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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The office staff has been busy getting things organized for the fall festival and all the events listed in this bulletin. Therefore, we will not have a monthly membership meeting this month. The next monthly membership meeting will take place on Thursday, January 25, 2007. Please be supportive and attend any of the other events listed below.

FARM BUREAU/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PICNIC

Farm Bureau and Chamber members and guests who attended the 37th Annual **Jefferson County Farm Bureau/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Picnic** on Wednesday, August 2nd at **Summit Point Raceway** were rewarded with an outstanding display of anti-terrorism maneuvers by drivers of the facility. Guests were invited to be a passenger in a car and were treated to a whirlwind ride using tactical maneuvers such as high speeds and 180° turns. Thanks to **Summit Point Raceway** for a great experience and **Independent Fire Company** Auxiliary for a delicious meal.

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR MEMBERS

In appreciation of our members' support for our biggest project, enclosed with this bulletin are two passes to the Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival. Each pass is good for one admission on any one day at the fall festival being held on September 22-24, 2006, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Before presenting the pass at the admission gate, please fill in the name of the Chamber member and sign on the lines provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Chamber will have a booth at the September festival for members who wish to display their brochures. If you are interested, please bring at least 100 brochures to your Chamber office by Friday, September 15. If you would like to volunteer in the booth, please call your Chamber office.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

The first module of Leadership Jefferson will be held on September 21 & 22 at **Charles Town Races & Slots** and **Summit Point Raceway**. This month participants will be placed into 5-member teams in which they will remain throughout the program. Participants will meet at **Charles Town Races & Slots** for the first time and give their team a name. The next day at **Summit Point Raceway**, they will have a team building experience. Best of luck to those who will participate!

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET – OCTOBER 17, 2006

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Public Service Recognition Banquet to be held on Tuesday, October 17 at **Charles Town Races & Slots**. This banquet will honor our county's finest – the emergency medical services providers, fire fighters, and policemen who are available in emergency situations and put their own lives on the line to keep our community safe. With the co-sponsorship of **Charles Town Races & Slots**, tickets will be on sale at \$10.00 per person. More banquet information will be included with the October bulletin. For more information or to reserve tickets, call your Chamber office.

HIGH SCHOOL BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM – NOVEMBER 2, 2006

The Annual High School-Business Symposium on the Free Enterprise System will be held on Thursday, November 2 at **Shepherd University**. It will begin at 8:15 a.m. and end around 2:15 p.m. If you can spend several hours of your time with students from **Jefferson High School** or if you need more information, please contact your Chamber office at (304) 725-2055.

NEW TEACHERS BANQUET – NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Your Chamber will be honoring the new teachers at **Jefferson County Schools, Country Day School, American Public University** and **Shepherd University** at the 44th Annual New Teachers Banquet on Wednesday, November 15 at the **Moose Lodge** in Ranson. Sponsors will be needed to introduce new teachers at the banquet. Your Chamber will also need items for the goody bags. If you would like to sponsor a teacher and/or provide items for the goody bags, please call your Chamber office. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mid-States Financial Group

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Mortgage Banking

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Common Purpose of the Panhandle

dba Community Alternatives to Violence
Carolyn Zdzierra, Representative
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Martinsburg, WV 25404
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Nonprofit Organization

Jefferson County Right to Life

Starla McGaha, Representative
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Nonprofit Organization

Eric Lewis

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Contractor/Developer

Aubrey "Gene" Henry

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Individual

Garage Design Solutions of West Virginia LLC

Donna Laudick, Representative
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Garage Organization System

As of this date, we have 392 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$42,320.00 for fiscal year 2006-2007. If you have not paid your fair share investment for 2006-2007, won't you take a few minutes to do so? Remember the success of your Chamber depends on the active involvement of its members.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

The **Jefferson County Development Authority** announces that the Eastern Panhandle Entrepreneurs Forum will hold its next meeting on Thursday, September 7 at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. with a networking hour and refreshments, and features local display tables that can be reserved each month for FREE! The program will begin at 6:30 p.m., and will feature Mr. Patrick Gregg who will discuss the ten week FastTrac Growth Venture program. This is an ideal business learning experience for entrepreneurs from the Eastern Panhandle. Please contact the **Jefferson County Development Authority** at info@jcda.net or call (304) 728-3255 with questions or to set up a display table.

Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council, Inc. will honor outstanding women from the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia at its Women of Distinction luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 19 at the **Clarion Hotel** in Shepherdstown. The Women of Distinction event is an opportunity to celebrate and honor outstanding women leaders throughout our communities. **Shawnee Council** will be honoring women from Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan Counties who have distinguished themselves as outstanding role models for girls and women through their achievements. Each honoree will receive a distinctive award custom designed by the staff of **Christian Caine Jewelers** in Shepherdstown. Tickets for the luncheon are available for \$40 per person in advance. RSVP's must be received by September 8. To obtain a Women of Distinction sponsorship packet or to purchase tickets, contact **Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council** at (304) 263-8833 or go online to www.ShawneeGirlScouts.org.

