Chamber Hosts Annual Youth Appreciation Day Luncheon

The Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce honored ten area high school students at its Youth Appreciation Day Luncheon. More than 100 people attended the annual event, which was held at the Clarion Hotel in Stroudsburg. The theme for this year’s event was “Overcoming Challenges.”

Sponsored by the Chamber’s Education Committee, the luncheon is unique because it recognizes those students who are not necessarily the top athletes or scholars but who have overcome significant challenges to achieve success. Students were nominated by school guidance personnel.

Students honored at the luncheon included Lindsey Mesmer, East Stroudsburg High School-North; Kahshann Providence, East Stroudsburg High School South; Brandon Rode, Monroe Career and Technical Institute; Katie Neuweiler, Monroe County CareerLink; Sarah Trentacoste, Notre Dame Jr./Sr. High School; Katie Monahan, Pleasant Valley High School; Mickel Barnum, Pocono Mountain East High School; Bash Hudson, Pocono Mountain West High School; Kim Stewart, Stroudsburg High School; and Brittany Maria Cameron, Wordsworth at Shawnee.


Joseph Raven of Raven Entertainment was the guest speaker at the luncheon. Linda Whidden of Monroe County CareerLink served as Chairperson for the event.

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Students honored at the Youth Appreciation Day Luncheon are, from left to right: Bash Hudson, Kahshann Providence, Katie Monahan, Brittany Cameron. Second row: Sarah Trentacoste, Katie Neuweiler, Lindsey Mesmer, Mickel Barnum. Third row: Brandon Rode.
From the Chairman of the Board

Two new ad hoc committees have been established to address both an immediate and a long-term concern. The building committee, chaired by Karen Goumakos, will look at our long-term needs and make recommendations on what we need to do with regard to the type of facility we need and where it should be located.

The other ad hoc committee, chaired by Daisy Gallagher, will address health care with particular emphasis on ever-increasing health insurance rates and the adverse impact it is having on business expenses. The goal is to make recommendations to our local representatives at both the local and national levels on how to curb the rising cost of health insurance.

In my position as Chairman, I have had the fortunate opportunity to work even closer with the Chamber staff and I can assure you their dedication and work ethic are outstanding. I want to thank Pat, Peter, Angela and Coral for their dedication in helping implement our strategic plan and for being there whenever they are needed. We would not be the Chamber we are today without them.

Please remember to make the strategic plan work well, we need your support and your input. If you have any suggestions or concerns please call any member of the executive committee and we will do our best to address any suggestions or concerns you have.

Bruce Denlinger

July 2003 Calendar of Events
July 1: Women in Business Steering Committee
8 a.m. - PMCC
July 2: New Member Breakfast
8 a.m. - PMCC
……….Quality of Life Golf Tournament
1 p.m. - Skytop Lodge
……….Membership Committee
4 p.m. - Nazareth National Bank
July 7: Legislative Committee
8 a.m. - PMCC
July 8: Culinary Committee
4 p.m. - PMCC
……….Leadership Pocono Steering Committee
8 a.m. - PMCC
……….Women in Business Luncheon
Noon - Northampton Community College (Monroe Campus)
July 9: Transportation Committee
8 a.m. - PMCC
July 10: Pocono Plateau Committee
8 a.m. - Ramada Inn Pocono
July 14: Business Card Exchange
5 to 8 p.m. - Meadowbrook Inn & Riding Club
July 15: Small Business Development Committee
Noon - PMCC
July 16: Executive Committee
Noon - PMCC
July 18: Monthly Breakfast
7:30 a.m. - Chateau Resort & Conference Center
July 21: Quality of Life Committee
8 a.m. - The Gavel
July 22: Board of Directors
11 a.m.
Best Western Pocono Inn
July 24: HR Committee
8 a.m. - PMCC
July 25: Environmental Committee
8 a.m. - PMCC
July 28: West End Committee
8 a.m. - Western Pocono Library

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Welcome New Members continued

More than 120 Chamber members and their guests gathered at Whispering Pines Restaurant at Country Club of the Poconos in Marshalls Creek for the June Business Card Exchange. In addition to outstanding food, scenic views and live piano music, attendees enjoyed networking opportunities.

The July Business Card Exchange is scheduled from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14, at Meadowbrook Inn & Riding Club on Cherry Lane Road in Tannersville. For more information or to make reservations, see the flyer in this issue of Impact.
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New Member Breakfast

Attendees of the June New Member Breakfast are, from left: Otto Bohmenger; Ron DuPonte; Gamble Stevenson; Aluras; Warren D. Utermahle, and Robert Phillips.

Representatives from several new member businesses attended the New Member Breakfast on June 4 at the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce offices.

Membership Director Angela Nison was on hand to welcome the new members and give a brief presentation about the Chamber and the benefits of membership.

Even if you are not a new member, you are invited to a New Member Breakfast to learn more about the Chamber and how to get the most from the membership benefits available to you. Call Angela Nison at (570) 421-4433 for more information.

Following is a brief description of the new members represented at the breakfast.

Marketing Concepts
Ron DuPonte. Located in East Stroudsburg, this business helps companies change the behavior of employees, customers or clients using deluxe video, travel, sporting events and online shopping, and offers voice broadcasting. Phone: (570) 242-0481. Fax: (570) 233-4292.

Diversity Services Inc.
Gamble Stevenson. Diversity Services, in Tobyhanna, provides computer software consulting, Web-hosting, e-commerce, specialty advertising, and more. Phone: (800) 309-5280. Fax: (775) 269-5365.

