pocket folder, writing utensils, Tricky the Fox hero card, stuffed Tricky animal and more. A lucky kids club member will have the once-in-a-lifetime chance to be the Honorary Starter for either the June 7 Pocono 200, July 5 Pocono Indy Lights race or the August 1 ModSpace 125. Kids Club members will also receive free admission, with ticketed adult, to all Friday and Saturday race weekend events at "The Tricky Triangle."

"We hope to add more to the Kids Club, not only this year, but moving forward" said Igdalsky. "We think kids, and their parents, are really going to enjoy the benefits which come with being a Pocono Raceway Kids Club member. As

a father of twin, nine year old girls, I can personally tell you the membership perks are 'kid' approved."

For more information and to join our Kids Club, visit [www.poconoraceway.com/kidsclub](http://www.poconoraceway.com/kidsclub).

Tickets to all three of Pocono Raceway's NASCAR and INDYCAR race weekends are now available, with Kids (ages 12 and under) Sunday Grandstand tickets being offered at half price. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.poconoraceway.com](http://www.poconoraceway.com) or call our ticket office at 1-800-RACEWAY (1-800-722-3929).



*L to r: Sally Notaro,  
Rep. Rosemary Brown  
(photo courtesy of Eileen Noelle)*

Sally Notaro of **Notaro School of Dance & Acting**, received the Monroe County Arts Council Hall of Fame Performing Arts Award. She is pictured being congratulated by Rosemary Brown, State Legislator, at the dinner held at Terraview at Stroudsmoor Country Inn.

The NEPTA Award Winners have been announced! The Northeastern Pennsylvania Theatrical Alliance presents this annual event, held every spring, which highlights and honors the best of the best in Community Theater. The categories mirror those of the Tony Awards, including Best Actor and Actress in a comedy, drama and musical. There are awards for supporting actors, directors, and technical work as well. And of course there are awards for Best Comedy, Best Drama, Best Musical and Best Overall show of the year.

The Worthington Players, the artistic arm of The Shawnee Institute and whose "home stage" is The Shawnee Playhouse, received a number of nominations this year!! The awards ceremony was held this year on April 12th at the beautiful Ehrhardt's Waterfront Banquet Center in Hawley Pa.

Congratulations to all of the directors, casts, crews and creative teams!! The winners are listed below by show and include some of the best local talent ever seen in Theatre.

#### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.**

Best Lighting Design - David Schappert

Best Youth Actress (12 or younger) - Katie Rubino as "Silly Girl"

Best Youth Actor (12 or younger) - Timothy Humphreys as "Chip"

Best Teen Actress (age 13-18) - McKenzie Maula as "Belle"  
Best Youth Production!!!



L to r: Timothy Humphreys (Best Youth Actor and ),  
Katie Rubino (Best Youth Actress)

### THE OBITUARY I'M DYING TO WRITE

Best Original Production  
Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy - Gillian Geraghty as  
"Multiple Characters"  
Best Director of a Comedy - David Schappert

### REAL FRIENDS HELP YOU MOVE

Best One Act

### HANDY DANDY

Best Lead Actress in a Drama - Suzanne Ford as "Sister  
Molly Egan"

### ANYTHING GOES

Best Supporting Actor in a Musical - Aaron Pappalardo as  
"Lord Evelyn Oakleigh"

**The Shawnee Playhouse** is very proud of the theater we offer on stage. Congratulations once again to all the nominees and the winners of the 2014 NEPTA Awards

**Pocono Health System (PHS)** is now providing easy access to pediatric health care in Bartonsville. PMC Physician Associates: Pediatrics is now located at the Bartonsville Plaza, 292 Frantz Road, in Stroudsburg, PA in addition to their East Stroudsburg office location. Families can continue to see all of our board certified pediatric providers by calling (570) 426-6840.

"This addition will allow us to serve more patients and offer expanded services in the most central part of Monroe County," said Jeff Snyder, Interim President and CEO of Pocono Health System/Pocono Medical Center. "It further demonstrates the commitment we have to the community to grow our services while also providing them closer to

home." Our current team of providers includes Dr. Jose Bordas, Dr. Garry Hamilton, Dr. Sushil Mody, Dr. Mary Jane Torres, and Carole Sattur, CRNP, will continue to care for the children of our community in this new location.

Patients and families will have access to the same caring and compassionate office team, easier access to appointments, convenient parking, and a child-friendly office. The Bartonsville Pediatric Practice has various morning and afternoon times, Monday through Friday. Individuals can also learn more about our Pediatric team by visiting <http://www.poconohealthsystem.org/Pediatrics>.

**Sit, Stay, 'N Play** has once again been selected for the 2014 Best of Stroudsburg Award in the Dog Training and Social Center category by the Stroudsburg Award Program.

Each year, the Stroudsburg Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Stroudsburg area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2014 Stroudsburg Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Stroudsburg Award Program and data provided by third parties.

