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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – APRIL 27, 2006

The monthly membership meeting of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 12:00 noon at the **Bavarian Inn** in Shepherdstown. We invite employers throughout Jefferson County to bring their secretaries, administrative assistants, office workers, etc. to the luncheon so they may be honored at your Chamber's 7th Annual Right Hands Day. The cost for each honoree will be \$25.00 including meal, flowers, candy and other special gifts, and the opportunity to win a grand prize of a \$200 gift certificate, donated by **Fargo Insurance and Financial Services**. For those who will be attending to show support, such as the bosses, the cost for the luncheon alone will be \$12.00. We hope to include some special touches for the honorees, including door prizes. If your business would like to provide an individual door prize, or an item such as a "\$ off" coupon on a product or service to be given to each honoree, please contact your Chamber office. To keep the meeting at a reasonable length of time, this year in place of introductions, a booklet will be made with biographical information on each honoree. At the meeting, the employer will introduce him/herself and introduce the honoree by having him/her stand and by giving his/her name. All other information will be included in the booklet. A reservation form for the meeting is included with this newsletter. Also included with this newsletter is a form for the employer to complete for the biographical information. The menu will be: House Salad, Chicken Picatta, Ice Cream and Beverage.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Chamber will have a booth at the June festival for members who wish to display their brochures. If you are interested, bring at least 100 brochures to your Chamber office by Friday, June 3 and if you would like to volunteer to work in the booth, please call your Chamber office at (304) 725-2055.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

The **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** of CTC of Shepherd offers the following workshops: "Managing Your Business Finances using QuickBooks Simple Start" on Friday, April 7 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at CTC Shepherd, 400 W. Stephen Street, Martinsburg. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$35 fee. "OSHA – Record Keeping" on Thursday, April 13 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at CTC Shepherd, 400 W. Stephen Street, Martinsburg. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$25 fee. "OSHA – 10 hr. Outreach Safety & Health for Construction Industry Companies" on April 26 & 27 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at **BizTech**, 150 E. Burr Blvd., Kearneysville. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$25 fee. To register for these workshops, please call the **SBDC** at (304) 260-4385 or download the Workshop Enrollment Form at www.shepherd.edu.sbdweb.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

The **National Humane Education Society (Briggs Animal Adoption Center)** will sponsor “Violence Prevention & Intervention: How to Help Animals and Children”. This informative conference will be an excellent opportunity to gain and/or supplement knowledge of the link between animal cruelty and human violence. The conference will be held at the **Clarion Hotel and Conference Center** on April 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$50 per person and includes continental breakfast, lunch and access to all workshops. For more information, call (304) 725-0506 ext. 205 or visit www.nhes.org and click on Violence Prevention under the Education link.

Sycamore Pottery is pleased to announce that they are celebrating their 36th year in West Virginia. To celebrate this milestone, they will host an Open Studio on April 22 & 23 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at their pottery studio at 5210 Paynes Ford Road in Leetown. For directions call (304) 725-4251 or visit their website at www.eiderdowncottage.com/sycamorepottery.

The Rapid Response Units of West Virginia and Virginia, along with the **Jefferson County Development Authority** and the Berkeley County Development Authority, are sponsoring a job fair to assist Jefferson County workers being displaced due to company buyouts/closings. These workers come highly recommended and highly skilled with good work ethics. The Job Fair will be held at the **Moose Lodge** in Ranson on April 27, 2006, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on the same date. There is no cost to participate. This is an exciting opportunity to hire qualified local individuals for your business, and it’s completely free to participate! Please reserve your table by April 13th. Call Whitney Burch at (304) 728-3255 for more details and a list of job positions being sought.

West Virginia University Maternity and Women’s Health Center is offering its services at a new location in Ranson. The Center outgrew its former home on E. Fifth Avenue in Ranson and recently moved to a new location at 207 S. Preston Street, across from Jefferson Memorial Hospital. The Center, a component of the **WVU Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center Eastern Division**, receives 3,600 patient visits a year. It offers a full-range of comprehensive healthcare services including maternity care, women’s healthcare, and preventive screenings for women of all ages. The physicians, David A. Baltierra, MD, Shannon Bentley, MD, and certified nurse midwife, Linda Keeling, CNM, MSN, have hospital privileges at **Jefferson Memorial Hospital**. The Maternity and Women’s Health Center is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, call (304) 725-2038.

