

## Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce Celebrates 100 Years!

On March 3, 1910, the third Board of Trade was organized. Robert Brown, Sr. was elected temporary chairman and Dr. W.C. Snover, temporary secretary.

Mr. Brown stated that "the object of the Club was to cultivate the social side, as well as to look after the business welfare of our town. The idea being to rent and furnish suitable quarters, where the members can meet for recreation or business."



Group photo of 25+ years chamber members at the 100th Anniversary Gala  
(photo courtesy of VIP Studios)

After much discussion, the name "The Stroudsburg Industrial Club" was selected and the following officers were elected: Robert Brown, Sr., President; S.E. Shull, Esquire, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; R.H. Kintner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; J.C. Bensinger, Recording Secretary; H.E. Sweeny, Corresponding Secretary; and C.B. Keller, Treasurer. One of the first tasks of this new organization was to address the possibility of consolidating the towns of Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg. On March 10, 1910, a committee of seven from Stroudsburg was appointed to confer with a similar committee from East Stroudsburg.



Group photo of 50+ years chamber members at the 100th Anniversary Gala (photo courtesy of VIP Studios)

The Stroudsburg Industrial Club received its charter on June 25, 1910. Even then, it held the industrial and mercantile interests of the region at heart. As noted in its charter, the corporation was formed "for the purpose of establishing a body with authority to deal with matters of interest to the general public of the Borough of Stroudsburg by promoting the prosperity of the mercantile and the manufacturing enterprises of the community."

The name of the Stroudsburg Industrial Club was later changed to The Stroudsburg Chamber of Commerce. The officers of the Chamber were: Stewart Flagler, President. Mr. Flagler was the owner of the Phoenix Drug Store located at 611 Main Street. (cont'd on page 2)

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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.

## July 2010

### Calendar of Events

July 9.....	<i>Leadership Pocono</i> 8:00 a.m. – GPCC
July 12.....	<i>Education Committee</i> Noon. – JR's Grille - E. Stroudsburg
July 12.....	<i>Business Card Exchange</i> 5:00 p.m. – Washington Banquet Facility - Bangor
July 13.....	<i>Economic Development/Transportation Committee</i> 8:00 a.m. – Mt. Pocono Municipal Airport
July 13.....	<i>Women in Business Luncheon</i> Noon – Sycamore Grille - Delaware Water Gap
July 14.....	<i>West End Committee</i> 7:30 a.m. – Western Pocono Community Library - Brodheadsville
July 19.....	<i>Energy Committee</i> 8:30 a.m. – Strunk Albert Engineering
July 20.....	<i>Business Development Committee</i> 8:00 a.m. – GPCC
July 20.....	<i>Women in Business Steering Committee</i> 9:00 a.m. – GPCC
July 21.....	<i>HR Committee</i> 8:00 a.m. – GPCC
July 23.....	<i>Environmental Committee</i> 9:30 a.m. – GPCC
July 26.....	<i>Finance Committee</i> 8:00 a.m. – GPCC
July 26.....	<i>Executive Committee</i> 8:30 a.m. – GPCC
July 26.....	<i>Golf Tournament</i> 1:00 p.m. - Great Bear Golf & Country Club
July 27.....	<i>Board of Directors</i> 8:30 a.m. – Pocono Inn Town

(cont'd from front cover)

The 14kt Outlet is currently at that location. P.R. Johnson, Vice-President. He was also the President of the Security Trust Company located at 713 Main Street. This is currently home to KNBT. L.E. Lord, Recording Secretary, was a watchmaker at 560 Main Street. Richmond & Associates currently occupies that location. F.L. Stackhouse, Treasurer, was a bookkeeper at 1125 Main Street. This location is a private residence.

On May 12, 1911, the Stroudsburg Industrial Club, now the Stroudsburg Chamber of Commerce, started a movement headed by Harry E. Sweeny to build a Convention Hall. The Club appointed five individuals to form a committee whose purpose was to lay plans for and promote the movement. The members of this committee were R.B. Keller, A.C. Sweazy, H.E. Sweeny, W.W. L'Homme-dieu and L.J. Brown.

After spending a year planning, estimating, and discussing ways and means, it was decided a Theater would be built with local capital and stock sold by the committee.

