

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 12 - Canon McMillan Kindergarten Screenings

Mar. 13 - Skate & Whirl, Pancake Skate & Whirl in North Strabane Twp, 5-7 pm

Apr. 3 - Easter Egg Hunt, Allison Parkette

Apr. 11 - Red and Black Affair Extraordinaire, for California University of PA Alumni Scholarship Fund; for tickets, call 724-873-2760

Apr. 24 - Earth Day/Sweep Into Spring; volunteers needed to clean Municipal Park, 10am-2pm, 724-745-0913

Apr. 24 - Story Character Breakfast, 8-11 am, CM High School Cafeteria

Apr. 24 - Oldie's Dance, The Bear's Club

May 19 - Canon McMillan High School Choir Concert, 7 pm

May 31- Annual 5K Race, 8:30 am at North Strabane Twp Softball Field

June 9 - Canon McMillan last day of school

June 27 - Fireworks and Concert, Chartiers Houston High School Stadium

July 3 - Canonsburg Fourth of July Parade

Congratulations!

Zackary Nimal, a 7th grade student at Canonsburg Middle School was accepted to participate as a member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program to China this summer. He is looking forward to broadening his perspectives of the world and then sharing his experiences with schools and civic clubs in the community. He is seeking financial sponsors to help with the program tuition. If you are interested in learning more about Zachary or the program, please contact him at 724-746-2990.

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Chamber News

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Meet Your Board of Directors

The governance of the Chamber, the directions of its work and the control of its property shall be vested in a Board of Directors herein also known as "Directors", consisting of no less than eleven (11) members to be elected from the general membership. This shall be on a rotating basis of a three year term.

These individuals contribute numerous hours to planning and executing the events held by the Greater Canonsburg Chamber of Commerce. Help us help you, our members. Share your thoughts, ideas, and most importantly, your time.

President - Alexandra "Lexy" Kusturiss

Lexy, a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College, has been a lifelong resident of Canonsburg. She has been a member of the Greater Canonsburg Chamber of Commerce since 1985 and has served on the Board of Directors for the past 10 years. She is serving her second year as President of the G.C.C.C. Lexy is the owner of A. Kusturiss Apartments and M.L.M. Enterprises, LP - apartments and Mobile Home Lot Rentals.

Vice-President - Karen Imperatore Kovac

Karen, since 2006, is the Regional Manager for the Eastern USA for VenueQuest, a meeting planning and global travel company. She works from a home office in Chartiers Township and is married to Dale. She has also been a Jafra Cosmetics representative for 20 years and a Chamber member for 7 years.

Secretary - Ila Stabile

Ila is the owner of Stabile Communications, a company that specializes in public relations, marketing and fundraising and event planning. She and her husband, Paul, a native of Canonsburg, have lived in Canonsburg for the last 27 years. Paul is the Director of Planned and Deferred Giving and Foundation Director for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. They have two children - Holly, an attorney, and Paul III (Tad), the director of Special Events for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Western Pennsylvania. Their two grandchildren are Jeremy and Jessica.

Treasurer - Ann M. Celento

Ann is the retired owner of Celento Trucking. She has been married for 48 years to Ed; they have two children, Diane and Stephen. She is active as a volunteer with her church, St. Thomas Episcopal, The Pittsburgh Garden Railway Society, and the South Hills Knitting Guild. As the G.C.C.C. Treasurer, Ann takes an active role in the budgeting for the Chamber and the PA Bavarian Oktoberfest; she attends every Chamber event to assist with petty cash planning, accounts receivable, and credit card payments.

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Greater Canonsburg Chamber of Commerce

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Help Us Help You

The purpose of the Greater Canonsburg Chamber is to encourage the development of a healthy business environment by advancing the interests of our members and advocating interaction among commercial, financial, industrial and civic groups to promote growth and economic stability.

Like many of you, the members on your Board are business owners or retirees that continue to be involved in the community.

We are looking for your input. What type of networking opportunities benefit you? What benefits do you need? What type of advertising do you use? Contact one of your Board members to let them know what your Chamber membership means to you.



Annual Pancake Breakfast a Chamber Tradition



The All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast will once again be held at McDonald's Restaurant in Canonsburg. This annual event that has become a chamber tradition will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2010 from 7 AM to Noon. The breakfast features pancakes, a sausage, juice and coffee. The supply of pancakes is unlimited. The cost is the same as last year: \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Tickets were sent to Chamber members and friends. For extra tickets, call the Chamber Office at 724-745-1812.

