

Mark Your Calendars!

It's time to think of Spring, Summer, and GOLF!

The Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce's Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at Great Bear Golf Club.

Sponsorships are available. For more information, contact the Chamber at 570.421.4433.



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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.

March 2016 Calendar of Events

- March 7**.....*Business Card Exchange*
5:30 p.m.- *Raymour & Flanigan*
Furniture - Stroudsburg
- March 8**.....*Women In Business Luncheon*
Noon – *Terraview at Stroudsmoor*
Country Inn - Stroudsburg
- March 14**.....*Education Committee*
11:00 a.m. - *GPCC*
- March 15**.....*Women in Business Committee*
8:30 a.m.- *G.PCC*
- March 22**.....*Economic Outlook Dinner*
5:30 p.m.- *Terraview at Stroudsmoor*
Country Inn - Stroudsburg
- March 22**.....*Board of Directors*
8:30 a.m.- *ESU Innovative Center -*
East Stroudsburg

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.

Members in the News

The Shawnee Playhouse presents ORIGINAL PLAY-WRIGHT READINGS on March 4, 11, 22, 18 and April 1 2016 at 7pm. and WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Audience members are invited to join in our annual play reading series to help select the winner for our 2016 Playwright contest!

Writers from across and beyond the Pocono area submit their original comedies, dramas, and musicals. A portion of each play is read live on stage, script in hand, by actors of the Worthington Players. Audience members are invited to share their thoughts on the plays they hear, and vote on their favorites. The Shawnee Executive committee tallies the votes and reviews all comments, and the winning script, or scripts, will be produced in a fully staged show (s) in 2017.

The plays chosen for reading and their playwrights are:

March 4 2016 at 7:00 pm SHORTS and ONE ACT * PLAYS

- Play #1 – *They Came Out, The Irish In America** by Paul Kodiak
Play #2 – *O'Reilly* by Rob Burnside
Play #3 – *We Only Need Two Hearts* by by K.K. Gordon
Play #4 – *The Boiler Room* by Rich Strack
Play #5 – *Epiphany on the Cross Bronx Expressway** by Stephen Loomis

March 11 2016 at 7:00 pm SHORTS and ONE ACT * PLAYS

- Play #1 – *Insider** by Katherine Melmore
Play #2 – *The Accidental Hero* by Scott E. McIntosh
Play #3 – *The Eighth Dwarf* by Stephen Loomis
Play #4 – *For the Money** by Art Walsh
Play #5 – *Tell the Mirror* by Art Walsh
Play #6 – *The Zoom Factor* by Donna M. Rubens

March 18 2016 at 7:00 pm FULL LENGTH PLAYS

- Play #1 – *The Garment* by Catherine Best
Play #2 – *Staten Island Express* by Lisa Ellex
Play #3 – *I'm Still Slightly Confused* by Lawrence Fox
Play #4 – *Crash Love* by Tesia Nicola

April 1 2016 at 7:00 pm FULL LENGTH PLAYS & MUSICALS**

- Play #1 – *Soup to Nuts* by Richard Goodman
Play #2 – *The Veranda* by Arthur Walsh
Play #3 – *The Prophet and His Wife*** by Michael Gregorio
Play #4 – *Day of Wrath* by Eric Sirota

Admission to play readings is free. A suggested \$8 donation gratefully accepted at the door. Worthington Players is a non-profit community theatre group based at the Shawnee Playhouse produced by the Shawnee Institute Ltd, a 501(C)(3) foundation established to enhance the cultural and environmental aspects of life in Shawnee on Delaware, Pennsylvania, and for other purposes which such a foundation might support.

Pocono Medical Center has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in nuclear medicine with the addition of Pocono Medical Center's Bartonsville Healthcare Center awarded a three-year term of accreditation in breast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR).

Pocono Medical Center's comprehensive facilities located conveniently throughout the region offer complete access to quality imaging services. The Bartonsville Healthcare Center is fully equipped with access to full MRI capabilities and CT scan including recent recognition from ACR as an ACR Designated Breast Center of Excellence. "These quality recognitions from the American College of Radiology are true measurements of the high standards our staff and employees uphold. Achievements like these ensure that excellent care is delivered throughout all of Pocono Medical Center's facilities and imaging services," said James Miller, BA, RTR(CV), CRA, Director of Radiology Services at Pocono Medical Center.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Guidelines and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures, and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous practice improvement.