Sit, Stay, 'N Play is a dog training and social center that lets your dog meet other dogs and people, providing both mental and physical stimulation. The indoor area is climate controlled for year-round fun, sports, and training.

"We believe a tired dog is a happy dog, and we strive to make that happen through both physical and mental games in training," said Lisa Kirschner, owner of Sit, Stay, 'N Play. The facility offers different levels of obedience, agility, Rally-Obedience, therapy dog, Canine Good Citizen, as well as many other options. Social time is encouraged, and a free evaluation is needed prior to the first attendance. More information is available at: [www.sitstaynplay.net](http://www.sitstaynplay.net).

**AAA North Penn** has announced the 4 hotels and 2 restaurants in Northeast PA that earned the Four Diamond Rating during the past 12 months. The AAA Four and Five Diamond Ratings are AAA's highest designations for hotels and restaurants.

Hotels rated Four or Five Diamond are stylish and refined with upscale physical attributes. Guests receive personalized attention from an experienced staff and extensive amenities in a luxurious setting. Area hotels receiving the AAA Four Diamond Rating include: The Lodge at Wood-

loch, Hawley; The Settlers Inn at Bingham Park, Hawley; The French Manor Inn & Spa, South Sterling; and Mount Airy Casino, Mt. Pocono.

Restaurants at the Four or Five Diamond level offer a distinctive fine dining experience. Creative chefs, imaginative menus, fresh top-quality ingredients and knowledgeable staff distinguish these establishments. Area restaurants receiving the AAA Four Diamond Rating include: Patsel's, Clarks Summit and The French Manor Restaurant, South Sterling.

Establishments at the Four and Five Diamond rating levels make up just 3.9 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, of the 59,000 AAA/CAA Approved hotels and restaurants. Across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean, these select properties represent the upper echelon of the hospitality industry.

"Four and Five Diamond hotels and restaurants provide guests with a personalized experience and attentive service in comfortable, high quality surroundings," said Nina Waskevich, Director of Marketing/Public Relations. "These establishments consistently exceed the expectations of the most discriminating traveler – the AAA inspector. We are proud to have these dedicated businesses in our region." "We will be visiting each location throughout the next month to present the awards to each business owner and their staff."

Collectively visiting some 1,200 hotels and restaurants every week, AAA inspectors are in a unique position to identify emerging trends in the hospitality industry. Inspectors have observed hotels and restaurants using increasingly personalized approaches to enhance guest comfort and satisfaction.

Experienced, highly qualified staff are required to provide the custom service today's upscale hotel guest expects. Larger hotels, faced with the difficulties of responding to individual needs, often restructure their approach. Many use the immediacy of social media to augment the experience as travelers' research, book and talk about their stay.

**Pocono Raceway** will host the fourth-annual Jimmie Johnson Fan Experience, which includes an exclusive, kids-focused question-and-answer session with the six-time NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Champion, prior to the start of the Pocono 400 on Sunday, June 8. In addition to the ticket package, NASCAR Sprint Cup Series drivers Clint Bowyer and Jamie McMurray will visit Pocono's seventh annual Bowlopolis Kids Day on Saturday, June 7.

The 2014 Jimmie Johnson Fan Experience will feature a kid-generated question-and-answer session with the three-time Pocono race winner and a Lowe's Build and Grow Clinic, prior to the start of Sunday's 400-mile race. Pocono 400 ticket holders have two options to choose from for this pre-race experience: the \$48 family-four pack or the \$20 individual pass. For more information and to purchase access passes, please visit [www.poconoraceway.com/jj48](http://www.poconoraceway.com/jj48).

Clint Bowyer and Jamie McMurray will visit Pocono Raceway's annual Bowlopolis Kids Day, a free event for all to enjoy, for their question-and-answer session on June 7. Bowyer and McMurray will appear in the Chalet Village, located behind the Grandstands and near Gate 8, in between the two scheduled NASCAR Sprint Cup Series practices on Saturday morning. For more information, please visit [www.poconoraceway.com/kidsday](http://www.poconoraceway.com/kidsday).

Tickets to the June 6-8 Pocono 400 race weekend are available by visiting [www.poconoraceway.com](http://www.poconoraceway.com) or by calling our ticket office at 1-800-RACEWAY (1-800-722-3929). Kids, ages 12 and under, are admitted free on Friday and Saturday. Sunday Grandstand tickets for kids are half-price in the 100 and 200 sections of our Grandstands.

All of the above appearances are subject to change without notice. Neither NASCAR nor any of its affiliates are sponsors of these promotions.

**Wells Fargo** will be holding a free networking reception for Hispanic small business owners at the Howard Johnson Inn in Bartonsville from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27th, 2014.



*Ron Schantz*

Hosted by Wells Fargo District Manager Ron Schantz and Broadheadsville store manager Claudette Mack, attendees will hear from a variety of bi-lingual Wells Fargo small business experts and have the opportunity to meet and talk with other Pocono area business leaders.

