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October Member Spotlight Maple Creek Distributors

Maple Creek Distributors was honored by the Mon Valley Regional Chamber's Member Spotlight for October.

Maple Creek is one of the largest warehousing importing distributors in Washington County. Maple Creek services four counties. Opened in 1959 and currently owned by Joe and Elaine McGaughey, they can supply your beverage needs with all beer, domestic and imports, soda and ice. They are the "go to" distributor for your wedding, graduation, sports party and everyday needs. Stop in and see them!

Maple Creek Distributors is located at 158 Lincoln Avenue Extension in Charleroi. They can be reached at 724-483-5138.

Pictured right is Joe and Elaine McGaughey, owners.



SHOP N' SAVE LADY BIG HIT AT SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Kathy Svilar presented "Five for Five" at its member luncheon on September 14. She led a lively and entertaining discussion about the five primary ways to market a business. Kathy, who served as the Shop and Save lady from up until 2003, is seen here engaging the attendees in a little role playing.



CHAMBER POT OF GOLD WON AT SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

The Chamber's Pot of Gold, an accumulating jackpot drawn at every networking event was worth \$400 at the September luncheon held at Smitty's Grill on September 14. Kathy Svilar drew the Willow Room's coin from the pot, and Kim Redman who was representing the banquet center collected the \$400 prize. The Pot of Gold will now revert back to \$100 for the October luncheon. Congratulations to the Willow Room!



BULK MAIL REQUIREMENTS DISCUSSED AT LUNCH & LEARN



Bob Scheidler from the United States Postal Service Mailing Requirements Department will present information on how to prepare your bulk mailings at a Chamber Lunch and Learn session on Thursday, October 28 at 11:45 AM at the SPS Conference Room A, 300 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi. Changing rules and regulations at the postal service sometimes cause confusion and frustration when completing the forms and preparing the mailing and this lunchtime workshop should make the next mailing go smoother.

This is a BYOL "Bring Your Own Lunch" and there is no charge for attending, however registration is required. Please call the Chamber at 724-483-3507 or e-mail at info@mvrchamber.org.

CHAMBER CHILLAXER—A CONCEPT FOR EASY NETWORKING

It has been a busy year for the Chamber, its member businesses, volunteers and Board members. It's time to chill out and relax on Tuesday, November 9, at the Chamber's first every Chillaxer event. It will be held at the La Fiesta Restaurante Mexicano at 300 McKean Avenue, Charleroi from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Featured at this gathering will be networking, a margarita special and cash bar, snacks, half the take, Pot of Gold drawing and a discounted dinner coupon provided by LaFiesta. There is no registration fee. Call the Chamber office at 724-483-3507 or e-mail at info@mvrchamber.org for questions and get ready to Chill and Relax.



Chamber News

CHAMBER MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL AWARDS

Reprint of article by Chris Buckley

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce honored some of its own during the organization's annual awards event Thursday night at the Anthony Lombardi Conference Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

David Robinson, director of marketing, accepted the Outstanding Business Development Award on behalf of The Guttman Group. Robinson said while half of the company's work force lives in the Mid-Mon Valley, some commute as much as 90 minutes to its Speers headquarters. That speaks to The Guttman Group's "sustained success and desirable work environment," Robinson said. The Guttman Group "prides itself on providing assistance to communities we serve," he said.

Jeff Mendola, managing principal of Waddell & Reed Inc., accepted the Excellence in Business Award on behalf of the company's Monroeville office, which serves the Valley. "This award, to us, is really about people," Mendola said. "We live in a world of technology of emails and social media. We believe it boils down to people and relationships. People like to do business with people they like and trust."

Vic Vitale, chairman of Charleroi's Little Great Race Committee, accepted the Regional Service Award on behalf of the committee, which also comprises Marc Bellora, Bob Cosner, Sue Hornack, Mickey Hornack, Mary Ann Ghilani, Joe Jannotta, Joe Mancinelli, Auguste Pykosh, Cindy Mancinelli, Jeff Vitale, and Marsha Vitale. Vitale said when the committee took over organizing the Little Great Race in 1992, 50 people participated in the event. Earlier this month, 850 participated. Vitale said the race has exceeded the expectations of all of committee members.

The Shining Star Award, which is given to an individual who displays outstanding personal and professional attributes, was presented to Wayne Ray. A Fallowfield Township resident and tax collector, Ray is also a business owner and photographer. He has been a volunteer firefighter, fire chief and chaplain in his 38-year history in fire service. "I feel very blessed with this prestigious award," Ray said. "I'm very humbled. God gives us all talents. As we strive to help others, we bless ourselves."



Award Winners: Wayne Ray, David Robinson, Guttman Group, Vic Vitale, Charleroi Little Great Race Chairman, Jeff Mendola, Waddell & Reed, Inc.