"These distinct accreditations represent the commitment we have to our patients and the community to ensure we are providing the highest level of quality care through advanced medical technologies," said Elizabeth Wise, RN, MSN, MBA, DrNP (c), NEA-BC, CENP, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer at Pocono Medical Center.

The ACR is a national professional organization serving more than 36,000 diagnostic/interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists, nuclear medicine physicians, and medical physicists with programs focusing on the practice of medical imaging and radiation oncology and the delivery of comprehensive health care services.

PPL ELECTRIC

It's a winter scenario everyone hopes to avoid.

The snow is piling up, the wind is blowing ... and all of a sudden, the lights go out. What do you do next?

We don't like bad-weather outages any more than our customers do, and we've prepared for these conditions by investing extensively to keep the lights on all year 'round.

(You might have seen our announcement a few weeks ago that our investments in tree trimming, new technology and upgraded lines prevented about 410,000 outages last year. To us, that's just a start.)

Still, severe weather – like high winds, ice, or heavy, wet snow -- can cause outages even on a strong delivery network. So what can you do to prepare?

Here are some steps to follow before a storm:

Prepare an **emergency kit** with items like a flashlight and batteries; bottled water; canned food (and a hand-operated can opener); pet food; and medications you rely on. If you already have an emergency kit, check the items to be sure they are not nearing their use-by dates, and replace them if necessary.

Charge your personal electronic devices in advance if you know a storm is coming.

Go to ppllectric.com/alerts and set your PPL outage alerts to your preferred setting. You can receive updates on restoration progress through text message, email, phone or any combination. And, you can set "quiet" times when you don't want to receive updates, if you choose.

If you rely on electric-powered medical equipment, have a **backup plan** – such as arranging for a friend or relative to pick you up. While we respond to storms as quickly and safely as we can, we can't guarantee a specific restoration time for your home after a major storm.

And, here are some useful tips to remember after the storm passes:

Stay away from **downed power lines** and always assume any downed line is energized. Keep pets and kids away from lines as well. Please immediately report downed lines by calling 1-800-342-5775 (DIAL-PPL).

Also, if you have an outage, please be sure to **report it**. Don't assume a neighbor has done so.

Never run a **generator** indoors or in a space where fumes can accumulate.

For safety, use **flashlights** for light if needed, rather than candles. If you do use candles, handle them carefully and do not leave them unattended.

When shoveling out, please try not to pile snow on top of the **green transformer boxes** that may be in your neighborhood or any other electrical equipment.

We'll continue to work to prevent outages. And, as always, when they do occur, we'll respond as quickly and safely as we can. The tips above can make the time until the lights come back on pass more smoothly.

On Wednesday, February 17, 2016 AAA North Penn recognized employees who have hit milestone years of employment ranging from 5 to 45 years of service. Each employee received a recognition pin and a monetary reward based on their service years.



Included in the picture from left to right back row: Edward Bronko, Sharon Rosencrans, Stephen Badyrka, Richard Comstock, Donna Gasper, Ann Kolb, Michael Glynn, Glenn Smith, and Patricia Wilt. Pictured left to right front row: Kim Jones, Bonnie Dittman, Linda Welshans, Debbie Pasko, Stephanie Mennella, Linda Gisinger, Michelle Pinto, Stephanie Mullally, Dorothy Keller, and Joanna Summers.

The Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce the 2016 P.E.P (Preserve Enhance Promote) Awards. Owners of historic buildings who have shown their dedication to preserving, enhancing, and promoting Monroe County's wealth of historic structures were honored at the MCHA Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon



Wallace Block - Borough of Stroudsburg - Winner in Commercial Property

on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware.



Stroudsburg Post Office - Borough of Stroudsburg - Winner in Non-Profit/Publically Funded

Stroudsburg; Non-Profit/Publically-Funded – Stroudsburg

Three categories of buildings were judged: Commercial, Non-Profit/Publically-Funded, and Private Residence. The 2016 winners in the three categories are: Commercial Property – Wallace Block, Borough of

Post Office, Borough of Stroudsburg; and Residential Property – “The Whitman Home” owned by William and Deborah Whitman, Hamilton Township.



