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## Member Spotlights MONVALLEY YMCA & RIVERSIDE DENTAL CARE



The Mon Valley YMCA was honored in the MVRCC Member Spotlight . Pictured I to r: Jeff Vitale, Executive Director, Jodi Lignelli, Corporate Director, Angel Gulik, Program Director and Dr. Randy Rodriguez, Board President. See story on page 4.

Riverside Dental Care is in the MVRCC Member Spotlight. Seen here is (left to right) Stacy Rhoads, hygienist, office manager Diane Matafka, dental assistant Jackie Yohe, and Dr. Joslyn Bilitski. See story on page 4.



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### Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce

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President: James Protin
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Secretary: David Galloni
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Executive Board: Deborah Buck

Chamber Staff: Executive Director: Debra Keefer Administrative Assistant: Kristine Hall Financial Assistant: Donna Angelo

We regret any errors or omissions in this newsletter

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS\*

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Ray Duffy

211 Hoff Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601 724-834-5220 x 101

www.cavcon.com

General Contractor

Charleroi Lanes

Tammy Indorante 1302 Prospect Avenue, Charleroi, PA 15022 724-469-1021 Bowling/Entertainment

Jerry's Catering Service

Kathy Broadwater

PO Box 772, Legion Street, Republic, PA 15475 www.jerryscateringservice.com

> Life'sWork of Western PA Mon Valley Division

Edward M. Frye
222 Nazareth Drive, Belle Vernon, PA 15012
724-684-3630
www.lifesworkwpa.org
Non-Profit Organization

Mary Kay

Paige Findley

128 Franklin Drive, Brownsville, PA 15417

724-797-0508

www.marykay.com/pfindley
Skin Care

New Leaf Recovery Services, PC

Robert Belluso, D.O.

90 Chamber Plaza, Charleroi, PA 15022 724-565-1121

Addiction Treatment

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#### Benefits of Membership . . .

- ✓ ChamberChoice® Group Health & Business Insurance
- ✓ Networking Events
- ✓ Member Recognition Programs
- ✓ Advertising Opportunities and Referrals
- ✓ Discounts and fee waiver for credit card processing
- $\checkmark$ Young Professionals of the Mon Valley Division
- ✓ FREE Member to Member Discount Program
- ✓ FREE Notary Service (no motor vehicle work)
- ✓ FREE Ribbon Cuttings

- ✓ Certificates of Origin for Manufacturers
- ✓ Scholarships to Local High School Students & Leadership Washington County
- ✓ Charleroi Façade Improvement Grant Program
- ✓ Constant Contact®, Twitter®, Facebook®, Linked In®
- ✓ Educational Workshops
- ✓ Named in "25 Largest Chambers in the Greater Pittsburgh Region"
- ✓ Certificates of Origin Documentation
- ✓ Credit Card Payments and On-Line Registration Accepted
- ✓ Full time staff to serve you . . . .

#### MEMBER RENEWALS\*

#### 95 Years Zelenski's Bridal & Gown Shoppe

71 Years Charleroi Area Teachers Association

> 69 Years Dee's Cricket World Kitchen, LLC

50 Years
Davies Ford of Charleroi
Guttman Energy
Interstate Paper Supply Company
Nix Optical
Van Beck Electric

35 Years Monongahela Valley Hospital

30 Years
Columbia Gas of PA
Culligan Water Conditioning
25 Years
Charleroi Borough
McKnight Medical

15 Years
Channel Craft & Distribution
DeLattre Corporation
FairPoint Communications
Gosai & Gandhi, MD
Gene Lofink Heating & Air
Conditioning
Northwest Savings Bank
PA CareerLink, Mon Valley
Presbyterian Senior Care
Residence at Hilltop
Right Byte Computer Center
Rotary Club of Charleroi
RTS Packaging
Tri State Hydraulics, Inc.

10 Years
Chaney's Natural LLC
Community Bank
Double M's Pizza
Monongahela Iron & Metal Co.
Mornak Excavation, Inc.
Spartan Health Surgicenter
Villella Remodeling, LLC
Waddell & Reed, Inc.