Please join us for this popular family event!

Welcome!**New Choice Members:**

Clearview Federal Credit Union
Grease Monkey

Choice Renewals:

Anderson Computer Services
Borough of Canonsburg
Canonsburg General Hospital
Colaizzo Real Estate
Cypher & Cypher
H & R Block
Iceoplex at Southpointe
Juliandra Travel
Northwest Savings
Parkside Estates Apartments
Slovenian Savings & Loan Association

New Regular Members:

Jeff Shola, Realtor/Howard Hanna

Renewing Regular Members:

A. Kusturiss Apartments/MLM Ent.
Margaret A. Beamer, DDS
Bunnie's Tavern
California University of PA-Southpointe
Canonsburg-Houston Joint Authority
DeBlasio Beverage Co.
Patrick C. Derrico, Esquire
Desires A Salon, Inc.
DiCesaro Spine & Sport
Exchange Underwriters, Inc.
Frank's Body Shop
Harvest Time Chapel
Healthy Pet Systems, Inc.
Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh-Southpointe
Holiday Inn-Washington/Meadowlands
Independent Bible Presbyterian Church
Jones Associates, Inc.
Kusturiss, Wolf & Kusturiss
Liberty Lumber, Inc.
Mirisciotti Photography
Walter Olshanski Insurance
Pennformer Community FCU
Pennsylvania Trolley Museum
R.M.C. Rental Enterprises, Inc.

Ross Beverage
Sam Colusci Transmission Service
Sarris Candies
Servicemaster by Zupancic
Southpointe Golf Club
Stabile Communications
Sustainable Pittsburgh
Wendy Terwilliger, M.A.
Thomas Drywall, Inc.
Unique Antiques and Collectibles
VenueQuest
Washington Financial
Washington Wild Things
Wendy's Restaurant
Western Area Career & Technology Center
Western Pennsylvania Spine Institute
Zoom Corporation

Renewing Associate Members:

James T. Herron, Jr.
Steve Watson

Symphony South "Let Us Entertain You" Fundraiser April 30, 2010 Southpointe Golf Club

Benefits music education in Washington County Schools and to support the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Contact: 724-745-7239

Concerned about energy deregulation? Chamber Choice now offers an Energy Savings Program. See the insert for details!

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Jeff Anderson, owner of Anderson Computer Services.

Anderson Computer Services

Jeff Anderson, owner of Anderson Computer Services, opened his business in August of 2006 to specifically meet the needs of small businesses with 1 to 30 employees who are in need of help with the set-up and maintenance of computer and networking services.

Anderson spent over 15 years supporting corporate network systems before realizing that small businesses are in need of the same computer and networking services as larger businesses, but are often unable to hire a technical support person full-time.

Anyone who has ever experienced the frustration that comes along with owning a computer knows that when even a minor problem occurs, hours can be spent on the telephone or sifting through manuals in an attempt to get the system running efficiently.

Many small businesses who cannot afford the expense of hiring and maintaining a computer savvy staff member face similar problems and can be forced to tinker with office technology on their own, taking precious time away from their number one priority – running their business.

Anderson Computer Services includes client server, peer-peer work-groups and stand alone computer services and support; routine computer and network maintenance; disaster recovery planning and computer protection; remote management and support services as well as website design and maintenance.

Meet Your Board of Directors (continued from page 1)**Board Member - Jeff Anderson**

Jeff is the owner of Anderson Computer Services that provides computer service and support to specifically meet the needs of small businesses with 1 to 30 employees who are in need of help with the set-up and maintenance of computer and networking services. Jeff has been a Board member for 6 years.

Board Member - Stephen Celento

Stephen is the "third arm" in the Chamber office. He is available to answer phones, fold, stuff, seal and address the paperwork for any bulk mailing generated by the Chamber office. Since he joined the Academy of Arts and Science-Photo Section of Pittsburgh, he has become the photographer in residence for all of the Chamber functions. His handiwork is visible on the picture insert in this newsletter.

Board Member - Tony Colaizzo

Tony has been associated with the business community for 55 years. He is the owner/operator of Anthony L. Colaizzo Real Estate & Income Tax Preparation services with 5 tax practitioners and 3 real estate sales staff always ready to serve your needs.