Whitman Home - Hamilton Township—Winner in Residential Property

The Heritage Resource Award will be given to Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm of Hamilton Township in recognition of their efforts to preserve

the resources of the small farm and to provide a historical experience and educational opportunities for the visiting public.

Monroe County Historical Association Executive Director Amy Leiser said, “Our organization is pleased to recognize the owners of these historic properties and we appreciate their dedication in helping us maintain the historic fabric of our community.”



Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm - Hamilton Township - Heritage Resource Award Winner

Leiser also commented, “This is the 11th year we’ve acknowledged owners of historic properties. We are always looking for additional structures to highlight and we welcome suggestions of other Monroe County sites that deserve recognition.”

The cost for the luncheon meeting is \$35.00 for MCHA members and \$40.00 for non-members. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Reservations, with payment, should be made at the Monroe County Historical Association, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, before Friday, February 15, 2016. For more information, please contact the office at (570) 421-7703 or mcha@ptd.net

The mission of the Monroe County Historical Association is to promote, protect and preserve the rich history of Monroe County. Visit our Web site at www.monroehistorical.org for more information on the organization and to learn more about these properties.

Pocono Raceway and General Tire have agreed to a multi-year partnership that gives the veteran tire company naming rights for the June 3 ARCA Racing Series Presented by Menards race. The announcement was made today at Daytona International Raceway with Pocono Raceway Chief Marketing Officer Ben May and General Tire Director of Marketing Travis Roffler.

General Tire #AnywhereIsPossible 200 is scheduled for Friday, June 3 and will feature 80 laps on the 2.5 mile 'Tricky Triangle.'

"General Tire is going to be a great partner for us and we are looking forward to working with them to put on a great event for our fans," said Pocono Raceway President & CEO Brandon Igdalsky. "The Mattioli family and ARCA have a long history of working together and this is another opportunity for us to support this great series."

"We are thrilled to partner with these great tracks in an effort to enhance the ARCA Race Series events and to bring more awareness to our tire brand in these key markets," said Roffler.

June 3 will mark the 30th anniversary of the first ARCA race at Pocono Raceway and be the 58th ARCA event held at 'The Tricky Triangle.'

Pocono Raceway will host seven national motorsports events during the 2016 racing season, including a NASCAR XFINITY Series race for the inaugural time on June 4. The Axalta "We Paint Winners" 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) race is set for June 5, the Pennsylvania 400 NSCS race on July 31 and the ABC Supply 500 Verizon IndyCar Series race on August 21. The Pocono Mountains 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck race is scheduled for July 30 and two ARCA Series Presented by Menards races with General Tire #AnywhereIsPossible 200 on June 3 and the ModSpace 150 on July 29 offered as well.

Tickets for all races are now on sale at poconoraceway.com or by calling 1-800-RACEWAY.

Dr. Charles K. Herman, Chair of Department of Surgery and Chief of Plastic Surgery at Pocono Medical Center, has begun his tour of Latin America to lecture on subjects from his plastic surgery textbook, *Encyclopedia of Body Sculpting after Massive Weight Loss*.

Dr. Charles K. Herman is traveling to Guatemala City and Antigua this week to lecture on face-lifting, body contouring, and breast augmentation as Invited Professor at an international plastic surgery congress. He will join faculty from Spain, Mexico, Peru, and Guatemala. Dr. Herman's textbook, *Encyclopedia of Body Sculpting after Massive Weight Loss* (Thieme Publishers), was awarded a national book prize by the American Publishers Association and has become popular in Spanish-speaking countries after being translated into Spanish.

More information about the Spanish textbook is available at:

<http://www.amolca.com/publicaciones/modelado-corporal-despues-de-la-perdida-masiva-de-peso/>.

NCC Offers Wine Specialist Certificate

Do you love wine? Whether you want to become a grape grower, a winemaker, or just expand your knowledge of this growing industry, Northampton Community College's new "Wine Specialist Certificate: From Vineyard to Table" program will give you everything you need to get started.

The program is designed to deepen your knowledge about growing grapes and producing wine. The certificate program includes eight classes with classroom instruction and vineyard visits, for a total of 58 hours.

Beginning in the spring, and continuing through summer and fall, participants will first study grape growing (viticulture) and continue to wine production (enology.) Additional wine appreciation courses will be scheduled each semester. Vineyard trips will be scheduled on weekends.

To receive a certificate, all courses must be completed within a two-year period. Participants must be at least 21 years of age.