Teneo Corporation
Otto Bohmenger, Aluras. This company provides corporate wellness management and key business information services. Teneo Corporation is located in Stroudsburg. Phone: (570) 422-7999. Fax: (570) 422-7990.

Warren Utermahle Sr. Attorney at Law
Warren D. Utermahlen. This general law practice located in Stroudsburg offers civil litigation, criminal defense, DUI, school problems, business organization, and transactional representation. Phone: (570) 420-0710. Fax: (570) 420-0710.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Access Office Electronics was presented the “Good Neighbor Award” from the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Access Office Electronics has donated its services, helping the Red Cross to be more technologically advanced. Employees also volunteered their services during the United Way Day of Caring on September 11, 2002.

This May, CENTURY 21 Real Estate Corporation offices (Ruggiero, Mountain, Keman and Select Realty) merged to form CENTURY 21 Select Group. They will now provide a full range of services to customers to allow one-stop shopping. Additional top offices are expected to join the group over the next several months.

Community Check Cashing opened its third store. The business is located at 629 Milford Road in East Stroudsburg.

East Stroudsburg University’s Project Upward Bound students were recently selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. last month. The Upward Bound program, which helps students prepare for college while still in high school, recently held its twenty-eighth graduation ceremony. ESL will also debut its new Bachelor of Science degree program in health services administration this fall.

Nazarath National Bank recently appointed Saylorsburg resident B. Nicholas Barthold to branch manager at the Stroudsburg office.

The Department of Environmental Protection has awarded more than $1.1 million dollars over a three-year period to Northampton Community College’s Electrotechnology Applications Center (ETAC) to investigate a new technology that can possibly be used to reduce air pollution. Scientists from ETAC have achieved national acclaim for their success in helping manufacturers comply with environmental regulations, improve energy efficiency and increase productivity using “green technologies.” Last year, ETAC received the Governor’s Award for Environmental Excellence for helping Pennsylvania manufacturing firms prevent the pollutant emissions.

CEO Charles Wilson and two nurses from Pocono Medical Health Care, Inc. in Stroudsburg attended the three-day Pennsylvania Home Care Association Conference in Somerset. Issues and trends in the homecare industry were presented.

Shawnee celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary this year, with a rich history that includes landmark events like the first timeshare being sold in 1978; the opening of Shawnee SkiWee School in 1981; the first Balloon Festival in 1984; the debut of snowtubing in 1997; and the opening of the Recreation Center in 2000, through the present day, when treasurer Jessie Kwan recently earned the American Resort Development Association ACE Employee Award.

Strunk-Albert Engineering of East Stroudsburg has recently worked with other firms to complete the new Henry A. Alpert, Jr. Alumni Center at East Stroudsburg University. The 8,000 square-foot building was constructed with energy efficiency and other environmental concerns in mind.

B. Nicholas Barthold
The Homestead Inn is Restaurant of the Month

The Homestead Inn on Sand Spring Drive in Cresco offers fine dining in a relaxed country atmosphere, aquariums, intimate bar, extensive wine selections and excellent service. Specialties include Wild Mushroom Ravioli, Bruschetta, Filet au Poivre, Breast of Duck Tequila Sunrise, and Pecan Encrusted Salmon. The restaurant is open seven days a week through the summer. Phone: (570) 595-3171.

CEO Reception

At the CEO Reception held at the Stroudmoor Country Inn, CEOs Scott Fainor, Damian Braga and Dr. Art Scott were honored. Over sixty people attended to welcome these new CEOs to our community. Pictured from left are Scott Fainor, Damian Braga, Dr. Art Scott, Bruce Denlinger, and Robert Phillips.

From the President

During the month of May, the Chamber's Small Business Development Committee sponsored two workshops that were held at the Monroe County Area Vocational Technical School. A Business Start-Up Workshop was conducted on May 15 and a Business Marketing Workshop was held on May 29. Each workshop was attended by more than 50 participants and all of the presenters were Chamber members who volunteered their time. Peter Alasty, the Chamber's Business Development Specialist, coordinated these workshops and I would like to commend him for doing an excellent job. I would also like to thank all the instructors, the participants, and the Vo-Tech School in making these workshops a complete success. This is another example of how the Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce is helping businesses to grow and prosper in our region.

Since I mentioned last month that PMCC will start a Health Care Task Force to examine the rapid cost increase of health care insurance, a considerable number of Chamber members have expressed their intent to serve on this committee. Health care insurance premiums have increased at a rapid rate each year and have become the number one concern of business owners. The Chamber is taking this issue very seriously and our mission is to start several alliances with other organizations, offer guest speakers on this topic, and report suggestions to the membership on how to help stabilize these rising costs. If you would like additional information, please call me at the Chamber.

Robert Phillips

Creative Energy Options Hosts May Breakfast

Creative Energy Options of White Haven hosted May’s Monthly Breakfast at The Country Place Retreat & Conference Center, also in White Haven. Carol Lindner from The Country Place Retreat reported that the conference center occupies 450 acres and can accommodate 55 individuals. The facility, which is non-denominational, also offers personal growth programs for corporate clients and other groups.

Dr. Sylvia Lafair, the speaker, is co-owner with Herb Kaufman of Creative Energy Options. Dr. Lafair is a family therapist and offers a program at Creative Energy Options called “Total Leadership Connection” that is based around eight identified roles of leadership.

The special program was presented by Leadership Pocono. The speaker, Dr. Kimberly Filipkowski, described the mission of Leadership Pocono as being the identification of leaders in the Pocono region. Leadership Pocono is a ten-month program that runs from September through June to benefit employers, participants and the community.

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