Board Member - Dawn Palombi-Curry

Dawn is a Canonsburg native who lives in North Strabane with husband Dennis and children Sara and Jeremy. Currently employed by Gateway Bank of PA in McMurray as a Senior Customer Service Representative/Loan Specialist, Dawn has been employed in the banking industry for the past 21 years. She enjoys trail riding her two horses, Sunny (Haflinger) and Teddy (Quarter Horse).

Board Member - Jennifer Fetcko

Jennifer and her husband, Daren, are owners of JD Engraving & Awards since 2002. Daren is a life long resident of Canonsburg. They enjoy bowling and walking their Australian Cattle Dog, Chevy, throughout the community.

Board Member - Jim Glass

James is a Financial Advisor for individuals and small business owners, providing personalized financial services for 10 years. Jim's philosophy is to work closely with his clients to develop a program which allows them to pursue their dreams and goals. Jim and his wife, Karen, are residents of Weavertown Village in North Strabane Township and have 3 children. Jim is an active member of his church,

Valley UP Church, The Parkway West Rotary, where he is the Secretary/Treasurer, Boy Scout Troop 355, and a new board member of the G.C.C.C. Jim also enjoys golf, camping, and stock car racing.

Board Member - Laura Grossman

Laura is the owner/operator of The French Know (opened 2007) which is a cross stitch supply store. The shop sells all supplies for and teaches cross stitch and embroidery. Laura is married, has 4 children and has lived in Cecil Township for 13 years.

Board Member—James Oddi, Jr.

For the last 10 years, Jim has been the owner of the Hofbrau, a Canonsburg landmark for 70 years. The Hofbrau specializes in pizza, wings, salads, burgers, and more. He and his wife, Melia, with children J.D., 14, Allison, 13, and Ashley, 11 are active in all local youth sports and Canon McMillan High School Activities. He is a Past President of the Chamber and has been a board member for 10 years.

Board Member - Holly Stable

Holly is a local attorney in private practice at 24 W. Pike Street, Suite 4, in Canonsburg. She is also Of Counsel for Brant and Associates, with offices in Southpointe. She specializes in Workers' Compensation, Personal Injury, Social Security Disability, Family Law, and Wills and Estates. She is a graduate of Duquesne University School of Law. She also received her undergraduate degree at Duquesne University with a major in communications and minors in business and political science.

Board Member - A. J. Williams

A. J. is currently a Senior at W&J College, studying French and Political Science. He was elected to Canonsburg Borough Council in November 2007 at the age of 19, making him the youngest person to be elected to that Council. He is the representative from the First Ward, represents the Parks and Recreation Committee and Canonsburg Events. A.J. loves Canonsburg because of the people that make it up and enjoys getting involved with any organization that increases the quality of life for those people. In his down time (rare) he enjoys spending time with his family and 4 dogs.

Board Member - Shane Yoest

Shane is a Financial Advisor with BenchMark Financial Network. Shane has been helping families prevent making poor financial decisions for over 5 years. He is very active with his family and in his community.



Local H&R Block Franchisee Honored at National Conference

Margaret Rowe & Karen King, who operate H&R Block franchise offices in Canonsburg and McMurray have been presented with the Company's Top 100 Performer Award.

The Top 100 performers were chosen for their outstanding year-over-year return growth. Rowe & King received the award on October 19, 2009 during H&R Block's National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rowe & King were among 30 regional winners recognized at the convention. Thousands of H&R Block franchisees from around the U.S. attended the gathering. H&R Block franchisees operate more than 4,300 H&R Block offices in the U.S.

H&R Block's Chief Tax Network Officer Sabrina Wiewel praised Rowe & King's performance. "Margaret and Karen helped set the standard for H&R Block franchise tax offices last season with an understanding of the complex tax industry and an ability to hire tax professionals who provide prompt, accurate service and offer the right financial solutions to clients."

At the convention, Rowe & King spent time with H&R Block leaders, including executives such as President Russ Smyth.

To learn more about H&R Block, visit hrblock.com or call 1-800-HRBLOCK.



14th Annual Spring Home Show

Presented by the Washington County Builders Association

March 26, 27, 28, 2010

Visit with the pros! Exhibits of home building and remodeling products and services—all under one roof.



Back again this year— the Builder Bunny Trail, featuring a variety of finishing touches for you and your home

Come hang out with Froggy at the show!
Saturday from 1-3pm



Washington County

Fairgrounds
Exhibit Hall #1

Admission-\$3.00/person-bring in a non-perishable food item to receive \$1 off

Only 1 discount will be applied per paid admission

Children 16 & under-Free with paying adult