Get your golf clubs out and sign up to play in the 7th Annual J.B. Smith Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, May 26 at both **Locust Hill** and **Sleepy Hollow Golf Courses**. The shotgun start begins at 1:00 p.m. Charities are the Eastern Panhandle Foundation-J.B. Smith Fund, **Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic**, **Jefferson Memorial Park** and Jefferson High Baseball. The foundation is established to permanently fund the **Free Clinic**, **Jefferson Memorial Park** and high school baseball in Jefferson County. Visit www.jbsmithmemorial.com for more information or call Ann Smith at (304) 725-8117 or Leslie Smith at (304) 728-0318 from the **Rotary Club of Charles Town**. The deadline for T-shirt advertising is May 1.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Nichols DeHaven & Associates CPAs would like to announce the winner of their Semi-Annual Peer Award for July – December 2005. Daniel Kelly was the recipient of this award. His peers selected Dan because of his dedication and willingness to take on increased responsibilities to help wherever needed during this period. Everyone on the **NDA** team appreciates Dan's hard work and great attitude.

Students, faculty and staff of the **West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center Eastern Division** are moving into the new education center on the campus of City Hospital. The new 30,000 square foot complex will provide third and fourth year students with a place to learn and study. The two-story education center features a computer lab, a paper-and-electronic learning center/library, a 180-seat auditorium, a 40-seat high-tech classroom and several meeting rooms. It will also include administrative and faculty offices. The second floor will remain unfinished space. Construction for the new center began in late 2004 and was funded in large part through a \$6 million federal grant obtained with the assistance of U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. A dedication for the new building will be scheduled in the spring.

Parenting Publications of America (PPA) gave out Editorial and Design Competition awards to parenting newspapers and magazines at a banquet on March 4, 2006, the climax of the three-day PPA Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA. Local parenting publication, **Child Guide**, earned a gold award for overall writing. Other categories in which **Child Guide** was honored include a silver award for best service feature, a silver for their annual resource guide, a bronze for overall reporting and a bronze for column writing. PPA's Editorial and Design Awards Competition recognizes excellence in journalism, photography and design achieved by publishers, editors, writers and designers at member publications. A panel of judges poured over 1,048 entries to choose the winners in each category. All judges have had significant professional experience. Established in March 1988, PPA is a national trade association of regional parenting publications that reaches from Seattle to Boston and from Minneapolis to Miami, and to Canada and Australia. Some of the publications are tabloid newspapers; others are magazines, with 4-color, glossy covers. **Child Guide** is a free publication distributed to Jefferson and Berkeley Counties, Frederick and Washington Counties, MD; and Frederick and Clarke counties, VA. For more information on **Child Guide**, please visit www.childguidemagazine.com or call (540) 955-2004.

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce member **Bob O'Connor** has just completed his first book, "The Perfect Steel Trap Harpers Ferry 1859", a historical novel about the John Brown raid, trial and execution. The story will take the reader to the Kennedy farm in Maryland where the infamous raid was planned and to the capture of Harpers Ferry. The story continues with the dramatic capture of John Brown and his men and to Charlestown with the trials and executions. **O'Connor** works locally in promotion and tourism for the **City of Charles Town** and the Jefferson County Convention and Visitors Bureau. For the local Charles Town author, long time journalist and researcher of John Brown, the book is the culmination of a life long dream. "The Perfect Steel Trap Harpers Ferry 1859" is available online at www.boboconnorbooks.com and at many local locations, including the Jefferson County Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Charles Town Visitors Center.

OTHER NEWS

The nation’s best small business owners will join the U.S. Small Business Administration during ceremonies in Washington, D.C. to mark National Small Business Week, and to honor the achievements of America’s top entrepreneurs, including the announcement of the National Small Business Person of the Year. The annual observance of National Small Business Week is April 9-15, with events scheduled on April 12-13 at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center. The two-day conference will focus on small business accomplishments, showcasing small businesses recovering from disasters. During the week, more than 100 outstanding small business owners from around the country will be honored. Small business honorees reflect the full range of business products, services and innovations offered by America’s entrepreneurs.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

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Coffee and Sandwich Café

As of this date, we have 494 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$52,517.00 for fiscal year 2005-2006.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 6-9 *Anything Goes* – **Old Opera House**, Charles Town
- April 8-9 SCCA National Sports Cars – **Summit Point Raceway**
- April 15 Easter Egg Hunt – **Jefferson Memorial Park**, Charles Town – 10 a.m.
- April 27 “Right Hands Day” – **Bavarian Inn**, Shepherdstown – 12:00 noon
- April 29-30 Annual House & Garden Tour – Jefferson and Berkeley Counties
- May 5 Annual Caregivers Golf Classic – Sponsored by **Good Shepherd Caregivers**

COMING SOON! Watch for information on Leadership Jefferson, a program of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, in a separate mailing. Included will be information on the goals of the program, topics to be covered, and requirements. An application form will also be included.