5 Years Ashcraft Records Management & Storage Badzik Printing Service, Inc. Belle Vernon Area School District Blank Welding E. J. Burns Construction Company Butler's Golf Course California University of PA CCA Solutions, Inc. The Challenge Program Ferrara Appraisal Services Keytex Energy Commissioner Larry Maggi, Washington County MarBill Diamonds & Jewelry Mon Valley Networking Pennatronics Corporation Peoples Natural Gas Riverside Dental Care Rupert Chiropractic Clinic Commissioner Harlan Shober, Washington County United Way of Mon Valley Washington County Community Foundation

All other Renewals
All Seasons Travel
Baltimore Life Companies
Bruno & Sons Diner and Catering
Cabin Fever Inn B-B
Central Blood Bank
Carol Claybaugh
Comcast Spotlight

All other Renewals Continued Crystalline Technology, LLC Fallowfield Township First Energy/West Penn Power Ford Business Machines, Inc. Kevin Gallagher Consulting Gardner Denver Nash Hampton Inn & Suites, California University Itty Bitty Treasures & More/Riverside Village Leadership Washington County Lowe's Home Improvement Edward Mendola, CPA Mon River Industrial Group, LLC Mon Valley Hose & Fitting Mon Valley Independent New Coat Paving & Sealing Observer Publishing Company Off the Wall Arts Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Port Royal Village Speedy Furniture of Belle Vernon Steel Dog Construction Thomas Family Dental II Valley Pool & Spa VisuGroup Washington Township Supervisors

> \*THANK YOU FOR YOUR RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERSHIPS THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED AS OF MARCH 10, 2017!

We appreciate your prompt payments of your 2017 renewals. We will continue listing renewals in the upcoming newsletters.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



## Member Spotlight MON VALLEY YMCA

The Mon Valley YMCA is a nationally affiliated character building association focusing on program services for individuals and families. Christian in its heritage, it is ecumenical in its delivery of services and its membership.

The YMCA assists people in learning skills and attitudes that will enrich their lives, help them grow and develop, lead them to interracial and intergenerational understanding and to realize their full potential as members of this community. Every day, the Y works side by side with its neighbors to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. The Mon Valley YMCA Board of Directors is led by President Dr. Randall Rodriguez and Jeff Vitale serves as Executive Director.

Among the valuable programs at the Mon Valley YMCA is Youth Development including Family Enrichment Programming. They operate a State Licensed Preschool and Day Care. The Y promotes healthy living through youth and adult aquatics, Silver Sneakers, and group fitness and personal Training. The Wellness Center consists of a 6,800 square foot workout area equipped with cardio, strength, and functional fitness equipment. 40 weekly exercise classes are offered and are designed for all ages and fitness levels. The Mon Valley YMCA was awarded the Chamber's Annual "Regional Service Award" in 2004 for its outstanding contributions in providing a better quality of life for our Mon Valley community.

The Y is currently conducting their annual campaign with a theme of "Together, we can create a better us." To contribute or to find out more about Mon Valley YMCA programming, please visit <a href="www.monvalleyymca.org">www.monvalleyymca.org</a> or call 724-483-8077.



## Member Spotlight RIVERSIDE DENTAL CARE

Riverside Dental Care located at 600 Furlong Avenue in Roscoe is a family friendly dental practice with a convenient location, service for almost every kind of dental issue, and hours designed for every life style. The staff at Riverside is led by Dr. Joslyn Bilitski.

Dr. Bilitski received her B.A. at Case Western Reserve University and her dental degree from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. Since graduating from Michigan in 2006, she completed a general practice residency at the Veterans Association Pittsburgh Healthcare System. At the VA, Dr. Bilitski gained advanced clinical experience in crowns, bridges, partials and dentures, simple and surgical extractions, periodontal surgery, rotary endodontics and the restoration of implants. She began her practice of general dentistry at Community Action Dental Services of Uniontown, PA, and joined Drs. Belasco, Ober and Associates in 2008. Riverside Dental is a division of that practice. Her staff includes hygienist Stacy Rhoads, office manager Diane Matafka and dental assistant Jackie Yohe.

Riverside has been operating since 2008. They see patients Monday through Thursday and have early morning and evening options. Among their services are bridges, crowns, full mouth restoration, hygiene services, implant restoration and more. Call 724-938-2308 to make an appointment today!



Dr. Joslyn Bilitski



Audrey Russo
President & CEO
PITTSBURGH TECHNOLOGY
COUNCIL

#### MEMBER LUNCHEON Tuesday, April 11, 2017

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Monongahela Valley Hospital—Lombardi Conference Center

#### PA EARLY LEARNING INVESTMENT COMMISSION

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#### www.mvrchamber.org

\$16.00/member includes parking token \$18.00/non member



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESS WASHINGTON WINERY

A ribbon cutting was held on March 1st for Washington Winery, located at 532 McKean Avenue in Charleroi. Angela Burgess, who co-owns Washington Winery and A&M Wine & Beer Supplies with her husband John partnered with Casey Clark of Off the Wall Arts to launch the winery's first satellite store. Casey, who serves on the MVRCC Board, wants everyone to stay tuned for yet another announcement of a new business being launched in April! Pictured I to r: Jim Protin, MVRCC President, Casey Clark, Off the Wall Arts and Washington Winery and Christopher Whitlatch, Mon Valley Alliance.