The stock holders formed a Corporation called the Huston Realty Company and purchased the Huston property at the corner of N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Quaker Alley. They engaged architect Harry Weaver to draw up plans and proceed with the construction of the Theatre so that Stroudsburg would have a beautiful, fully-equipped Theatre with a large stage. The second floor contained four large rooms, a kitchen, cloak room and wash room. This floor was specially designed for the Chamber of Commerce and was occupied by them for many years.

(The above information was found in the book "History of Monroe County Pennsylvania," written by Robert Brown Keller

During its 100 year history, the Chamber of Commerce has demonstrated its commitment to providing an optimum business environment for its members. Currently, more than 1200 members work together on one of the Chamber's 17 committees and task forces, or in other ways, to enhance our quality of life and to promote progress. And as Monroe County continues to grow each year, so does the scope of the Chamber's work.

Over the course of history, the Chamber experienced several name changes to accommodate the growth and expansion of the Greater Pocono Mountain region:

- *Stroudsburg Industrial Club, June 25, 1910*
- *Stroudsburg Chamber of Commerce, December 15, 1919*
- *Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, 1932*
- *Pocono Mountains Chamber of Commerce, April 2, 1948*
- *Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce, September 25, 2007*

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**Monthly Breakfast**  
**Sponsorships Available**  
**for 2010!**  
  
**Please contact**  
**Pat Metzgar at the**  
**Chamber at 570.421.4433**

## Members in the News

Debra A. Borger of **Riley and Company** has successfully completed the certification process with the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) to earn the designation of Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM).

The CGFM is the standard by which governmental financial professionals are measured. The CGFM designation shows that Debra has the knowledge, experience, and ethics to provide audit and accounting services to local governments of all kinds.

Paul Conforti, Managing Shareholder of Riley and Company, Inc. reports, "Our firm is thrilled to add the CGFM to Debra's list of accomplishments. This designation shows our commitment to serving our local governments."

Debra A. Borger, CPA, is a shareholder of Riley and Company, Inc. Riley and Company is a full service CPA and business advisory firm, offering accounting, auditing, litigation support, bookkeeping, payroll service, and computer services, with offices in Stroudsburg and Mt. Pocono. To contact Debra A. Borger please call 570-424-0667, or at [dborger@rileyandcompany.com](mailto:dborger@rileyandcompany.com).

Jason J. Feinman has joined **Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, Wilkins & Associates** and will be working out of their Stroudsburg office, announces the company's SVP/GM, Dominick J. Sacci.



Jason graduated from the Pocono Real Estate Academy in November of 2006, and previously worked with Weichert, Realtors®-Acclaim in Tannersville. He is e-PRO certified as an internet & technology professional and is an Accredited Buyers Representative (ABR) through the National Association of Realtors (NAR). He also has additional education from the State University of NY @ Plattsburgh with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

Feinman originates from Hauppauge, Long Island, and has been living in the Estates at Great Bear for the last four years. He was recruited by the company's CEO, Thomas R. Wilkins.

**Pocono Lutheran Village** ( Personal Care Community) and the Pocono Mountain office of **Griswold Special Care** are co-sponsoring an Educational Workshop entitled, " Powers of Attorney and Advance Directives: Why do you (and your parents) need them?" on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Pocono Lutheran Village, 329 East Brown Street.

The workshop is presented by local Stroudsburg attorney, Lori J. Cerato, Esq., who concentrates her practice in the area of Elder Care issues. Powers of Attorney and Advance Directives are two of the most important and misunderstood legal documents for all adults, especially for the elderly and people with disabilities. Attendees will be given the opportunity to complete and sign an advance Health Care Directive (also known as a Living Will), compliments of Attorney Cerato. Seating is limited.

To register and to obtain more information, please call Griswold Special Care at 570-424-7678.

**Pocono Farms Country Club Association** awards \$4,500 in Scholarships to Resident High School Seniors. At their Ice Breaker Invitational Golf Tournament held in May, Pocono Farms Country Club Association's Golf Committee awarded four Pocono Farms graduating seniors with a total of \$4,500 in scholarship funds. Ten scholarship applicants were graded on their academic record, extracurricular involvement, work and community service, and their personal interview. Of the 10 applicants, Frank Argentieri, Michael DeBrincat, Jefferson Ramirez and Stephen Wachowski received the highest scores and were each awarded one this year's four scholarships.

