

TREGEMBO FORD-BENTLEYVILLE

Invitation to Relax and Save

Tregembo Ford – Bentleyville invites YOU- Every individual AND small business located in southwestern PA – to come and see why buying a car at Tregembo Ford makes a World Of Difference!

When you buy a car from Tregembo you gain a friend. “You don’t just buy a car; we form a relationship, which is what differentiates Tregembo Ford from the competition.”

All Auto Dealers purchase cars for the same price. At Tregembo Ford, “we keep our operating expenses low, so that we can pass on the savings to our customers. We are family owned and operated, and we provide every customer with personal attention and superior service.” The Tregembo Team is comprised of members who enjoy helping others, and car sales and service is their venue. In any relationship, for long-term success, we must continually trouble ourselves on each others behalf. Tregembo Ford- Bentleyville is operated with the purpose of maintaining long-term relationships through caring, personal attention and service.



No Games, No Gimmicks, No Pressure – Just Friendly and Honest sales and service- at the Right Price! Just stop by Tregembo Ford and see how EASY it is to do business!

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2007 Executive Committee in Place



At the January meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors, the following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for 2007: left to right: David Galloni, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, Secretary, Attorney Richard Mudrick, Vice President, Armand Ferrara, Coldwell Banker Tri-County Realty, President, (Deb Keefer, Executive Director), Jerry Zahand, Highway Appliance, Member at Large, Milton Kubik, Treasurer.



Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

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President: Armand Ferrara
V. President: Atty. Rick Mudrick
Secretary: David Galloni
Treasurer: Milton Kubik
Executive Board: Jerry Zahand

Chamber Staff:
Executive Director: Debra Keefer
Financial Assistant: Donna Angelo
We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter

NEW MEMBERS ARE “SPRINGING” UP!

Enola Management Corporation

Marcy Zack
 PO Box 821
 Bethel Park, PA 15102
 412-854-1893
Real Estate—Property Management

Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce

Gary W. Boatman, President
 Eastgate 11, Suite 154
 Monessen, PA 15062
 724-684-3200
Chamber of Commerce

Hasson & Company CPA's PC

Mary Lou Hasson
 4620 State Route 51 South
 Belle Vernon, PA 15012
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Accountant

Pittsburgh RiverRats Professional Indoor Football

Jeff Hauser
 101 Gosai Drive
 Bentleyville, PA 15314
 724-379-4070
 www.pittsburghriverrats.com
 Entertainment/Sports Teams—Football

The Proper Image

Jim Gerolium
 410 E. Beau Street
 Washington, PA 15301
 724-228-6512
Printing Services

Scale House Antiques

Dennis Paluso
 220 McKean Avenue
 Charleroi, PA 15022
 724-483-4140
Antiques & Collectibles



Servpro of North Washington County

Eric Seeley
 PO Box 855
 McMurray, PA 15317
 724-746-4670
 www.servpro.com
Restoration, Disaster & Cleaning Services

THANK YOU FOR JOINING IN OUR GROWTH!

MANY THANKS FOR MEMBER RENEWALS*!

40 years and over

Bassi, McCune & Vreeland, PC
 Bigi & Walsh
 Charleroi Federal Savings Bank
 Davies Ford of Charleroi
 Guttman Group
 Interstate Paper Supply Co.
 Lions Club of Charleroi
 Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority
 Nix Optical
 Shamrock Chemical
 Van Beck Electric
 Yarecks Better Hearing/Health Foods

80 years and over

Orange's Department Store

60 years and over

Authority of the Borough of Charleroi
 Charleroi Area Teachers Association
 Pierre A. Luti Advertising Co.

50 years and over

Dee's Record & Video Shop
 Model Cleaners & Uniforms
 Rego's Restaurant & Hotel
 Ruschak Associates

30 years and over

DeRienzo Family Practice
 Lee Supply Company
 Lettrich Group
 Ronald Monack
 Bob Sedney Automotive, Inc.

25 years and over

Charleroi Sweeper Center
 Coldwell Banker/Tri-County Realty
 Highway Appliance Company
 Mon Valley Foods, Inc.—Sparkle
 Monongahela Valley Hospital
 RTS Packaging
 Vanderman Law Offices

*These renewals reflect dues received as of March 5, 2007. Renewals will continue to be acknowledged in upcoming issues of the Regional Reporter.