Madison Codeluppi beams with pride. Her grandfather is the Shining Star!



The Charleroi Little Great Race Committee

Chamber News continued...

2010 LEADERSHIP CLASS UNDER WAY

Participants of the Leadership Washington County Class of 2010 were introduced and welcomed by Board members, alumni and supporters of the program at an event held on September 16 at the Bistecca Steakhouse, Meadows Casino. This year's Chamber scholarship recipients Diann Bombara and Jeff Vitale were in attendance and along with their classmates conveyed to the crowd what they expect to receive from the experience. This year's class is as follows:

Ryan Bates—Washington Federal

Diann Bombara—NPS Global Systems

Eric Carlson—Monongahela Valley Hospital

Barry Clark—Washington County

Elizabeth Cuthbert—Maher Duessel CPAs

Billie Eaves—Washington and Jefferson College

Jeffrey Fondelier—Community Action Southwest

Jessica Hajek—Community Action Southwest

Kris Lesnock—The Washington Hospital

Kristin Marcy—Washington County

John Mercer—The Washington Hospital

Tim Roberts—Washington Penn Plastics

Becky Spina—Redevelopment Authority of Washington

Matt Talerico—Observer Reporter

Mike Traub—Coca Cola

Jan Unger—Westmoreland County Community College

Jeffrey Vitale—Mon Valley YMCA

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Terry Wilttrout—Canonsburg Hospital



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Director's note: This is an awesome opportunity for business owners AND a great way to stimulate our local economy. Just think of it— 1,200 people being directly linked to your discount at no charge to you. Monongahela Valley Hospital has again shown their commitment to helping the communities they serve!

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

A 2nd floor office suite is available in the historic Chamber of Commerce building located at One Chamber Plaza, in the heart of the business district of Charleroi. The space is approximately 600 square feet and would be perfect for a small business or non-profit agency. There is a shared restroom and conference area and all utilities are included. Adjacent free parking. Call 724-483-3507 for more details.

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Submit your news (anniversaries, achievements, etc.) to info@mvrchamber.org

Deadline for Editorial/Advertising for November Tabloid:
Monday, October 25

Publication date: Monday, November 1.

Member News

HAPPY RETIREMENT KEN WILTZ!

Like many college students, Ken Wiltz found a summer job, working at the Mon Valley YMCA while attending Duquesne University in the late 1960s and early 1970s. For Wiltz, it became a summer job that lasted a lifetime. "It's been just a labor of love," Wiltz said. Wiltz retired after 37 years as executive director of the Carroll Township-based YMCA.



Ken Wiltz

Jeff Vitale assumed the position of executive director on September 1. Chosen late last year to succeed Wiltz, he had served as assistant executive director since January.

Wiltz said he enjoyed working with children and striving to affect their lives through YMCA programs. In some cases, Wiltz saw second and even third generations of kids come to the Y. He said Vitale is a perfect example of that, noting that the new executive director attended pre-school programs at the YMCA and grew up there. "I felt I could make a difference," Wiltz said. "I believed in the Y's core values of caring, respect, trustworthiness and responsibility." The experience of children coming through the YMCA has provided Wiltz with some of his fondest memories.

Ken is seen often in the community as he serves on several area non-profit boards, including M.M.I.D.A , the Charleroi Community Park Trustees and our own Chamber Board of Directors. Records shown that he has held his Chamber Board position for more than 25 years. The Chamber sends Ken sincerest wishes for a happy retirement (to Linda, too!)

COATS FOR KIDS

Rupert Chiropractic Clinic is collecting new and gently used coats throughout the month of October. Donations can be dropped off at their office at 1001 McKean Avenue, Charleroi. All new patients who donate a kid's coat will receive a free exam and consultation. Donations received will be sent to the Salvation Army. For additional information, please call Rupert Chiropractic at 724-483-4242.



Left to Right: Marquala Chaney, Rhonda Terry, Teresa Halinka, Kathy Lesczynski, Ashleigh Keyes, and Sally Kahler at the DEC Student & Staff Health Fair

DOUGLAS EDUCATION CENTER HOLDS HEALTH FAIR

Douglas Education Center held a Student and Staff Health Fair on September 13 at its Medical Technology Building, located at 456 Donner Avenue. The Medical Technology Building is a fully-equipped, simulated physician's office setting designed to accommodate competency-based learning concepts. The complex includes a wide variety of instruments and equipment used in a physician's office such as surgical instruments and a state-of-the-art instructional demonstration mannequin just to name a few.

The Medical program organized all of the hands-on skills performed on the day of the event. For the entire length of the semester, DEC medical students prepare for the skills they will be performing at The Fair. Medical instructors oversee all procedures performed on the day of The Fair in order for the day to be carried off with the utmost safety for DEC students and participants.