In years past, the PFCCA Golf Committee awarded two scholarships to deserving seniors however this year, Pocono Farms CC lost two very active residents, Mr. Steve Butler and Mr. Bob Stephen whose generous family members set up scholarships in their loved ones memory.

Pocono Farms Country Club Association has been awarding scholarships since 2004. Contributions to this fund are made through various golf outings held throughout the season. Golf is an integral part of the community at Pocono Farms. The golf committee and golf members are proud to award these scholarships now and in the future.

Students from Pennsylvania high school and college technical education programs won the nation's highest awards at the **SkillsUSA** National Leadership and Skills Conference. Industry leaders representing over 1,100 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions recognized the students for their demonstrated excellence in 96 hands-on occupational and leadership contests, such as robotics, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. All contests are designed, run and judged by industry using industry standards.

Top student winners received gold, silver and bronze medallions. Many also received prizes such as tools of their trade and/or scholarships to further their careers and edu-



cation. The SkillsUSA Championships is for high school and college-level students who are members of SkillsUSA. In addition, for the fourth year, high scorers in the contests received Skill Point Certificates. The Skill Point Certificate was awarded in 90 occupational and leadership areas to students who achieved a high score defined by industry. The SkillsUSA Championships have been a premier event since 1967. The Skill Point Certificates were introduced three years ago as a component of the SkillsUSA Work Force Ready System.

The following are Skill Point Certificate recipients from your area:

\* Charles B Livezey, from Effort and a student at Monroe Career and Technical Institute (Bartonsville), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Residential Wiring.

\* Team F (consisting of Cody Tempelton, Barry Cusano III, Michael Jeans), from Career Institute of Tech (Easton), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Community Service.

\* Team D (consisting of Hasim Z Paputchi, Tyler M Bartron, Alex A D'Antonio, Fabio A Peralta), from Monroe Career and Technical Institute (Bartonsville), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Entrepreneurship.

"Over 5,600 students from every state in the nation came to compete in the SkillsUSA Championships this week," said SkillsUSA executive director Tim Lawrence. "This is the SkillsUSA partnership at its best. Students, instructors and industries are working together to ensure America has a skilled work force and every student excels. These students prove that career and technical education expands opportunities."

According to Lawrence, recent survey data says that 75 percent of these students will go on to higher education. Included in that number are 40 percent who will be attending college and working at the same time. Of those graduating from school, 76 percent plan to work in the field for which they've trained.

"They're the employees industry wants to hire and promote," Lawrence said.

Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$35 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. All contests are run and judged by industry experts using industry standards for employment. Contests assess hands-on, employability and academic skills. Over 1,600 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

The SkillsUSA Work Force Ready System was developed as an extension of the SkillsUSA mission and supported by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The System recognizes students for excellence in occupational training; it assesses and documents the entry-level technical proficiency and cumulative experiences of candidates. For more information about the SkillsUSA Work Force Ready System, visit [www.workforcereadysystem.com](http://www.workforcereadysystem.com)



Carol Demarest, Realtor with Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Wilkins & Associates has accepted the position of Admin Asst to Patricia Blank-Toombs, Vice Pres of the Property Management and Vacation Rental Dept. Prior to the promotion, Demarest was a fulltime agent in the Bushkill office.

Demarest began her real estate career with Wilkins in 2003.

During her career she won numerous awards and designations including being a graduate of the Floyd Wickman Sweathog Program and a Million Dollar Salesperson in 2004 through 2008. Demarest presently holds the ABR designation.

In Demarest's new position she will be responsible for taking reservations for the vacation units and handling certain day to day operations of the long-term property management division. Wilkins has a vacation rental department that handles both timeshare and vacation home rentals throughout the Pocono Mountains region.