MORE RENEWALS*-THANK FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

20 Years and Over

Back Porch Restaurant
Charleroi Area School District
Culligan Water Conditioning
Jaycee Foods
George M. Toohey, Optometrist
Valley Tire Company
Ken Wiltz



15 Years and Over

Charleroi Borough
Frank M. Godla Mechanical, Inc.
McKnight Medical
Monongahela Valley Country Club
Richard Mudrick, Attorney-at-Law
Specialty Printing
Vitale State Farm Insurance

5 Years and Over

Ad Forms, LLC
Adult Assisted Living
Audrey's Custom Draperies
Bentleyville Communications Corp.
Rose Butera
Centimed, Inc.
Channel Craft & Distribution
Charleroi Fire Department
Comcast Spotlight
Cupari Home Improvements
DeLattre Corporation
Denny's Appliance Parts & Sweeper Center
Vito Dentino Agency
DS Services
Ductmate Industries, Inc. (Charleroi)
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Event Services

Fields of Heather
John Fishell, DMD, MDS
General Industries
Greater Charleroi Comm. Dev. Corp.
Junior Achievement
Juskowich Notary Service
Kidney Disease & Hypertension Associates
Milt Kubik
Gene Lofink Heating & Air Conditioning
LOGIX
Middle Monongahela Industrial
Development Assn.
Mon Valley Care Center
Mon Valley Community Federal
Credit Union
Mon Valley Home Builders
Mon Valley Regional CareerLink

NET Connection
Northwest Savings Bank
Presbyterian Senior Care
Ray Orthodontic Lab
Residence at Hilltop
Right Byte Computer Center
Rotolo Dodge Chrysler Jeep
Royal Order of Scotland
Save-A-Lot
Walter Schratz, DMD, MSD
Solomon Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ford
Southwest Training Services
Tenth Street Pharmacy
Tregembo Ford
William J. Worthington Rental

Action Coach Business Coaching
Action-Housing, Inc.
Allegheny Power
Allenport Marina
AREVA T&D, Inc.
E.J. Burns Construction Company
California University of PA
Community Action Southwest
Corning Federal Credit Union
Coulson's Sales & Service
David Davis Communications, Inc.
Double M's Pizza
Douglas Education Center
Mary E. Ducato, DPM
Emerald Masonry & Construction LLC

Exclusively Rentals
First Commonwealth Bank
Handyman Matters
Holiday Inn—Meadowlands
Hoss's Family Steak & Sea House
Howard Hanna/Simon Real Estate Services
Edward Jones Investments
McKee Stewart Equipment Corp.
Robert B. Miller
John Mollenauer
Mon Valley YMCA
David J. Mornak Excavating
MVH Center for Fitness & Health
Operation Hope—Banking on Our Future
Pittsburgh Pirates Baseball Club
Porreca Chiropractic Center, Inc.

Riverside Insurance Group
Riverside Village
S. E. Technologies
Salatino's Pizzeria
Southwestern PA Human Services
Spartan Health Surgicenter
Speers Street Grill
Staff Masters
T-Rock Construction, Inc.
TC-MIMCO LLC
W. G. Tomko & Sons, Inc.
Tri County Patriots for Independent Living
Waddell & Reed Financial Services
Washington County Tourism
Promotion Agency
The Willow Room

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2007 Calendar of Events!

- Tuesday, March 13** – Membership Luncheon, YMCA, Carroll Township, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
March 16-18 – Mon Valley Home and Garden Show, Chamber Plaza (see back cover for times)
Wednesday, March 21 – Chamber Board, SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Tuesday, April 3—Action Coach Workshop, MVCTC
Tuesday, April 10 – Membership Luncheon, YMCA, Carroll Township, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
Tuesday, April 17—Action Coach Workshop, MVCTC
Wednesday, April 18 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Tuesday, May 1— Action Coach Workshop, MVCTC
Tuesday, May 8 – Membership Luncheon, YMCA, Carroll Township, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
Wednesday, May 16 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Thursday, June 7 – Annual Golf Outing - Madison Club
Wednesday, June 20 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Wednesday, August 15 – Annual Beach Bash - Allenport Marina
Tuesday, September 11 – Membership Luncheon, YMCA, Carroll Township, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
Wednesday, September 19 – Chamber Board SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Tuesday, October 9 – Annual Awards Event—Location TBD
Wednesday, October 17 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Tuesday, November 13 – Membership Luncheon, YMCA, Carroll Township, 11:45 AM-1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 21 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM
Wednesday, December 12 – Holiday Event—Location TBD
Wednesday, December 19 – Chamber Board Meeting, SPHS Conference Room, 7:30 AM

NOW ACCEPTING SPONSORSHIPS FOR ALL EVENTS. . .