Courses include: Wine Essentials, The World of Wine and Its Vineyards, The Growth of PA Vineyards, Great Grapes, Grape Expectations, From Vine to Wine, Finishing Touches, and Tasting Like a Pro.

The first certificate course, Wine Essentials, will be offered on Tuesdays, Feb. 9-March 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at NCC's Bethlehem Campus. The fee is \$119. Other courses offered for spring and summer semesters include:

The World of Wine and Its Vineyards – Tuesdays, March 15-April 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$145

The Growth of PA Vineyards – Tuesday, April 26-May 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$119

Great Grapes – Tuesdays, June 14-June 28, 6-8:30 p.m. \$96

For more information, or to register, visit www.northampton.edu/lifelearn.

As recognized by U.S. News and World Report, **Pocono Medical Center's** high-performing heart bypass surgery and heart failure care earns Pocono Medical Center the region's trusted name in cardiac care. In an effort to heighten the quality of cardiac care, Pocono Medical Center welcomes Hakki Bolukoglu, MD as Medical Director of its heart failure program to enhance the region's access to continued comprehensive cardiac care.

Dr. Bolukoglu joins the Pocono Medical Center team

backed by over 10 years of experience including Cardiology Attending Physician at Allegheny General Hospital and most recently as a Noninvasive Cardiologist with Cardiology Associates of West Reading and staff cardiologist at The Reading Hospital. “The best way to combat high-



Hakki Bolukoglu, MD

occurrences of heart failure is to provide preventable, timely care. The heart failure program will ensure that patients have access to a wide range of resources, from nutrition services to point-of-care services, for cardiac care,” said Dr. Bolukoglu.

According to the CDC, about 5.1 million people in the United States have heart failure. Pocono Medical Center’s Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer, Elizabeth Wise, recognizes the statistics and the importance of the community’s access to robust cardiac services, “Heart Failure is one of the leading causes of admissions and readmissions to hospitals. A comprehensive Heart Failure Program will provide clinical expertise, resources and education to patients regarding how to care for themselves and manage the disease process.”

Dr. Bolukoglu is Board Eligible for Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology and holds highly-professional credentials including Fellow of the American Heart Association. Having served the Tricare Preferred Provider Network Physicians practicing internal medicine and cardiology for the United States Air Force, Dr. Bolukoglu will provide an immeasurable quality of cardiac care to Pocono Medical Center.

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Pocono Medical Center’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center has recently been recognized as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence in the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program™ (NQMBC™). This distinguished honor represents a commitment by this breast center to provide the highest level of quality breast health care to patients in their community.

“At Pocono Medical Center’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center we actively push the boundaries of quality cancer care to exceed the expectations of our patients. With an expert oncology team, we are committed to offering accessible, unmatched cancer care to the region backed by the extensive resources of The National Consortium of Breast Centers,” said Dr. Michael Marte, Medical Director of Pocono Medical Center’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center.

Measuring and comparing quality performance is essential in assessing patient care and allocating resources where improvement is desired. In today’s dynamic health care

industry, breast centers are faced with providing quality care while simultaneously keeping costs under control. A center’s staff must not only be familiar with existing standards of care, but must also be aware of new advances in technology. Pocono Medical Center’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center actively ensures they provide the best possible quality care to breast patients in their community. The National Consortium of Breast Centers is proud to recognize Pocono Medical Center’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence.

“As a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence, we exercise the highest-quality of care from state-of-the-art technology in our imaging centers to our community breast health initiatives to ensure that we are always prepared to provide excellent care for all of our Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center patients,” said Lutchana Beckford, RN, BSN, Breast Health Nurse Navigator at Pocono Medical Center’s Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center.

The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers were developed by referencing the Health Care Advisory Board’s Clinical Quality Dash Board for breast centers published in the fall of 2004. The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers reflect more than 11 years of work, which has culminated in the adoption of more than 33 National Quality Indicators™.

The National Consortium of Breast Centers (NCBC) promote excellence in breast health care for the general public through a network of diverse professionals dedicated to the active exchange of ideas and resources. It serves as an informational resource and provides support services to those rendering care to people with breast diseases through educational programs, newsletters, a national directory and patient forums. NCBC also encourages professionals to concentrate and specialize in activities related to breast disease and encourages the development of programs and centers that address breast disease and promote breast health. It facilitates collaborative research opportunities on issues of breast health; and developed a set of core measures to define, improve, and sustain quality standards in breast health care programs and for quality performance in all types of breast health care facilities. To learn more about the NQMBC Program, please visit www.breastcare.org.