Said Blank-Toombs, "I'm excited to have Carol in my department. Her work ethic and customer service skills are something that's important to that position and she fits that type personality without any hesitation." Blank-Toombs recently took over the long-term property management division in a restructuring move by the company. Blank-Toombs is the person who reopened the Vacation Rental Department approximately one year ago and is responsible for vacation rentals including Northslope II, a community managed by the Wilkins organization and Eagle Village, an award-winning timeshare community located in Tamiment, Pennsylvania. Collectively, the Vacation Rental and Long-term Rental dept account for 8% of the Wilkins business.

The Vacation Rental and Long-term Rental department is open 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can visit them online at [www.wilkins1.com](http://www.wilkins1.com).



Sherrill L. Thorne has joined Pennsylvania First Settlement Services as an Escrow Officer. Thorne, prior to joining Pennsylvania First, was employed by Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Wilkins & Associates as a Reservationist and previous to that was a Better Homes and Gardens Realtor in the West End office.

Thorne has 9 years experience in the title business and will work from the 304 Park Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor office. "Our policy is always to promote from within", said Thomas R. Wilkins,

CEO. "Sherrill was a huge asset in our Vacation Rental Department and was one of the founding members of that department, so while I'm sad to see her go, we're happy that she accepted the position at Pennsylvania First." said Patricia Blank-Toombs, V.P./Sales Manager.

Pennsylvania First Settlement Services provides title and settlement services to real estate Brokers throughout the Northeast Pennsylvania region. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Liquid Restaurant & Bar** Announces Jim Roberti Performances Every Wednesday Night from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at Liquid, the Poconos most talked about restaurant and bar.

Famed musician Jim Roberti will perform every Wednesday evening from 7:30 pm to 11 pm at Liquid Restaurant & Bar, located at 907 Main Street in Stroudsburg, PA. Liquid's contemporary décor, on par with the styles of many metropolitan restaurants, and eclectic drink and food menus will provide the perfect accompaniment to Jim Roberti's music for those looking for the ideal summer evening out.

Liquid is noted as one of the premier dining and drinks experiences in the Pocono region. Liquid combines a casually upscale environment, with all of the signature features of the best restaurants of New York and Miami. Their extensive martini and wine list feature exclusive drink combinations and wine selections only available at Liquid. The eclectic food menu features both tapas options and complete entrees, insuring that whether you need a light appetizer to accompany your early evening cocktails, or a savory dinner for a lovely evening out you will find the perfect option at Liquid.

Liquid prides itself on offering a wide range of price points for all of its menu items. This easily translates to an accessible, fine dining experience for all patrons and a degree of customer service not easily experienced elsewhere.

For more information on Liquid Restaurant and Bar, in addition to photographs and a complete menu, visit [www.liquidmartinibar.com](http://www.liquidmartinibar.com).

**Women's Resources of Monroe County** is proud to announce that we have been voted in as finalists in the Pepsi Refresh Project, which may fund \$50,000 toward counseling for rape survivors. We are seeking to **'Stop Rape in Our Backyard'** and we need YOUR help!

According to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, "One out of 4 girls and one of every 6 boys is sexually assaulted by the age of 18." Today we challenge you to visit the Pepsi Refresh website at [www.refresheverything.com/wrmonroe](http://www.refresheverything.com/wrmonroe) so Women's Resources can continue to provide emergency shelter and crisis services to individuals, children, and families that fall victims to sexual violence.

**It's simple:**

1) Visit the website: [www.refresheverything.com/wrmonroe](http://www.refresheverything.com/wrmonroe)

- 2) Register your email to vote for our cause!
- 3) Send this email to all your contacts, voting ends July 31<sup>st</sup>

Voters can vote daily, and since we only have a month to vote, we encourage you to! Monroe County is the second fastest growing county in the state of Pennsylvania, and due to this, we were unable to provide emergency shelter and emergency crisis service to over 500 victims in need in the last five years. There's never been a better time to come together and 'Stop Rape in our Backyard!' Thank you in advance for your Vote!

**The Inn at Pocono Manor** as announced the reopening of its stables following a comprehensive refurbishing. Included in the refurbishment program was the rebuilding and upgrading of the interior spaces and stalls within the stables, which can now accommodate up to 20 horses. Also included was the repair and repainting of the entire exterior of the stables.