To learn more about DEC and its programs, please visit www.dec.edu.

Halloween Parades in the Area...



October 27-Charleroi
 October 27-Monongahela
 October 28-Donora
 October 30-Bentleyville

Member News—continued

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL AT YMCA WORKSHOP

A one day career workshop will be held at the Mon Valley YMCA on Thursday, October 14, 2010, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The workshop will include: resumes and cover letter, interviewing skills, networking for success, and job search strategies. It is FREE to all Washington County residents and presented by the Work Certified Academy. The training is sponsored by the Washington Green County Job Training Agency. Call 724-225-2551 for more information or to register.

2010 JOB FAIR AT THE WILLOW ROOM

The Mon Valley Career Link will present its Annual Mon Valley Job Fair at the Willow Room, Rostraver Township on Thursday, October 7, 2010, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All job seekers are encouraged to attend as a record amount of companies will be on hand to explain employment opportunities available. For more information contact the CareerLink at 724-379-4750.

FIRST EVER DONORA SMOG 10K SKATE & 5K RUN/WALK

The Donora Smog Commemoration Committee has announced that they will hold a 10K Skate and 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, November 6, 2010, rain, snow or shine. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM with the Skate beginning at 9:00 am and the Run/Walk beginning at 10:00 am. The entry fee is \$15.00 if paid in advance and late registration will be \$20.00. There will be several awards given to top performers in different age categories, and official results will be by SERJ Racing of Uniontown. All proceeds benefit the Smog Museum. For more information call 724-825-3562 or 724-379-7387.

Find us on Facebook 

In an effort to keep our members more informed in this age of

social media, the Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce is now on FACEBOOK! This is another way you can stay up-to-date on what is going on around the Chamber. Watch for announcements regarding new and renewing members, ribbon cuttings, new member services, and Chamber events. You will notice that the FACEBOOK page streams on the home page of the Chamber's website, www.mvrchamber.org. You can simply go there and click in! There are 250 "fans" on the Chamber page and over 500 "fans" on the TEAM Charleroi page. This is the wave of the future and the Chamber staff would be glad to help you get started!

BREAST CANCER WALK SCHEDULED

7th Annual Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk will take place on Saturday, October 9. Registration begins at 8:30 am – walk starts at 10:00 am. There will be **NO pre-registration**. The 1st 150 walkers registering the day of the event with a minimum donation of \$20 will receive a FREE tote bag.



Proceeds raised from this event benefit local cancer patients using the Charles L. & Rose Sweeney Melenzyer Pavilion & Regional Cancer Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital and the PA Breast Cancer Coalition.

The event sponsors are: Monongahela Valley Hospital, The Valley Independent, Washington Ob/Gyn Associates, Douglas Education Center, Ducoeur's Furniture Store and Orange's Gift Department Store.

Donuts and coffee will be provided prior to the start of the walk, compliments of J & T's Baker's Dozen and Magic City Mart. Plan to stick around after the event for sandwiches compliments of Charleroi Subway/TCBY, orange drink compliments of Charleroi McDonald's, bottled water donated by Stablein's Wholesale and music compliments of DJ Mick. Additional entertainment will be provided by various local vendors including: chair massage by Chaney's Health and Wellness and more!

For additional information please go to www.teamcharleroi.org or find us on FACEBOOK "Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk" or call Cora at 724-483-5702 or Lois at 724-483-0880 or 724-483-3507.



State Senator Barry J. Stout (left) is seen here chatting with Larry Hopkins, District Justice at the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority ribbon cutting on September 3 at their new facility in Donora.



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Upcoming Events!

- Saturday, October 9** - 7th Annual Lois Orange Ducoeur Breast Cancer Walk, Downtown Charleroi, Registration 8:30 AM - Walk 10:00 AM, www.teamcharleroi.org
- Tuesday, October 12** - Chamber Luncheon - Steven Toprani, Washington County District Attorney, Smitty's Grill, 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM. *See insert details.*
- Wednesday, October 20** - Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Board Room, 8:00 AM
- Wednesday, October 27** - Downtown Trick or Treat and Halloween Parade, Downtown Charleroi
- Thursday, October 28** - Lunch & Learn by Mailing Requirements and USPS, SPHS Board Room, 11:45 AM—1:00 PM. *See page 4 for information.*
- Tuesday, November 9** - All NEW "Chamber Chillaxer" - LaFiesta Restaurante Mexicano, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. *See page ?? for details.*
- Wednesday, November 17** - Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room B, 8:00 AM
- Thursday, November 25** - Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, December 7**—Chamber Holiday Reception—TBD

Watch your mail, e-mail, fax machine and the Chamber website for more information on all of these upcoming events!

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