



NEWSLETTER -August 31, 2009

OOPS!

My apologies for getting this newsletter out late... It's been a hectic month. The intent is to get back on track for September.

Meeting Schedule: The Chamber has been experimenting with meeting at different days and times to increase participation. Until further notice, the general meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Hamlin Memorial Library at 9:00 am. This schedule will start on October 6th. An added advantage of having our meetings at this location is that there is plenty of parking and our cars will not take up parking slots in front of businesses on Main Street. And if you haven't had a chance to visit the remodeled library, this is your opportunity to do so. You will be very impressed.

WEBSITE: The Chamber's website has not been updated in the last few months due to a loss of access. This issue has been straightened out with the hosting service provider, ACE-NET. Now that full control of the site has been restored, we will begin updating it as soon as possible. Any ideas for new content will be greatly appreciated.

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

On August 3rd, Nathan Muller, Harold Lindgren and several representatives from the Senior Center provided input to the Council on the parking situation. Among the suggestions: change the 2-hour parking signs to 1-hour parking signs on both sides of Main Street. No decision was made at the meeting, but the Council agreed to have the Borough Solicitor and Keystone Publishing (which researches and writes ordinances) look into possible solutions.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Nathan Muller was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club luncheon/meeting held on August 10th. The talk focused on parking; specifically, an update on the local parking situation and some of the measures the Borough is considering.

LEADERSHIP McKEAN

Nathan Muller agreed to be on the Leadership McKean Steering Committee. The organization is a non-profit cooperative venture of the Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce, Kane Chamber of Commerce and the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Among the organization's goals is to develop future leaders. Classes meet one Friday each month from October 2009 to June 2010, and focus on such themes as leadership style, healthcare, county government, travel, and tourism. Each "program day" is developed and delivered by professionals actively engaged in the issues related to the particular theme. The program is ideal for young people who are just beginning their careers in the private or public sector.

The program challenges them to assume an effective, more active role in addressing our community's needs.

CHAMBER CHOICE

Members of the Smethport Area Chamber of Commerce are eligible for health, life, other insurance and investment vehicles offered by ChamberChoice. Business members are encouraged to compare what ChamberChoice has to offer.

MEMBERSHIP 2009

As of August 31st, the Chamber has 43 individuals, businesses and other organizations as members:

Anne Potter
Allegheny National Forest Vacation Bureau - ANFVB
Ascent Solutions
Barbara Bowman
Bill Lake Real Estate
Buchanan Bros. Pharmacy
Casella Waste Systems
Chef Specialties
Colonial Radio Group
Corner Restaurant & Bar (Annin Enterprises Inc.)
Diane Covert
Dr. D.L. Rumsey
Enchanted Mountain Advertising
Edward Jones FA Keith Delacour
Ferman's Auto
Forcon Inc.
Garden Club
George & Deborah Tufts
Hancock Forestry
James B. Kane, Jr. DMD
James P. Miller, Attorney at Law
Jennifer Messinger
Keppel Stone Works
Lakeview Living & Rehabilitation
Les Jordan, Jr.
Lindgren's Variety Store
McKean County Fair
McKean County Historical Society
Northwest Savings Bank
Olsen & Tenglund Inc.
Radio Shack
Ronald Tanner
Rt. 6 Diner
Senior Center
St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Smethport Area School District
Smethport Drive-In
The Country Porch
United Way
Veterans of Foreign Wars – V.F.W.
Wayne and Mary Lee Pearson
Woods Baker & Ross

* **NOTE:** If you do not see your name / organization on this list, please drop a note to: njmuller@comcast.net.

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