

Chamber / Tourism News

Fulton County – Seeing is Believing!



April / May 2004

Membership Meeting

April 21st, 2004 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 p.m. instead of the usual time of 12:00 p.m. Please make note of this!! The caterer for this month will be Mamma's Pizza of McConnellsburg, PA. The dinner menu will consist of Stuffed Shells, Lasagna, bread and dessert. The cost for this membership meeting will be **\$6.00**.

Greetings From Your President

Greetings fellow Chamber/Tourism members;

You may have noticed a new format with our newsletter name this month. We decided to make the name correspond with the months it actually covers, particularly since we are on the web. Our publication runs approximately from the middle of one month to the middle of the next, so we thought the new format was more appropriate.

Spring is finally here, today anyway, and we are in full force getting ready for upcoming events. First up is the Annual Awards Banquet on May 1st, to be held at the McConnellsburg Fire Hall. We have moved our Annual Golf Tournament from June 26 to May 22, followed by the Strawberry Festival June 11th and 12th. If you are a golfer – do we have a deal for you! Fifty-one local golf courses in our area have put together a 'golfer's package' and for \$39.00, you can take advantage of the special savings offered. Great Cove Golf course is included, along with many of your other favorites. **HURRY – this offer is only good until the end of this month – call the office today!**

Membership renewals have been mailed for 2004 and if you haven't received yours yet, give us a call. We welcome our new members and welcome back those members who have rejoined this year. Please don't forget to give us (or update) your business information for our website – even if you do not have access to a computer at your place of business. This is free advertising for you, our valued member. Look at what our website offers - January 26,182 hits; February 24,569 hits; and March 33,785 hits.

- On our website – up to 5 lines free listing your business information
- You can enhance your listing for a one time fee of \$50, you can get two links, your logo, and a photograph
- For an additional \$15 per month, you can be listed on our scrolling banner which can be linked to your website.
- If you want your logo on our side bar which can be linked to your site the fee is \$30.00 per month
- Access to our Calendar of Events for you and any organization you are involved in. This site is available to all churches, organizations, and businesses in Fulton County as well as all Chamber/Tourism members, regardless of location, at no charge. Just call the office to have your listing(s) entered

This past month we mailed a letter of support on behalf of JLG employees and others traveling the Sideling Hill Mountain who comes to work in or through Fulton County from the west. This letter was to the Pa. Turnpike Commission urging them to allow free passage from Breezewood to Ft Littleton, thereby bypassing the construction work, delays, and possible dangers to those individuals and others. This is one of the small services the Chamber/ Tourism office can do to help support our business members and their employees.

As we move forward, please look around your business, or at yourself, to see if you have a 'volunteer' – someone you can let us have, and who is willing, for a few hours during our events to help out. We will be calling upon you soon to ask for your help with the Strawberry Festival stand. We look forward to your participation. Thanks, have a great month, and we hope to see you at the monthly membership meeting.

Brenda Gordon
President, 2004

CHAMBER / TOURISM SPOTLIGHT

This month we are spotlighting one of our newest Chamber members as of this year. Please join us in welcoming this company to our family.

The Law Offices of Charles E. Ganley, LLC

Charles Ganley, Esquire, is the owner/managing attorney of The Law Offices of Charles (Charley) E. Ganley, LLC. Charley is also an adjunct professor at the Penn State Mont Alto campus, a position he has held since moving to Pennsylvania from Washington, D.C. twelve years ago. Charley's wife, Theresa, is an artist, who formerly served as a supervisor at the Smithsonian Institute's Museum of American Art.

In April 2004, Charley was awarded the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners' (an International Disability Rights Organization) "Spirit of Advocacy Award," which Theresa accepted on his behalf in Vancouver, Canada. Charley was saluted by IAADP as an "intrepid lawyer for recognizing the stakes involved and investing so much time in research and trial preparation so as to mount an effective defense *of* our access rights under the Americans With Disabilities Act".