We are very pleased to announce Mary Alice Fatovic in **Pocono Medical Center’s** Registration Department, has been named the Dedicated Employee of the Month for February, 2016. Mary Alice was nominated for her compassion and dedication to a patient. Below is an excerpt of the nomination submitted on behalf of the patient:

“I took my 80+ years young mother to PMC for radiology and cardiac testing. The tests were scheduled at another facility, however, we wanted to come here. I did not have the orders since they went to the other facility, even though we scheduled them at PMC ourselves. Mary Alice

was very helpful. We never felt like we were a burden. Many phone calls had to be made, (she contacted the other departments) and we were supported throughout the ordeal. Orders were faxed to PMC and my mother had the



Pictured from L to R: Del Lynch, Director, Patient Financial Services; Mary Alice Fatovic, PRIDE Award Winner; Jennifer Dillon, Manager, Registration; Elizabeth Wise, Chief Operating Office & CNO, Bill Thoma Executive

testing she needed. We were offered to return another day, however, she made it possible to get it all done before we went out for a lovely lunch. I would like to thank Mary Alice for her sweet compassion and attention to details that made it all possible.”

The Pocono Arts Council will offer the following classes during the month of March. Classes, unless noted otherwise, are held at the PoconoArts Cultural Center, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg. To register call PoconoArts at 570-476-4460 or register online at www.poconoarts.org

Oil Painting

Instructor John McAllister

Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm

March Classes 3, 10, 17, 24

This ongoing workshop focuses on the individual, helping them to develop their own personal style and technique working with the oil medium. Learn how to develop your painting by understanding drawing and composition, light and shadow, color, preparation of materials and the application of paint. Working at your own pace, you pick the subject while the instructor guides you through the painting process.

Tuition: Member \$75/Non-Member \$85: Senior Member \$65/Non-Member \$75

Materials List

Intermediate Watercolor

Instructor Joan Raushi

Sundays 1-4pm

March Classes 6, 13, 20, 27

This class will cover composition, how to avoid “making mud”, rules of portraiture, using a photograph and various textures, along with other varied techniques.

Tuition: Member \$100/Non-Member \$110: Senior Member \$90/Non-Member \$100

Materials List

Figure Drawing w/Professional Costumed Model Instructor Ted Michalowski

One Evening, March 14, Monday, 6-9pm

This energetic workshop will focus on direct drawing, from the theatrically costumed and fashionably dressed model. Participants will draw through a range of exciting approaches, learning to draw more freely, confidently and courageously. This workshop is for teens and adults at all skill levels.

Tuition: Member \$40/Non-Member \$50: Senior Member \$30/Non-Member \$40

Materials List

Blues Guitar

Instructor Spencer Reed

One Evening, March 8, Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm

This workshop will provide a practical, hands-on approach to jamming. Attendees perform together in a casual, friendly setting. No stage audience, peer pressure or smoky club. Perfect for young people as well as adults who want to jam.

Tuition: Member \$20/Non-Member \$30: Senior Member \$15/Non-Member \$25

“Camera Ready” Workshop

Instructor Susan Field

March 5, Saturday, 1-3pm

Just received that new Point and Shoot or DSL camera and don't know how to use it? This class is for you. Camera settings will be discussed including shutter speed, focal length and depth of field. Photos will be taken as a reference and cheat sheets will be distributed! All you need to bring to workshop is your new camera.

Tuition: Member \$25/Non-Member \$35: Senior Member \$15/Non-Member \$25

PoconoArts classes fill on a first come, first serve basis. Placement in a course is secured when payment in full is received. If PoconoArts must cancel a class due to low enrollment, students will be notified prior to the scheduled start date of the class and full refunds will be issued. Tuition refunds will be honored if received ten days prior to the beginning of a class/workshop. PoconoArts will not refund or reduce any class fees for missed classes or late enrollment. The Pocono Arts Council is a local arts service organization serving Monroe, Pike and Wayne counties.