Air Photographics, Inc. in Martinsburg is pleased to announce the appointment of Arlie A. Winters III to the position of Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Winters joined **Air Photographics, Inc.** in 1980 as an aerial photographer and has served as Chief Technical Officer since 2002.

Roberta and Jack Chromey, owners of **Sir Speedy Printing**, were awarded the Century Club Award at the International Sir Speedy Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. This award recognizes the top 100 Sir Speedy centers by sales volume, placing **Sir Speedy** of Martinsburg in the franchise network's top 20 percent worldwide. The network spans nearly 1000 locations in 24 countries.

Volunteers play an extremely important role at **Hospice of the Panhandle**. They provide assistance in every facet of the program by sharing time, expertise, knowledge and love, and impacting the quality of care as well as the operation of the organization. There are three ways to volunteer with **Hospice**. Patient and family support volunteers are matched with a Hospice patient and family to provide a variety of supportive services including friendly visiting, respite care for primary care givers, errand running, meal preparation, and other comfort measures. Organizational support volunteers help with the operation of the Hospice program. Volunteer job opportunities include assisting with mailings, data entry, hostessing, fund raising, helping with health fairs, speakers bureau, and clerical work. Hospice helpers are people with special interests or talent who want to help Hospice patients but don't want to assume the responsibility of a long-term commitment with a patient and family. Patient care volunteers are required to complete a 25-hour Hospice Volunteer Training. Organizational Support Volunteers and Hospice Helpers require some training but it is not as extensive. The **Hospice of the Panhandle** Volunteer training is offered as a community service and at no charge, and does not require one to become a hospice volunteer. Volunteer training will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 28 – October 26, 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon. For information or to register, call Pam Shanklin at (304) 264-0406 or (800) 345-6538 or pshanklin@hospicetp.org.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Fresh from a merger that created one organization to serve the entire Eastern Panhandle, the **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle** is pleased to announce their new campaign chairs, officers, and staff members. Campaign chairs for the upcoming year will be Ken Tyler for Jefferson County, Tracey Eberling for Berkeley County, and Tom Rokisky in Morgan County. The Board of Directors officers are: Teresa McCabe, President; Tracey Eberling, President-Elect; Margie Bartles, Past President; Alice Barkus, Secretary; and Rob Abruzzino, Treasurer. The office staff includes Jan Callen, Executive Director; BreAnne Rugh, CFC Assistant/Bookkeeper; Kathy Crothers, Office Manager; Vicki Shean, Director of Resource Development; and Trina Bartlett, Director of Community Impact. The **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle** makes a difference in our communities by serving over 50 member agencies in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties. If you are interested in learning more about the local **United Way**, visit www.uwayep.org or call (304) 263-0603.

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is pleased to announce that the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) recently voted to continue their associate degree nursing program accreditation through 2012. In addition, they held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, August 28th to dedicate their new Nursing and EMS Skills Lab. The Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ASN) is designed to prepare the graduate to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for registered nurses and to enter a career as a practitioner of professional nursing. The accreditation process consists of a report from the department, as well as the recommendation from a NLNAC representative who visits the site. The next evaluation of the nursing program will be in Spring 2012. **Blue Ridge Community and Technical College** offers more than 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as workforce development training. **Blue Ridge** is conveniently located at 400 W. Stephen Street in Martinsburg. For more information about courses and services, please call (304) 260-4380 or visit www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu.

The **AB&C Group**, one of the nation's leading providers of outsourced direct response processing, call center, and fulfillment services to multi-channel direct marketers, has announced that it is consolidating two fulfillment and customer service centers currently operating in Ranson and Winchester into one, larger new facility in Martinsburg. It will continue to operate a second facility in Westerly, Rhode Island and a call center operation in Orange, Virginia. The new facility will have over 400,000 sq. ft. of space for warehousing, receiving, and fulfillment operations, with another 100,000 sq. ft. in offices and call center operations. The larger quarters will enable **AB&C** to take on more clients and larger clients. For more information about the **AB&C Group**, call Steve Gregg at (888) 222-1972 or visit www.abcgroup.com.

OTHER NEWS

Jefferson County Office of Homeland Security is again offering a series of "Lunch & Learn" sessions throughout National Preparedness Month, September, 2006. Lunch & Learn Sessions are offered as very informal, one-hour mini sessions on a topic of preparing for emergencies or disasters. Participants bring a bag lunch and learn about a topic during their lunch hour. The topics for September include: How to Prepare Your Family for Disasters and Emergencies, Safety in the Workplace, Fire's Fury, and Preparing your Pets and Companion Animals for Disasters and Emergencies. Any business or organization that is interested in having a Lunch & Learn Session at their facility, can schedule the presentation by calling JCOHS Coordinator, Barbara Miller at (304) 728-3329 or email to bmiller@jeffersoncountywv.org.