"The Pocono economy is recovering and we're seeing more small business activities in our stores," says Schantz. "This is a perfect time for small business owners to explore options that will help them grow their company, and this event is a great opportunity to hear from our Wells Fargo bankers on the ways we help our customers succeed financially."



*Claudette Mack*

The event will feature free food catered by El Rincon Caribe and a cash bar is available. RSVP's are encouraged, though anyone wishing to attend will be accommodated at the door.

**Business Card Exchange  
and other Sponsorships  
Available for 2014!**

**Please contact  
Pat Metzgar at the  
Chamber at 570.421.4433 to find  
out which sponsorships fit your  
needs!**

## Save Our Planet Awards

The Save Our Planet Awards Breakfast was held at the Chateau Resort & Conference Center on April 25th at the Chateau Resort & Conference Center in Tannersville. Each year, the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce's Environmental Committee recognizes individuals and companies that have shown outstanding or innovative environmental contributions in our area.

This year's award winners were: *Institution Category: East Stroudsburg University's Go Green Organization*, *Non-Profit/Volunteer Organization: Monroe County Environmental Education Center*, with Honorable Mention going to *Pocono Medical Center's Environmental Council*, *Travel & Tourism Category: Mountain View Vineyards*, with Honorable Mention going to *TreeVentures Aerial Ropes Course*, *Government Category: Monroe County Waste Management Authority*, *Business Category: Access Office Technologies, Inc.* and *Lifetime Achievement Award: John Woodling*.



*The Save Our Planet Award Winners with Ann Pilcher, Committee Chair standing far left, Rep. Rosemary Brown, standing 2nd from right, and Michael Reisenwitz (Dr. Waters), far right. Photo courtesy of VIP Studios*

We would like to thank the following sponsors: Monroe County Waste Management Authority - Gold Sponsor, Brodhead Creek Regional Authority (Dr. Waters), Close The Loop, and Mountain View Vineyards - Silver Sponsors.

The Environmental Committee generally meets on the 4th Friday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce Board Room.

## Ribbon Cuttings

**Riverside Rehabilitation** recently opened a new facility at 2493 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg. Cutting the ribbon is Linda Salas-Mamary, Sr Director of Operations for Riverside Rehabilitation. She is surrounded by many of Riverside's employees and members of the community.



*Ribbon Cutting at Riverside Rehabilitation's New Facility*

For additional information on Physical, Occupational or Speech Therapy, contact Riverside Rehabilitation at 800-514-3878 or visit [www.riversiderehab.com](http://www.riversiderehab.com).

**The Rose Resiliency Center**, held a grand opening on April 3rd. They are located at 2257 Route 940, Suite 102 in Pocono Summit. They provide comprehensive outpatient services and



*Ribbon Cutting at The Rose Resiliency Center*

quality care to the child, adolescent, and adult population of Monroe County and the surrounding areas. They are dedicated to promoting and restoring the mental health needs of young people and their families.

For more information, you can reach them at 866.992.9143.

## Business Card Exchange

The Business Card Exchange was held on April 7th at Peppe's Bistro in East Stroudsburg and the sponsor of the event was Pocono Family YMCA.

The next card exchange will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at Grace Park Seniors Living Well in Stroudsburg.



*Networking at Peppe's Bistro*

## Women in Business

The Women in Business luncheon was held on Tuesday, April 8th at Peppe's Bistro. The Topic was presented by Dr. Steven Demko of Professional Eye Associates and was sponsored by Waterlilly Spa.



*Wendy Nuygen of Waterlilly Spa, Luncheon Sponsor*

The next luncheon will also be held at Peppe's Bistro on Tuesday, May 13, 2014. The topic will be "Your Endocrine System at Work: All About Diabetes, Hormones, and Thyroid" presented by Dr. Ronald Pyram of Pocono Medical Center. The luncheon will be sponsored by Wayne Bank.



*From l to r: Matt Rump, Pocono Family YMCA, Business Card Exchange sponsor, and Robert Phillips, IOM President/CEO Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce*



*Dr. Steven Demko at the Women in Business April Luncheon*

For more information on upcoming WIB lunches, to donate a door prize, or to sponsor a luncheon, please contact Miriam Conway at 570.421.4433.

## Welcome New Members

The following new members are not listed in the 2013-2014 Membership Directory & Buyer's Guide. Please be sure to add this page to your copy of the Directory.

### **Beachbody - Yes 30 Days**

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WEIGHT LOSS-NUTRITION

### **Kirkridge Retreat & Study Center**

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610.588.8510  
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www.kirkridge.org  
RESORTS-EVENTS FACILITY

### **Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs**

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www.stroudsburgrotary.org  
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# IMPACT



## Executive Committee

*Chris Kurtz* - Chairman of the Board  
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