To celebrate, the new stable operators, Alyssa and Jenna Regan, and The Inn at Pocono Manor have announced a new riding and wrangler program for adults and children that includes basic horse care, stall preparation and maintenance, and much more.

Alyssa and Jenna Regan have been active equine enthusiasts most of their lives. Jenna is a graduate of the University of Findlay Equine Program and both women have participated in equestrian competitions and rodeos from an early age.

The Inn at Pocono Manor's 2010 Summer Equestrian Program will include horseback trail rides, riding lessons, Wrangler for a Day programs, and Children's Summer Riding Camp. Also available are a Petting Zoo, Sunset Rides, Pumpkin Picking and Sleigh Rides (winter season), and even a 6-days/5-nights Wrangler Camp.

For more information on The Inn at Pocono Manor's expanded Equestrian Program for 2010 and for reservations, contact 800-233-8150 / 570-839-7111, or visit [www.poconomanor.com](http://www.poconomanor.com) <<http://www.poconomanor.com/>> .

The historic Inn at Pocono Manor, which opened in 1902, is the longest continuously operating resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America. The Inn's Exchange at Pocono Manor Restaurant welcomes guests for dinner each evening. The Old Lamplighter Lounge serves specialty beverages and pub fare throughout the day. The Laurel Spa offers state-of-the-art treatments designed to enhance guests' healthy lifestyles and sense of well being. The Inn at Pocono Manor offers a full range of resort activities all season long.

Tom Rhiel, Partner at **mES (mEnterprise Solutions)** recently introduced Joe Mornini, Executive Director for Team River Runner (TRR), as the guest presenter for the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs. With the goal, "Butts in

Boats", TRR gives injured veterans and active duty service members an opportunity to find health, healing, and new challenges through whitewater kayaking and other paddling sports. The benefits of TRR have as much to do with creating a social network and support system as they do with learning water sports skills that can provide an exciting adventure lifestyle that suddenly seemed lost due to injury. The program also encourages family members to participate whenever possible.

TRR has developed innovative outfitting of boats to accommodate virtually any wound that a vet may have received. Started in Washington DC at Walter Reed in 2004 there are now over 25 chapters throughout the US today with new chapters forming each year.

Joe Mornini, a full time special education teacher with the Montgomery County School District, Rockville, Maryland, has been honored in the past by being named a Washingtonian Magazine Notable Person of the Year in 2006 and in March of this year received the Silver Helmet Award from the AMVETS organization.

mES (mEnterprise Solutions), has joined Team River Runner as the national consultancy for the organization. If your organization is interested in having TRR speak to your organization or for information regarding the establishment of a local TRR chapter contact mES at [mches-ter@mEnterpriseSolutions.com](mailto:mches-ter@mEnterpriseSolutions.com)

Team River Runner (TRR), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. For more information go to [www.teamriverrunner.org](http://www.teamriverrunner.org).

The American Red Cross Southeastern Pennsylvania (SEPA) Chapter is pleased to announce the launch of **The Pocono Raceway** Sunoco Red Cross Ultimate Fan Experience. Now through July 16<sup>th</sup>, fans can enter to win a wonderful grand prize which includes a trip to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Awards Banquet in Las Vegas and the chance to wave the "Green Flag" at the Sunoco Red Cross Pennsylvania 500 race on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The grand prize winner will receive:

A trip for two to the NASCAR Sprint Cup Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, a \$1,000 airline voucher, \$500 in spending money, two nights for hotel accommodation

The opportunity to wave the Green Flag to start the 2010 Sunoco Red Cross Pennsylvania 500 race and be on stage during the driver introductions at the race

Attend the "Driver's Meeting"

Four Sky Box tickets and four pit passes to the race

Ride in Pace Car Lap at the race.

Proceeds from the race will go to Red Cross Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter's one-of-a-kind Red Cross House, which provides free of charge, food, clothing, and shelter to victims of disasters, like fires and floods.

"It is a tremendous honor to have the Pennsylvania 500 race named in our honor again this year," said CEO of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross, Tom Foley. "We appreciate all that Sunoco and Pocono Raceway have done in the past to make this race a success in helping raise money for victims of disaster and we greatly appreciate the generosity of those participating and contributing to this event."