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## HERALD-Standard

#### WARM WINTER DAY MAKES FOR A FESTIVE 2017 HOODIE HOO DAY!

Every year on February 20, a "Hoodie Hoo" shout is executed at exactly noon in Charleroi at Magic City Square. The event

is a festive community gathering of folks from Charleroi and the Mon Valley who scare winter away by shouting "Hoodie Hoo" three times. Music by D.J. Jerry Jericho, a giant raffle with donations from local businesses, and a lot of dancing and merriment accented this year's event held on Monday, February 20. The revelers enjoyed sunny 63 degree weather with not a cloud in the sky.

The raffle, which was comprised of over \$1,000 in gift certificates and prizes, was won by Sally Bradstock of Donora. Best Individual Hoodie Hoo award was given to Ted Flowers and Riverside Horizons won the best group award.



Deb Keefer, Chamber Director expressed her sincere thanks for the remarkable turnout, and all of the participation by local businesses. "No matter what the weather or day of the week, Hoodie Hoo Day is held on February 20," said Keefer. "It's like a silly unscientific take on Groundhog Day," she added. She hopes everyone will join in the fun on February 20, 2018.

PLEASE CHECK OUT ALL OF THE FUN PHOTOS, VIDEOS AND BUSINESS ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE www.facebook/CharleroiHoodieHooDay

Limited Amount of Hoodie Hoo Sweatshirts Still Available.

High Quality—only \$22.00!

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## THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM, INC. AWARDS MONESSEN HIGH SCHOOL 2015/2016 UNDERCLASSMEN

The Challenge Program, Inc. distributed financial awards to the underclassmen at Monessen High School for excelling in the areas of Attendance, Academic Improvement, Academic Excellence, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and Community Service during the 2015/2016 school year. The Program partners with businesses to motivate high school students to excel and introduce them to career opportunities in their own communities. Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and Douglas Education Center were the partners of The Challenge Program, Inc. at the



school last year. Pictured here are students who won Challenge Program awards last year as sophomores and juniors along with their business partners from 2015/2016, Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce and Douglas Education Center: Left to Right: Deja Harkcom-Patterson (Academic Improvement), Ethan Moon (STEM), Justice Rice (Academic Excellence), Amanda Halgas (Attendance), Dillon Shash (Community Service), Malake Dhu (Douglas Education Center), Jim Protin (Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce), Natalia Holmes (Attendance), Cory Fleming (Academic Excellence), Kathryn Dzurik (STEM), Nicholas Hixenbaugh (Academic Improvement), and Amy Davison (Community Service). Awards were funded with proceeds from the Melvin B. Bassi Golf Tournament.

## MVRCC DOUGLAS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Samantha Trout, a student at Douglas Education Center. The scholarship was funded with proceeds from the 2016 Melvin B. Bass Memorial Golf Tournament.

Pictured left to right: Kevin Fear, DEC Chief Marketing Officer, Debbie Keefer, Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, Samantha Trout, DEC Medical Assistant Program student, Raelynn Jackson, DEC Instructor, Allied Health Programs, Amanda Phillips, DEC Executive Director of Financial Aid









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#### Mark Your Calendar For These Upcoming Events!



Watch the US mail, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter and website for information all upcoming events!

#### www.mvrchamber.org

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 — Chamber Luncheon—Monongahela Valley Hospital, 11:45AM
Thursday, April 13, 2017—Young Professionals Exec. Committee Meeting - 5:00PM—MMVTA
Friday, April 14, 2017—Chamber Office Closed for Good Friday Holiday
Wednesday, April 19, 2017—Chamber Board Meeting, MVRCC Conference Room, 8:00AM
April 19 and April 20—Pittsburgh Business Show—www.PittsburghBusinessShow.com
Friday, April 21, 2017—"Blast from the Past" Charleroi ASD—see flyer enclosed

Thursday, June 1, 2017 10th ANNUAL Melvin B. Bassi Memorial Golf Tournament Nemacolin Country Club

Tuesday, May 9, 2017—Chamber Luncheon, Charleroi Elks, 11:45AM

