

Chamber / Tourism News

Fulton County – Seeing is Believing!



July / August 2004

Membership Meeting

July 21st, 2004 at the Fulton County National Bank
Theatre Building, **(12:00 Noon Start Time)**

The meeting time for this month will be at 12:00 p.m. instead of 5:15 p.m. Please make note of this!! The caterer for this month will be **The Log House Coffee House** located in McConnellsburg, PA. The cost for this membership meeting and lunch will be **\$6.00**.

Greetings From Your President

Greetings fellow Chamber/Tourism members;

We are sorry we were unable to get the newsletter to you last month. With all of June's events coming so closely together, time got away from us and then ran out. We'll make every effort to do better.

The Circus has come and gone and all had a good time. The weather cooperated and we feel the event was successful. Thank you for supporting our efforts with this fundraiser.

The Strawberry Festival on Friday and Saturday was also a great success even though Friday's weather was uncooperative to say the least. You came out even in the rain to support us and purchase lunches and suppers from various vendors. Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day and the community turned out to support us again in numbers. The entertainment both days was great and Snyder's Insurance Agency 'TOP DOG' contest turned out to be fun for participants and for the crowd as well. To those of you who volunteered to work at our stand, let me give you my personal 'THANK YOU'. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and your help certainly contributed to the success of the event.

Chamber Member recognition plaques for our memberships have been ordered and we should have them within the month for delivery/distribution. As soon as they are in, we will make every effort to get yours to you.

Reminder of Event Change - The Golf Tournament date at Great Cove Golf Club has been changed from May 22nd to Friday, July 30th - 1:00 pm start time.

Again, we look forward to seeing you at this month's membership meeting, **July 18th, 12:00 NOON - Fulton Theater, McConnellsburg.** **Bob Murray, CEO of the Fulton County Medical Center will be giving us an update on the new facilities' progress as well as let us know the services we now have available in the county due to the associations the Center has contracted with.**

REMINDER - OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED!!! We have moved from our winter hours evening meeting time to our **Summer Hours time of 12:00 Noon for the months of June, July, August and September.** The meetings will continue to be held in the Fulton Theater. Take care.

Brenda Gordon
President, 2004

Remembering Leon Hurst

As you know, our dear friend passed away recently and after the initial shock and sorrow had numbed, I began reflecting upon his time spent with us. Not only was Leon a personal friend, but also a co-worker, an entrepreneur, a valued member of our community, volunteer, and just a great person to be around.

I remembered how I enjoyed his enthusiasm, his outlook on life, and his great talent. Then I began to think, I know there are others who feel the same, and thought it would be a fitting tribute to put those remembrances in writing to honor his life and to leave these thoughts (our thoughts) for his family. So, in no particular order –

We remember:

- *Working with Leon decorating the Legion for the Chamber Christmas Party. We would start 4 days ahead and under his direction transform the bare walls and ceilings into a 10,000 twinkling light extravaganza.*
- *Leon & I 'fighting' over the French fryer at the Strawberry Festival as to which of us could fry the best fries, and then laughing like crazy, because it was crazy!*
- *As we remember Leon, who cannot remember how much he loved to laugh and have a good time. No matter what was happening he could find some fun in it. When he told a story about himself, even if serious, he could put a spin on it to make us laugh. With each story he could paint a word picture that you could visualize. Of course he always embellished the story to make it better.*
- *No Halloween went by without him coming to work in a special costume.*
- *Leon started with Overly-Raker as a purchasing agent. Among his other attributes he had a knack or skill at finding whatever was needed. If you wanted a special material, a cake, an antique, shelving, or a unique ribbon that no one else could find, give the job to Leon and it would be at your door or on your desk.*
- *He was a man with many talents and was very special to all of the Overly-Raker family.*
- *Leon was full of life - a very jolly man. He was fun to talk to, a joy to be around. He was animated and enjoyed life's adventures.*
- *I specifically remember him rolling wraps at the deli. He shared with me (while giggling) that he hated to make wraps - he just wrapped and wrapped and wrapped. He told me he'd see wraps in his sleep.*
- *I think I went to the deli often - the food was good - but mostly because Leon was there to brighten the day. That's what I remember about this neat man.*
- *I did not know Leon, but my thoughts and prayers go out to his family in this sad time.*
- *Leon had a big heart. He always wanted to do all he could for other people.*
- *He was always so careful not to step on toes and went out of his way to try and please everybody. He was a true friend and he will be missed.*

A Memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 31 at 2 PM in New Castle, Delaware.

“Chamber / Tourism Happenings”

8th ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hey Golfers – Listen Up! The Chamber’s annual Golf Tournament is just 2 weeks away. Being held, as always, at the Great Cove Golf Course, Friday afternoon, July 30 is the date and tee off is at 1:00 PM with a shotgun start. So contact the Chamber office to get your foursome registered for the tournament, or, if you don’t have a foursome, but still want to play, just let us know and we will be happy to match you up with other golfers to make a foursome. If you play golf anyway, the tournament is a great way to support your local Chamber of Commerce while at the same time, having fun and doing something you enjoy.

We have some great prizes lined up for this year’s tournament, including complimentary golf passes at area golf courses in Bedford County, Franklin County, and Washington County.

Cost is \$55.00 and that includes your green fees, golf cart, dinner catered by Loaded Belly Deli, and unlimited drinks and snacks throughout the day. All prizes will be presented at the dinner.

Call the Chamber office today at 485-4064 or contact Theresa Bricker, Events Coordinator at 485-5674 to register for the tournament.

FULTON FALL FOLK FESTIVAL
October 15th, 16th, & 17th

Yes, that’s right. The 31st Annual Fulton Fall Folk Festival is just around the corner. Plans are well under way for this years festival and letters have already been sent out regarding advertising in the annual Festival Guide. If you have not received your letter, please contact the Chamber office or Theresa Bricker for advertising information.

We are looking forward to another record year for the annual Fall Folk Festival with more activities, more things to see, and more things to do for festival goers all over the county.

Save the Date

July 30th . . . Golf Tournament
Sept. 4th . . . Antiques on the Street
Oct. 15th, 16th, 17th . . . Fulton Fall Folk Festival

Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Board Members

- Todd Alexander – Edward Jones Investments
- Deb Cutchall – Cutchall’s Amoco
- 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
- Kathy Fester – Greenleaf Gifts & Things & Fester’s

- 2004 Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Officers**
- President Brenda Gordon
 - Vice President Julia E. Dovey
 - Treasurer Clyde Bookheimer
 - Past President Bobby Snyder

Remember:

THE TIME FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED to 12 NOON!