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MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MARCH 27, 2008

The monthly membership meeting of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 12:00 noon at **Holiday Inn Express**, 681 Flowing Springs Road in Ranson. Kristi Rhule, Ombudsman, from **BrickStreet Insurance** will present an update on the privatization of workers' compensation. **Panera Bread** will cater lunch and members and guests will need to order lunch when they RSVP. Lunch will include a sandwich, potato chips, cookie, and drink for \$10.00 per person. Sandwich options are: 1) Smoked Turkey Breast on Country Bread; 2) Chicken Salad on Sesame Semolina Bread; 3) Smoked Ham & Swiss on Stone-milled Rye Bread; and 4) Roast Beef on Country Bread. All sandwiches are prepared with lettuce, onions, tomatoes, and salt & pepper with mayo and spicy mustard available on the side. Please RSVP by March 24 and place your order. We will need an accurate count for this meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

Nominations for new directors for your Chamber's Board of Directors can now be made by sending the name of your nominee to your Chamber. Nominations must be made in writing; no nominations by phone will be taken, nor will any nominations be taken from the floor on election day. If sending via email, please be sure to complete the subject line with "Nomination." The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2008. The election of directors will be held at the May monthly membership meeting.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

Leadership Jefferson participants took a trip to Charleston this month for the module, State Government, and met with local legislators and observed proceedings during the legislative session. The next module, History & Culture, will be held on March 12.

WELCOME TO JEFFERSON COUNTY

Just a reminder that space must be reserved by March 17 for advertisements in the next edition of the Chamber's guidebook, *Welcome to Jefferson County*. This informative publication on Jefferson County was very well received by Chamber members who advertised in the previous edition. Newcomers and visitors to the area often say how beneficial the information is and how much it has helped them in getting to know the county. For information on reserving a space for your ad, please contact Jeff Rogers, **Specialty Business Supplies**, at (304) 876-6448 or Pat Dockeney, **Jefferson Publishing Company**, at (304) 725-2046.

RIGHT HANDS DAY

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 24 when your Chamber will once again honor secretaries, administrative assistants, office managers, etc. at the **Bavarian Inn** in Shepherdstown in celebration of Administrative Professionals Day. Although plans are not complete, we are asking bosses throughout Jefferson County to consider bringing these valued employees to a luncheon in their honor. We hope to include some special touches for the honorees, including door prizes. If your business would like to contribute a door prize or an item for a goody bag to be given to each honoree, please contact your Chamber. Reservation forms will be included in the April newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Blue Ridge Pet Sitting, LLC

Kay Henderson, Representative
P. O. Box 795
Charles Town, WV 25414
(304) 728-9894
www.blueridgepetsitting.com
In-Home Pet Sitting Service

Cliffside Inn LLC

Terry Marcus, Representative
428 William L. Wilson Freeway
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
(304) 535-6302
tmarcus@marcusenterprises.com
Lodging

Independent Consultant-Tastefully Simple

Kelly Smith, Representative
156 Gibsontown Road
Charles Town, WV 25414
(304) 886-1866
tskellysmith@rock.com
Food Products

Christopher Consultants Ltd.

Mike Roberts, Representative
161 Prosperity Drive, Suite 106
Winchester, VA 22602
(540) 868-9011
www.christopherconsultants.com
Engineers

As of this date, we have 454 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$48,032.50 for fiscal year 2007-2008.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

Sign up to get in shape and raise money for the Jefferson County Community! The **Rotary Club of Charles Town** will hold its annual 5K Walk/Run on April 5 beginning at 8 a.m. The race will begin and end at **Gold's Gym**, Charles Town. Expect prizes and food fun; cost is \$20 per participant. Sign-up information is available by visiting www.Rotary5K.com.

Valley Farm Credit and Country Home Mortgage have announced that they have office space for lease in Charles Town. There is 975 square feet of space and a reception/lunch/copy room area. The space has fresh construction and is affordable and convenient; only one block from the Jefferson County Courthouse. Call (304) 676-2550 or (800) 999-5341 x129 for more information.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Nichols DeHaven & Associates CPAs announces the promotion of Christen E. Cameron, CPA. Christen has been promoted to supervisor at the accounting firm of **Nichols DeHaven & Associates CPAs**. Cameron has over 7 years of professional experience, providing tax and accounting services to individuals and businesses. She is a graduate of **Shepherd University** and a great asset to the firm!

It might sound too good to be true but it is true – in moderate amounts, chocolate can actually be healthy for you. Dark chocolate, in particular, is rich in antioxidants called flavonoids that have been shown to assist in the prevention of heart disease and cancer. According to Lyn Schindel, owner of **Curves of Charles Town/Ranson**, antioxidants found in fruits and vegetables are one of our best defenses. To increase the amount of disease-fighting antioxidants in your diet, make sure you eat at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Vegetables with the most color tend to have the most antioxidant potential. “You may not realize it, but most natural foods, including coffee, nuts, cinnamon, legumes, wine, whole grains and even potatoes, all contain antioxidants,” Schindel said. “Remember, moderation is key to diet and health, so make these whole foods the center of your diet and let chocolate be your guiltless pick-me-up.” For more information on **Curves in Charles Town/Ranson**, call Lyn Schindel at (304) 725-3482.