Want to get involved in your community? **United Way of Monroe County** has just launched a new website to link up volunteers with local organizations in need of assistance. Visit: www.VolunteerMonroe.org

A leader in supporting the well-being of people in our community, the United Way of Monroe County's mission is to build partnerships to improve lives and provide solutions to those facing life's challenges. This new volunteer match-

ing service does just that by allowing anyone in the community to find and respond to volunteer opportunities posted by non-profits across the county all through a single easy-to-use website.

According to Michael Albert, president and CEO of the United Way of Monroe County, "We are super excited about this new site. It is really user friendly and offers an innovative social-media type interface for volunteers. It also provides great tools for non-profits to engage volunteers. Partner agencies such as the Salvation Army, Pocono Alliance, Meals on Wheels, the Red Cross, Women's Resources and dozens of other local agencies have already posted volunteer opportunities or events to get people connected with their community. We hope this site will make it easier for non-profits to find volunteers and for volunteers to find opportunities that they enjoy and find meaningful."

United Way has been facilitating volunteerism in the county for years through its annual Day of Caring - a day in September where hundreds of volunteers get together to support dozens of organizations. This new service offers non-profits and community members the chance to get connected throughout the year. Everyone deserves opportunities to have a good life, a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement and good health. By serving others, we can achieve lasting impact in our community.

For more information about the United Way of Monroe County or to invest in and support our community service efforts visit www.unitedwaymonroe.org, or call 570-629-5657. To look for volunteer opportunities visit www.volunteermunroe.org and to post a volunteer opportunity, simply click on "Learn How Get Connected Can do for you" on the site's home page.

Northampton Community College's Center for Business & Industry (CBI) will hold four information sessions to guide participants through the application process, taking courses and becoming certified. An information session is mandatory for all certification program participants. Students should not register for the program without attending an information session and obtaining their approval letter.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that any person wishing to become a certified security officer or who is privately employed and is required, as a condition of employment, to carry a lethal weapon, must participate in a 40-hour Lethal Weapons Training Program.

The free sessions will be held on Monday, March 7 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Monday, April 4, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Fowler Family Southside Center. Learn more at www.northampton.edu/act235. For questions, please call 610-332-6596.

Casino Training Program Info Session at NCC

Northampton Community College will hold an information session for its Casino Training Program on Wednesday, March 9, from 6-8 p.m. in the Fowler Family Southside Center, Room 621. The interactive session will provide the information you need to launch a successful career in one of the fastest growing industries in Pennsylvania. A representative from the Sands Casino Resort will also be in attendance to talk about current table game dealer job opportunities.

Classes begin on April 4, and morning and evening training classes are available. For more information, call NCC Hospitality & Tourism at 610-332-8661, or go to www.northampton.edu/casino, or email hospitality@northampton.edu.

Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company recently donated \$5,000 to the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute in support of their 25th Anniversary Celebration. Peoples



From L to r: Karen Saunders, President – Northeast Regional Cancer Institute; Joseph Ferretti, Executive Vice President, Small Business Chief Lending Officer – Peoples Security Bank and Trust; Amanda Marchegiani, Community Relations Coordinator – Northeast Regional Cancer Institute.

Security Bank and Trust Company has been a proud supporter of the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute for several years. This contribution will assist the Cancer Institute with providing services and support to those afflicted with cancer, and also with hosting awareness events throughout the year. Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company congratulates Northeast Regional Cancer Institute for 25 years of caring for the community.

AAA NORTH PENN

Auto Club Thanks Chairmen Taylor and Keller for Efforts to Pass Resolution to Investigate PA Motor License Fund Expenditures

The House Transportation Committee passed a resolution requesting the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to assess if the Motor License Fund (MLF), dedicated to rebuilding roads and bridges, is being used for services not provided for in the State Constitution, specifically support for the Pennsylvania State Police. The MLF is made up of driver's license and registration fees, and is supposed to be dedicated to improving highway safety.

AAA North Penn, along with the Pennsylvania AAA Federation and its 3.1 million member motorists, thanks House Transportation Committee Chairmen Taylor (R-Phila.) and Keller (D-Phila.) for their resolution to investigate the Pennsylvania Motor License Fund expenditures as pertaining to the Pennsylvania State Police non-highway related activities and resources. While this is not the entire solution, the Resolution (HR622) is a step in the right direction.

The Motor License Fund is supposed to be dedicated to improving highway safety, in particular road and bridge maintenance and repairs throughout the state. However, during FY2014-15, \$676 million from that fund went to State Police activities and not as intended for road and bridge repair projects.