NETWORKING EVENT SPONSORSHIPS—AS LOW AS \$100!* - CALL DONNA OR DEB TODAY!

*members only



Farmer's Market
 July through October
 Magic City Square
 5th & McKean, Charleroi
Sponsored By:
 Mon Valley Regional
 Chamber of Commerce
 TEAM Charleroi

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 3, April 17, & May 1

A Series of Three Important

Business Building Workshops Will Be Held At

Mon Valley Career & Technology Center

8:00 AM—9:30 AM

\$25/Session—\$10/Additional Person

Presented by Ken Sevick

Action Coach Business Coaching

Watch for more information in your mailbox and on the
 Chamber website—this program is open
 to all local businesses!

DOUGLAS ANNOUNCES WEBSITE UPGRADE

Douglas Education Center is pleased to announce the launch of its newly-upgraded website. New features of the site include a video that has been developed to introduce potential students to the faculty, facilities, and services of Douglas. In addition, the site has been entirely reformatted to allow easier access to information about specific programs. This launch is the first phase of website expansion with additions and improvements to continue on an ongoing basis. To visit Douglas Education Center's upgraded website go to: www.douglas-school.com

KOTULA IS AWARDED FELLOWSHIP

Jeff Kotula, Executive Director of the **Washington County Chamber of Commerce**, has been selected to participate in the Sustainable Regional Development Fellowship (SRD) a collaboration between The American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) and the Ford Foundation. Participants, selected through a competitive application process, will obtain hands-on training hosted by expert practitioners, consultants and scholars. Mr. Kotula has been the Executive Director of the 850 member Washington County Chamber of Commerce since 1999.

LOCAL HANDYMAN MATTERS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Randy and Sandra McMahon, owners of **Handyman Matters** of Monongahela, PA, were recently honored with the **The John Knoke Customer Service Accolade** award and The Handyman Matters Star Performer Award at the fifth annual Handyman Matters convention. Congratulations Randy and Sandie!



ZAHAND TO RECEIVE AWARD AT MVH GALA

Jerry Zahand, longtime community leader and Chamber officer and member, will receive **the Gibbons Award for Dimensions** in Community Service at **Monongahela Valley Hospital's** 19th annual Gala on Saturday, May 19 at the Westin Convention Center. Zahand, president of **Highway Appliance Company** in Dunlevy, the firm he purchased in 1963, has been an active member of numerous civic, community, development and service organizations in the region for many years. He is a past president of the Greater Charleroi Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Mon Valley Regional Chamber. More information on the Gala will be forthcoming. A warm "Way to Go" to Jerry!

EDWARD JONES NAMED NO. 1 FOR "BEST PLACE TO WORK"

The financial services firm **Edward Jones Investments** recently was named the No. 1 large company on the "Best Companies to Work for in Pennsylvania" ranking, according to **Francis Del Pinto**, a financial advisor in Uniontown. The Central Penn Business Journal teamed up to rank the state's best employers with the Best Companies Group, the Pennsylvania Chamber, the PA DCED and the Team Pennsylvania Foundation. See employment opportunities at www.edwardjonesopportunity.com.

