

CHAMBER NEWS

Fulton County-Seeing is Believing!



January 2004



Membership Meeting

January 21st, 2003 at the Fulton County
National Bank Theatre Building.
5:15 P.M. Start Time.

The meeting time for this month will be at 5:15 PM instead of 12:00 PM. The caterer for this month will be The Country Bakery & Café. The Dinner menu will consist of Grilled Chicken Breast, Scalloped Potatoes, mixed vegetable, rolls and dessert. The Fulton County Video will be presented for the Chamber at this month's meeting, so please plan to attend. Please RSVP to the Chamber office so that we have a better handle on how much food to make.

Again just a reminder that the time for the meeting has been changed to 5:15 P.M.

"BUSINESS SHOWCASE"

We have started a "BUSINESS SHOWCASE" area in our monthly newsletter. What we are doing is "Showcasing" a different Chamber Member Business each month, and by doing this, it will give you a little extra free advertising.

If you would like your business "Showcased" please send in a write-up about your business, 40 words or less, to the Chamber Office. They will be placed in the newsletter on a first-come, first-served basis, and if your business is not "Showcased" this month, we will save it for future issues. Remember 40 words or less, please.

The Chamber is having their first **200 Club Drawing** in February, and we are in need of the support from our membership. To make this fundraising event a success, it is important that all of our members chip in and help out on this one, by buying at least 1 ticket or better yet, multiple tickets. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Membership Meetings held both in January and February, or by contacting the Chamber office at 485-4064. If you want to take some tickets to be responsible for selling on behalf of the Chamber, please talk to Anita at the Chamber office.

**THE CHAMBER WOULD LIKE TO
WISH ALL OF OUR MEMBERS A
HEALTHY, HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!**

Greetings From Your President

Greetings fellow Chamber/Tourism members and Fulton Countians;

I never thought four years ago when I left the presidency, I would be here again, yet here I am writing this letter. Our former president, Bobby Snyder, has done an outstanding job during the past two years and I want to thank him for his hard work and dedication to the chamber/tourism organization. Our hardworking events coordinator has already lined up something for almost every month, and included in those plans is an updated tourism brochure. After the brochure is completed this year, we plan to update it every two years. This brochure is a very cost effective way of maximizing your marketing dollars.

As health benefit costs continue to rise, the chamber/tourism organization continues to offer a plan for any business owner – from a sole-proprietorship to a many member organization. Just contact our office and Anita will be happy to give you the number to call and find out if the chamber/tourism plan will be of benefit to you.

Any member can drop off business brochures for display at our office location for our walk-in visitors. We also feature a member in our newsletter each month on a first come basis and located in our park by the Fulton House is display case where you may have your upcoming event posted for all to see. This display case is for the use of all organizations – chamber/tourism members or not.

Another community tool accomplishment, was the upgrading of the chamber/tourism website which now includes a calendar of community events. Although there will probably never be a time that is perfect for everyone, by using this site, you should be able to maximize your organizations' attendance or profits by checking to see what is listed on the day you have chosen. In some cases, you and another organization may be able to profitably share a date – e.g. someone has a breakfast/lunch; you want to have a craft show at a nearby location. That just might be a good thing for both organizations.

Your membership also gives you the access and benefits of being a Chamber of Commerce member, Tourism member, (Chamber/Tourism), FIDA member, free listing on the website under the business directory, and a reduced rate for more extensive advertising on the site as well.

I am excited to lead this organization for the next year. We have a great group of board members, staff, and you, our members. A lot has been accomplished, projects started, and more to come; this is just the beginning.

One of the newest changes will begin with our monthly membership meetings. Due the success of our December membership meetings the past two years, the board felt it would be good to have evening meetings for a time. **So, for the next six months the membership meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:15 p.m., located in the Fulton Theater, McConnellsburg.** These meetings have catered meals prepared by various food service businesses from around the county, at a nominal cost, which will range in price from \$5-\$7.00. While not required, it would be helpful if you would email Anita a few days prior to the meeting to let her know if you are attending enabling the caterers to know how much to prepare. The business portion of the meeting will begin no later than 5:45 pm, and we will do our best to keep them limited to one hour. This month's meeting will feature the film on Fulton County prepared with the assistance of the FIDA, Chamber/Tourism office, and Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission resources and is one you won't want to miss.

Hope to see you there.

Best wishes,
Brenda Gordon, President

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Chamber Office / Visitor Center Hours
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(Lunch from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM)

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Excluding Major Holidays

“Chamber Happenings”

****200 Club Drawing****

**Saturday, February 28, 2004
At the Hustontown Fire Hall**

Dinner begins at 6:30 PM (Doors open at 5:45 PM)

Drawing begins immediately following Dinner!

(Every 5th ticket drawn is a Winner)

Entertainment begins immediately following the Drawing!

Entertainment provided by:

ONE LANE BRIDGE

Donation: \$20.00 per ticket

(each ticket entitles 2 people for dinner, drawing and entertainment)

**Dinner features All you Can Eat Turkey Dinner w/ all the trimmings, Dessert and Beverages
Plus Snacks and Beverages During drawing and entertainment**

In addition, Small Games of Chance will be available to play during the course of the evening!

DON'T MISS OUT!

It's going to be a FUN evening!

Save the Date

February 28th . . . 200 Club Money Drawing

March . . . Basket Bingo

April . . . Awards Banquet

June 2nd . . . Circus

June 11th - 12th . . . Strawberry Festival

June 26th . . . Golf Tournament

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