"Sunoco looks forward to providing support for this important initiative again in 2010," said Drew Kabakoff, Manager of Brand Marketing for Sunoco, Inc. "We're thrilled to once again be an integral part of this program and we know our employees and customers will join us in this effort to support the work of the Red Cross."

"Pocono Raceway admires and respects the work of the Red Cross and wants to help support its mission and the great work they do for families in Pennsylvania," stated Brandon Igdalsky, Pocono Raceway President.

There are a few ways to enter the "Sunoco Red Cross Ultimate Fan Experience" sweepstakes. One is to go to [www.poconoraceway.com/ultimatefanexperience](http://www.poconoraceway.com/ultimatefanexperience), follow the links to 'Promotions' page, and enter the promotional code: REDCROSS. Here you can purchase a ticket(s) to the race and complete the ticket purchase checkout process. Another way is to go to [www.poconoraceway.com/tickets](http://www.poconoraceway.com/tickets), click on the "Buy Tickets" link, click on "Red Cross Donations" link, select a donation of at least \$10, and complete the donation checkout process to be automatically entered. To enter without making a purchase or donation, send a postcard including your full name, address, city, state/province, zip/postal code, and a phone number where you can be reached during the day to: Pocono Raceway "Sunoco Red Cross Ultimate Fan Experience" Sweepstakes, 625 Panorama Trail, Bldg. 2 Suite 100, Rochester, NY 14625. For more information, email Dave Schrader at [Dave.schrader@redcross-philly.org](mailto:Dave.schrader@redcross-philly.org).

**Shawnee Playhouse** Children's Theater presents **WILLY WONKA JUNIOR**, July 8-August 28, 2010.



The Bucket family is down on their luck but full of hope when young Charlie finds a golden ticket, inviting him to



tour a wondrous chocolate factory with an eccentric candy maker. Five children begin the tour, but only one can win! Spoiled brat Veruca Salt, competitive Violet Beauregard, video junkie Mike Teevee, sweets-loving Augusta Gloop, and underdog Charlie follow Willy Wonka and his Oompa Loompas on the incredible journey.

WILLY WONKA JUNIOR features familiar songs from the classic family film, including The Candy Man, Pure Imagination, Oompa Loompa, and I Want it Now. This charming children's show is adapted from of Roald Dahl's world-famous book Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

WILLY WONKA JUNIOR is family friendly fun and appropriate for all ages. Tickets to Shawnee Children's Theatre are just \$8 for all seats.

Performances of WILLY WONKA JUNIOR will be at 10:00 am July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, August 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28. If this show was a movie it would likely be rated G.

To reserve tickets please call the Shawnee Playhouse Box Office at 570-421-5093.

**Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Wilkins & Associates** announces how they are Supporting the Troops with their "Sending 'Home' to the Troops" campaign.

Realtors® and staff didn't hesitate to contribute when their supervisors notified them that the company was going to create care packages for one of their co-workers sons who is presently serving our country on active duty.

Chris Nannery is a proud United States Marine and is currently stationed in Okinawa Japan. He is the son of Barbara Nannery, a Realtor® who works out of Wilkins & Associates Bushkill Location.



The care packages consisted of sports magazines to toothbrushes and candy to shaving cream. Each of BHGREW&A offices signed an American Flag greeting card and wrote personal notes of thanks and appreciation for Chris's service.

Over the years, Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Wilkins & Associates has consistently given back to its community by contributing time and participating in fund raisers which include but are not limited to the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life, Red Cross, Monroe and Pike County Children and Youth Services, Arthritis Foundation, Lock-Up for Muscular Dystrophy Association, Habitat for Humanity, and Tobyhanna Ecumenical Hunger Ministry.



**The Inn at Pocono Manor** has named Jonathan P. Quidore director of food & beverage for the historic resort. The property, which opened in 1902, is the longest continuously operating resort in the Poconos and one of the oldest in North America. The announcement was made by Robert Sighinolfi general manager of The Inn at Pocono Manor.

"I am so pleased to welcome Jonathan to our Resort," said Mr. Sighinolfi. "He brings important experience gained at top shelf resorts throughout the nation to his new position here at The Inn at Pocono Manor."