In 2013, AAA strongly supported Act 89, Pennsylvania's transportation funding legislation that increased driver's license and registration fees and the gas tax to support long overdue road and bridge repairs and maintenance.

Last week, the American Road and Transportation Builders Association reported that Pennsylvania ranks second worst among states with the most structurally deficient bridges (4,783) and second worst in terms of states with the biggest share of deficient bridges (21 percent). Several Interstate 95 bridges in Philadelphia were also noted as some of the most heavily traveled bridges in the country in need of repair.

While AAA strongly supports the highway safety patrol activities of the State Police, we want to see bridges fixed, roads paved, and detour signs taken down, so that motorists can enjoy the safe and efficient travel they are paying for.

BACKGROUND:

The Pennsylvania Constitution requires motor fuel taxes and license and registration fees be used for maintenance and safety of our highways and bridges. While AAA strongly supports the highway safety patrol activities of the Pennsylvania State Police, it appears the funding to do so has become disproportionate to their actual activities. Approximately, two-thirds of the State Police budget - \$758 million - is diverted from the Motor License Fund (MLF) and the amount diverted is growing at a faster rate than MLF revenue. At the present rate of increase, the diversion could equal \$1 Billion in the next 4-5 years. This is a significant loss of funding for our highways, bridges and local roads. Budgetary concerns are leading municipalities across the Commonwealth to dissolve their local police forces and turn to the State Police for coverage. This further stretches the resources of the State Po-

lice with potentially negative impact on the MLF.

AAA was founded in 1902 largely to ensure the growing motoring public had access to adequate highways and bridges. Recently, the AAA clubs in Pennsylvania strongly supported the additional highway and bridge funding in Act 89. AAA clubs in Pennsylvania erected billboards across the state, submitted OPEDS, and published many articles in their club periodicals demonstrating the need for additional funding, and encouraging public and legislative support for additional funding for highways and bridges.

Ribbon Cutting

Mountain Valley Orthopedics at the West End Healthcare Center



Brian Fenstermaker from State Rep. Rosemary Brown Office, Marta Gabriel from U.S. Senator Pat Toomey's Office, Dr. Allister Williams, Dr. Fred Barnes, Kristine Bush, from State Senator Mario Scavello's Office, Tyler Day, from State Rep. Jack Rader Office, and Jeff Snyder, President and CEO, Pocono Medical Center.

Mountain Valley Orthopedics, at the West End Healthcare Center location, recently held a ribbon cutting to celebrate their grand opening. They are located in the West End Healthcare Center at 120 Burrus Boulevard, Suite 120 in Brodheadsville, PA. You can reach them at 570.421.7020.

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- What are the taxing bodies?
- Who pays and why?
- Where do the taxes go?
- The property valuation process
- Notification & appeal processes
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Presented by:

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Chief Assessor for Monroe County

Lynda Kytte, CPE

Head Field Assessor

Barbara Mehlretter, CPE

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These three professionals have almost 60 years of Assessment training and experience for the residents of Monroe County. They have watched Monroe's growing pains and worked through its ups and downs. Rigorously trained and supported by continuous education, these professionals navigate the challenging roles of serving residents and taxing bodies

Date: Thursday, March 3rd

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Eastern Monroe
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Business Card Exchange

The Business Card Exchange was held on February 8th at the Chateau Resort & Conference Center in Tannersville.



Networking at Chateau Resort & Conference Center

The next Business Card Exchange will be held on Monday, March 7th at Raymour & Flanigan Furniture in Stroudsburg.

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Women in Business

The February Women in Business luncheon, sponsored by Pocono Medical Center, was held at Terraview at Stroudsmoor Country Inn in Stroudsburg. Dr. Nche Zama talked about Coronary Disease in Women.

The next luncheon will be held at Terraview at Stroudsmoor Country Inn on Tuesday, March 8th.



Elizabeth Wise, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer - PMC



Dr. Nche Zama of Pocono Medical Center - Topic Presenter

The topic "Skin Cancer - 2016" will be presented by Dr. Alan Ira Westheim and will be sponsored by St. Luke's Health Network.

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.

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The following new members are not listed in the 2014-2015 Membership Directory & Buyer's Guide. Please be sure to add this page to your copy of the Directory.

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