MON VALLEY CEC OFFERS COURSES AND DEVELOPS TECH-ACCESS SITE

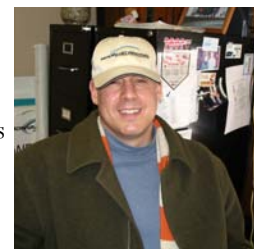
In an effort to improve the quality of the workforce and expand education opportunities, the **Mon Valley Community Education Council** is working with the Mon Valley Career and Technology Center in Speers in establishing a high-quality video and computer conferencing/training facility called the **Tech-Access Site**. This site will be able to serve up to 50 people with video conferencing, web broadcasting, and high-speed wireless computer access. Also, offerings from **Penn State and Westmoreland County Community College** will be offered beginning this month. For more information and schedule call Joe Kirk at the Mon Valley Progress Council at 724-684-3381 or log on to www.mvcec.org

WANT TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

Southwestern PA Community Development Corporation is conducting a Business Training Course. You can still register on March 20 at the Community Action Southwest offices on 150 West Beau Street in Washington, PA. The Cost is \$50.00 for 10 weeks and meet on Tuesdays from 5:30—8:00 PM beginning March 27. Visit them on the web at www.swpacdc.org

DAVE CHAPMAN BIDS FAREWELL

Best of luck to Dave Chapman of the **Mon Valley Regional Career Link** as he embarks on a new career at Crown Castle International at Southpointe. Dave is seen here visiting the Chamber office last month.



2ND ANNUAL MEN'S CULINARY CLASSIC SET FOR APRIL 21

Community Action Southwest will hold this unique event at the Washington County Fairgrounds, Hall #1. For registration as an amateur chef, for tickets or for more information please call Andrea Kelvington at 724-225-9550, ext. 404, or find more information at www.caswg.org

CHAMBER HOSTS GOVERNOR RENDELL

The Chamber was pleased to host Governor Edward Rendell on January 24th at the Mon Valley YMCA. The Governor spoke to the more than 200 attendees about his “Prescription for Pennsylvania.”



Thank you to the following for making this important event possible:

Mon Valley YMCA – Ken Wiltz, Milt Kubik, Susan Capocciana, and the entire YMCA Staff, YMCA Child Learning Center, Starbuck’s Coffee, Event Productions, Sparkle Market, Borough of Charleroi, Jerry Zahand Sr., Wayne Ray and Howard Springer, Photographers



WANT MORE INFORMATION ON THE NEW HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE?

In the coming months, the Governor’s “Prescription for Pennsylvania” will raise many questions for discussion which are immensely important to the business community of the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry is continually updating its website with information. The link below will direct you to:

- Talking Points on the Plan
- Chamber Position Paper
- Link to Governor’s Plan

www.pachamber.org/www/advocacy/healthcare/gov_plan.php

The Governor’s Health Care Reform Website is:

www.gohcr.state.pa.us

NEW FORMAT FOR MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR 2007

The Chamber Member to Member Discount Program will slightly change for the upcoming year. Members will be encouraged to continue to offer their discounts to their fellow members and their employees, however the mode of distribution will change. The discounts will be published in the May issue of the Regional Reporter at

other times throughout the year. The listing will also appear on the Chamber’s website, and will be updated regularly. The key tag portion of the program will be eliminated. The Chamber will provide all members with the new information via mail by April 1, 2007.



The **Wood Street Café** opens at **151 Wood Street** in California, PA. Shown here at the ribbon cutting ceremonies on February 22 are Deb Keefer, MVRCC, Ashley Deems, employee, Julia Hagan, employee, California Mayor Casey Durdines, **Mike Grimes**, owner, Melissa McIntyre, employee, Kelly Clark, employer, and Jim Gwyer, President, California Area Chamber of Commerce. Mike Grimes is also the owner of **Campy's Pizza** in Speers and California and partner in **Allenport**

Governor's Visit-January 24



Pittsburgh RiverRats



Meet **Jeff Hauser**, (President) and **Andrew Haines** of the Pittsburgh RiverRats, a brand new franchise of the Indoor Football League. The team's home field is located at **Rostraver Ice Gardens** and Jeff and Andrew hope that everyone can turn out for the **April 14** game against Florence to enjoy the thrills of indoor football and officially "cut the ribbon" for this exciting new entertainment venue right here in the Mon Valley. Check out their website at:

www.pittsburghriverrats.com



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Happy St. Patrick's Day!
March 17th

5th Annual
**MON VALLEY
HOME & GARDEN SHOW**



MARCH 16, 17 and 18, 2007
250 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi

FRIDAY
4PM-8PM

SATURDAY
10PM-8PM

SUNDAY
11PM-5PM

Admission \$4.00—Children 12 and under FREE