David W. Decker, CPA and Member of **Decker & Company PLLC**, recently announced that the firm has passed its recent peer review. The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants’ (AICPA) Peer Review Program is dedicated to enhancing the quality of accounting, auditing and attestation services performed by AICPA members in public practice. Such reviews, required every three years, are administered and approved by the West Virginia Society of CPAs under policies and procedures established by the AICPA Peer Review Board. The review determined that the firm has in place a system of quality control that encompasses its organizational structure and has adopted policies and established procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the firm’s accounting and auditing practices conform with professional standards established by the AICPA. Decker & Company PLLC specializes in audited, reviewed, and compiled financial statements; business and individual tax planning and preparation; business advisory services; new business setup; and bookkeeping training and assistance, including QuickBooks®. Mr. Decker is a member of the AICPA, the West Virginia Society of CPAs, and the Jefferson & Berkeley County Chambers of Commerce.

The **Rotary Club of Charles Town**’s 9th Annual J.B. Smith Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 23 at 1 p.m. at both **Locust Hill** and **Sleepy Hollow Golf Courses** with the reception to follow at **The Anvil Restaurant** in Harpers Ferry at 6 p.m. The tournament’s major sponsors are **Charles Town Races & Slots, Jefferson Security Bank, The Anvil Restaurant** & Brookewood Construction of Gahanna, Ohio. The prize sponsor is **BB& T**. Kent Parsons Ford will sponsor the Hole in One. There is a sign up sheet enclosed in the newsletter. In the past eight years, over \$225,000 has been given to local charities. Deadline for the tee shirt advertising is May 9. Get your team of 4 together for a fun day! Visit jbsmithmemorial.com.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Hospice of the Panhandle will be sponsoring Hospice Day at the Martinsburg Mall on Saturday, March 15th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Walk-A-Thon will begin at 9:00 a.m. Registration is only \$5.00 per walker, and registration begins at 8:15 a.m. Current patients and immediate caregivers walk for free! Walk in honor or memory of someone and bring a picture. Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome in the walk. Free t-shirts will be available while supplies last, and prizes will be given for the oldest participant, youngest participant, and to the individual who raises the most money! Get your pledge form at any **Hospice** office or the Martinsburg Mall Information Desk. Entertainment begins at 10:00 a.m. with a scavenger hunt with \$2000 in prizes! Also during the day will be crafts, face painting, clowns, balloon sculptures, music, demonstrations, and a bake sale sponsored by the Diner. Information about Advanced Directives will be available throughout the day including an on-site notary. Adults can also enjoy mandala, zen gardening, and a meditation labyrinth. Bring your family and friends to the first Hospice Day at the Mall and enjoy great entertainment, information, and fun! Call (304) 264-0406 or (800) 345-6538 for more information.

For the first time in their 18-year history, the **Contemporary American Theater Festival** (CATF) www.catf.org will launch a FIVE play season in July and August of 2008. “The 2008 season features five innovative and risk-taking playwrights who give voice and energy to the NOW,” said Ed Herendeen, Founder and Producing Director. “I believe our audience will embrace this robust season, which mixes family and race, politics and sex with a lot of laughter.” This year, “thinktheater” and “thinkfive” as **CATF** presents the following FIVE plays in rotating repertory: *The Overwhelming*, *Pig Farm*, *Stick Fly*, *A View of the Harbor*, and *Wrecks*. The 2008 season runs from July 9 through August 3, with five daring plays, under the tent lectures, post-show discussions and more. The **CATF** Box Office opens March 10. Single ticket prices are \$26, with CATCards available to see four or all five shows at discounted prices. The **Contemporary American Theater Festival** prides itself on producing and developing new American theater. Since 1991, **CATF** has produced 63 new plays, including 23 world premieres. Do it all ... see it all ... in Shepherdstown at the **Contemporary American Theater Festival**. For more information, please visit www.catf.org or call (304) 876-3473 or (800) 999-CATF (2283).

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 8 | 8 th Annual Potters Bowl Fundraiser for Good Shepherd Caregivers – War Memorial Building, Shepherdstown – 6-8 p.m. |
| March 12 | Volunteer Orientation & Training Workshop for Good Shepherd Caregivers – Zion Episcopal Church , Charles Town – 1 p.m. |
| March 15 | Breakfast with Peter Cottontail/Easter Egg Hunt – Sponsored by Jefferson County Parks & Recreation – Call (304) 728-3207 for more information |
| March 22 | Easter Egg Hunt – Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Charles Town – Jefferson Memorial Park |
| March 20 | Congratulations to Good Shepherd Caregivers on their 18 th Anniversary! |
| March 27 | Monthly Membership Meeting – Holiday Inn Express , Ranson |
| March 28-30 | <i>Enchanted April</i> – Old Opera House , Charles Town |
| April 4-6 | <i>Enchanted April</i> – Old Opera House , Charles Town |