Also in April 2004, Charley authored a chapter for the 10th Annual Northeast Employment Law Conference and served as a Faculty Lecturer on the topic of legal ethics to attorneys at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's Conference in Philadelphia,

Charley focuses his practice in the areas of Labor and Employment Law, Civil Rights, Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury/Insurance Law and maintains offices at:

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BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive on Monday, April 26th, 2004 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the McConnellsburg American Legion. Please give the gift of blood to someone who might desperately need it some day. For more information please visit the American Red Cross website at www.redcrosslife.org.

CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hey Golfers – Listen Up! The Chamber will be holding its 8th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 22, at the Great Cove Golf Course. You'll notice the date has been moved to an earlier date this year to better accommodate our golfers. Even if you do not play golf, there are still ways to support our golf tournament: **By** your business sponsoring a Hole, **By** advertising in the tournament program that is given to each participating golfer that day, **By** donating a gift or prize to be given away that day or **By** volunteering your time to come out and help us the day of the tournament. If you are interested in participating in any way, please contact the Chamber office at 485-4064 or Theresa Bricker 485-5674.

THE 14th ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

It's Spring Time and you know what that means. **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TIME!** The Chamber is hard at work in the preparation of the upcoming Strawberry Festival to be held June 11 & 12 at the Court House Square, downtown McConnellsburg. This year we want to build upon the idea of Community Entertainment, so if you or anyone you know has the talent of singing or dancing, telling jokes, whatever, and would like to "Show Off" on Friday or Saturday, please let us know. Also, we are taking vendor applications for food and/or crafts and of course businesses are welcomed to set up as well to either sell their goods and wares, or just as a business promotion opportunity to make contacts, etc. Set up fees are minimal and it makes you accessible to many people for very little cost. For more information contact the Chamber office at 485-4064 or Theresa Bricker at 485-5674.

Awards Banquet Winners

Congratulations to the following that were chosen to receive an award at the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism's Annual Awards Banquet, May 1st, 2004 at the McConnellsburg Fire Hall. The festivities start at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to come out and honor these individuals. If you are planning to attend we need to have your invitation no later than April 23rd, 2004.

2003 Outstanding Citizen Award

Dave Hoover
George Sigel

Excellence in Small Business Award

Lake Insurance, Inc.

Special Service Award

Fulton County Community Service

"Chamber / Tourism Happenings"

Basket Bingo

Thank you to all who helped make our Basket Bingo a Great Success. It was because of you that we had our best Basket Bingo **ever!!** The Chamber of Commerce & Tourism thanks you again for all of your support.

The Circus is Coming to Town!

The Kelly Miller Circus is coming to McConnellsburg on Wednesday, June 2 with 2 shows open to the public, to be held at the Fulton County Fair-Grounds. We will be contacting area businesses about advertising opportunities in conjunction with the Circus, so mark your calendar to bring your family and friends to the Circus on June 2. It promises to be a Great Time for all!

Save the Date

May 1st . . . Awards Banquet
May 22nd . . . Golf Tournament
June 2nd . . . Circus
June 11th – 12th . . . Strawberry Fest.
July 10th . . . Antiques on the Street

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Board Members

Todd Alexander – Edward Jones Investments
 Deb Cutchall – Cutchall's Amoco
 Julia E. Dovey – Fulton County Medical Center
 Loy Garber – JLG Industries
 Cheryl Morton – Morton's Attic
 Joni Park – Park's Texaco
 Gerri Ramsey – Community Bankers Insurance
 Sandy Richards – Richard's Variety Interiors
 Darrin Smith – Howard L. Sipes Funeral Home
 Ellis Yingling – Fulton County Commissioner
 Roby Gipe – Thomas Ford Dealership
 Howard Thomlinson – Mellott Wood Preserving

2004 Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Officers

President Brenda Gordon
 Vice President Julia E. Dovey
 Treasurer Clyde Bookheimer

Past President Bobby Snyder
Director of Events & Marketing . . . Theresa Bricker

Kathy Fester – Greenleaf Gifts & Things & Fester’s
Country Mart

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Monday – Friday (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Lunch (12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

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