Jonathan P. Quidore was previously general manager for The Chestnut Inn at Oquaga Lake in Deposit, New York, where he was responsible for overall property operations, including food and beverage management. He served as food & beverage manager for The Kessler Collection of Hotels prior to this, overseeing the company's Casa Monica Hotel, The Mansion at Forsyth Park, and the Kehoe House, each a Preferred Hotel located in Savanna, Georgia.

Mr. Quidore has worked for the prestigious Ritz Carlton Hotel Amelia Island, serving as restaurant manager for property's Grill Room. He has previously held the title of general manager for Magnolias Restaurant, which has been recognized as one of the most celebrated restaurants in historic Charleston, South Carolina.

Earlier in his career, Quidore served as food and beverage outlet manager for the Charleston Place Hotel, an Orient Express Hotels and Resorts property. While there, the property's restaurant was ranked in the Top Five within the United States by CondeNast Traveler. He has also held the position of general manager of Casey's Tavern in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, when the restaurant was voted "Best in Philly" by Philadelphia Magazine.

Jonathan Quidore is a graduate of Villanova University, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Communications Arts. He is relocating to Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania.

**The Inn at Pocono Manor** has announced its Friends & Family Adventure Package for the Summer 2010 season. The special package is available through Labor Day weekend at the historic Resort, Sundays through Thursdays.

The Inn at Pocono Manor's Friends & Family Summer Adventure Package includes: Guest room accommodations for 4 persons, full breakfast buffet the next morning, Choice of an activity at the Resort for each night of stay. Each party can select from:

Golfing with Cart on one of the Resort's two 18-hole courses (East Course designed by Donald Ross, West-Course by George Fazio)

Tips & Toes at the Laurel Spa (manicure and pedicure)

Horseback trail ride, riding lesson, Wrangler for a Day, or 5-day Wrangler Cam (5 night stays)

All-day pass to CamelBeach Water Park near the Resort

Shopping Spree ~ \$50 gift card to The Crossings Premium Outlets nearby

2 persons Golf / 2 persons at the Laurel Spa

Catch a Trophy (stream pass and lesson)

Archery

Shooting at the Resort's range

White Water Rafting (based upon dam release dates)

Bike Ride & Five Star Picnic in the beautiful Pocono Mountains

The Inn at Pocono Manor has additional fun-filled activities scheduled for the summer season that are generally included in this package, such as Smore's & Stories by the Bonfire, Nature Hikes, Scavenger Hunts, Learn-to-Tie-Dye-a-Tee Shirt or Make-Your-Own Ice Cream -- and the Resort's own 'Dive In' movies at our outdoor pool!

The Inn at Pocono Manor's Family Summer Package for four guests is \$358 per family per night and available Sunday through Thursday (2 adults, 2 children 12 and under). For more information and for reservations, contact 800-233-8150 / 570-839-7111, or visit [www.poconomanor.com](http://www.poconomanor.com).

Join us at **The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort** on Wednesday, August 11th 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon or 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., and learn from service trainer and consultant, Dr. Bryan K. Williams. Bryan is the former Corporate Director of Training for the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company and has provided Training for over 100 companies worldwide.

Regardless of your industry, as long as you have customers, this training is for you! His audience includes individuals from: hotels, restaurants, banking, health care, spa, retail, aviation, photography, real estate, education.

During the "Work Like You Own It!" conference, attendees will learn the Six Habits of Service Superstars which will increase: customer satisfaction, customer loyalty, a n d e m p l o y e e m o r a l e .

Take advantage of the early bird special! Groups of four or more receive the discounted rate of \$90 per person, or single registrations are \$95 per person, when you register by Tuesday, July 27th, 2010.

Enjoy a room and a show at Shawnee Inn for under \$100. A room and a show, plus breakfast, for less than \$100? That's the value package currently being offered by the **Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort**.

With check-in on any Wednesday or Thursday night from now through Sept. 2, Shawnee's "Room and Show" package includes: Overnight lodging accommodations at the Shawnee Inn, each with a veranda overlooking the Delaware River and mountains, Two tickets to a Shawnee Playhouse production, Breakfast in The River Room restaurant the morning of check-out.

Rates are \$99/person/night and are based on double occupancy. Children (ages 4-11) can be added to the package for \$24.00 per person, while youths (12-17) are an additional \$30.00 per person.

Here is a look at some of the headline shows being held between now and Labor Day weekend (weekday performances begin at 8 p.m.): "I Do, I Do" (Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones), "The Music Man" (Meredith Wilson), "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers" (Neil Simon), "The Secret Garden" (Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon).

Children's shows also are available: "Mark Mysterio's Tales of Magic and Mystery for Kids" and, beginning July 8, "Willy Wonka Junior." All children's shows begin at 10 a.m.

The historic Playhouse was originally built in 1904 as the Worthington Hall. Today's Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort was originally called The Buckwood Inn, which was sold in 1943 to famous entertainer Fred Waring and became a favorite retreat for his celebrity friends, including Jackie Gleason (who learned to play golf at Shawnee), Lucille Ball, Art Carney, Perry Como, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Eddie Fisher, George Gobel and Ed Sullivan.

The Kirkwood family later restored Worthington Hall when they purchased the resort in 1978. Following a devastating fire in 1985, the Playhouse was rebuilt and today is home to quality, year-round live theatre that is enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, perched on the Delaware River, is an ideal summer getaway with 27 holes of golf, river boating and rafting, guided fishing trips, swimming, and biking and hiking trails. The Spa Shawnee and Salon, meanwhile, is the perfect antidote after an active day.

To book the "Room and Show" package, call The Shawnee Inn at 800-SHAWNEE (800-742-9633) or visit [ShawneeInn.com](http://ShawneeInn.com) and click on "Specials."



## Welcome New Members

The following new members are not listed in the 2009-2010 Membership Directory & Buyer's Guide. Please be sure to add this page to your copy of the Directory.

### Aetna Medicare

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Restaurants-Lodging

### Grandpa Pete's Bagels

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Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
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Bakeries

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Engineers

## Business Card Exchange

Camp Canadensis hosted the June Business Card Exchange. What an outstanding facility! Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to relax, while networking, on the spacious deck overlooking the lake. If you are looking for a facility to hold any type of reunion or retreat, you should consider Camp Canadensis. Call them today at 570-595-7461.



*Business Card Exchange at Camp Canadensis  
(photo courtesy of VIP Studios)*

## Women in Business

The June Women in Business luncheon, sponsored by Betsi Olmstead of Pocono Lutheran Village, was held at Sycamore Grille in Delaware Water Gap. Debi Cope of Debi Cope Associates Employment Agency, continued with Part 2 of her presentation on "Hot to Prepare Yourself for the Employment Search".



*Betsi Olmstead, Pocono Lutheran Village, Sponsor of the June Women in Business Luncheon*

The July luncheon will also be held at Sycamore Grille and is being sponsored by Vivian Vance of Griswold Special Care. The topic will be "Your Pocono Vacation Visiting Friends & Family" and will be presented by Carl Wilgus of Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. Betsi Olmstead of Pocono Lutheran Village won the 50/50 which she donated back to the scholarship fund.

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.



*Debi Cope of Debi Cope Associates Employment Agency at the June Women in Business Luncheon*



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## Ribbon Cuttings

**Chesapeake Crab and Seafood**, Pocono Creek Plaza, Route 611, Tannersville, recently celebrated their Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. They offer fresh fish daily, live lobsters, Maryland blue crabs, king crab legs, snow crabs and their world famous garlic crabs. Please call 570-619-5000 or visit the website at [www.crabandseafood.com](http://www.crabandseafood.com).



*Chesapeake Crab and Seafood*

**First National Bank of Palmerton** held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, June 28 to celebrate the grand opening of their new Stroudsburg office. The branch offers full-service banking and is located at 101 Park Avenue. For more information, please call 570-517-7190.



*First National Bank of Palmerton*

**Patty Cake Bakery** recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a brief prayer and inspirational song by Robin Smith. The bakery is located at 7 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Stroudsburg and features assorted homemade breads and pastries, and a delicious variety of fresh bakery items. Specialty and wedding cakes are made to order.

For more information, please call 570-369-5660 or visit the website [www.pattycakebakerypa.com](http://www.pattycakebakerypa.com).



*Patty Cake Bakery*

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