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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MAY 28, 2009

The monthly membership meeting of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 12:00 noon at the **Holiday Inn Express** in Ranson and hosted by the **Ranson Convention & Visitor's Bureau**. Ed Herendeen, Founder and Director of the **Contemporary American Theater Festival** in Shepherdstown, will be our speaker. The menu for the lunch, which will be catered by **The Magnolia Tree**, will be lasagna (vegetarian or with meat), tossed salad, dinner roll, dessert, and iced tea or water. The cost will be \$12.00 per person. Please contact your Chamber by May 20, 2009, to RSVP.

ELECTION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the May 28, 2009 membership meeting, there will be an election of four members to serve on your Board of Directors. Consistent with the terms of Article III, Section 9 of our Bylaws, as amended on January 25, 2007, nine members were nominated by the general membership by the deadline of March 31, 2009. Ballots will be distributed at the meeting. Pursuant to our amended Bylaws, nominations will not be received from the floor at the meeting. Of the following nine nominees, the four receiving the most votes will be elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2009:

Tiffany Hine Current Chamber President Briel P.C.	Paul Espinosa Current Chamber Vice President Frontier	Patricia Hubbard Current Chamber Board Member Blue Ridge CTC
Annette Gavin The Inn at Charles Town	Clint Miller Wal-Mart	David Mills City of Ranson
Ken Rozich Erie Insurance	Peggy Smith City of Charles Town	John Williams Edward Jones Investments

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR MEMBERS

In appreciation of our members' support for our biggest project, two passes to the 38th Annual Spring Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival are enclosed with this bulletin. Each pass is good for one admission on any one day of the June 12, 13, and 14, 2009 festival being held from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Before presenting the pass at the admission gate, please fill in the name of the Chamber member and sign on the line provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We offer two opportunities for you to be a part of the Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival. First, you may bring 100 brochures about your business or organization to the Chamber office by June 4, 2009, and they will be displayed in the Chamber booth at the festival. Second, you may volunteer to work at the Chamber booth for a few hours – meet new people and tell them all that is great about our county. For more information or to volunteer, call your Chamber office at (304) 725-2055.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Mark your calendar for this year's annual awards banquet, which will be held at the **Clarion Hotel and Conference Center** in Shepherdstown on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. At this banquet each year, new and expanded businesses are recognized for their achievements, other special awards are presented, and the officers and directors for the upcoming year are introduced. More information regarding this year's banquet will follow in next month's newsletter.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

The April module of Leadership Jefferson provided a look into the educational opportunities available in Jefferson County. The day started at NCTC where the participants toured the Children's Treehouse, a nature based preschool located on site. The day continued with a tour of the Center for **Contemporary American Theater Festival** and the new wellness facility, which is under construction at **Shepherd University**. During lunch, which was provided by **Charles Town Races & Slots**, the participants listened to speakers from **Blue Ridge CTC** and **American Public University**. The group then visited the **County Day School** where they were entertained by songs performed in French and Spanish by the students. The day concluded with a tour of **Jefferson High School**. This module was sponsored by **Blue Ridge CTC**. The May module, which will be jointly held with Leadership Berkeley, will focus on economic development in both counties. For more information about Leadership Jefferson's new class starting in September, please call the Chamber office at (304) 725-2055.

RIGHT HANDS DAY

Once again, we had an excellent response to our "Right Hands" Day celebration, which was held at the April 23rd monthly membership meeting at the **Bavarian Inn** in Shepherdstown. Seventy-seven members and guests, including forty-two honorees, enjoyed a delicious lunch at this annual event. Each honoree received a flower from **Wal-Mart**, candy from **Aunt Irene's Sweets-n-Treats**, and gift cards from **Charles Town Races & Slots Epic Buffet**, **Chick-fil-A**, and **Washington House Inn**. Door prizes were donated by **Anvil Restaurant**, **Bavarian Inn**, **BB&T**, **The Beauty Center**, **Clarion Hotel**, **Fargo Insurance & Financial Services**, **Harpers Ferry Chiropractic**, **Holiday Inn Express**, **Jefferson Publishing Company**, **RAI Properties**, **River and Trail Outfitters**, **Serv Pro of Panhandle**, and **Washington House Inn**.

In addition to the above, we thank all of our Right Hands and their bosses/employers who sponsored them at our event – **Asbury United Methodist Church**, **Bavarian Inn**, **Briel PC**, **CASA of the Eastern Panhandle**, **Charles Town Race Track Chaplaincy**, **Charles Town Races & Slots**, **Church of Joyous Living**, **Cress Creek Country Club**, **Emivest Aerospace Corp.**, **Fellowship Bible Church**, **Good Shepherd Caregivers**, **Harvest Pointe Community Church**, **Jefferson County Emergency Services**, **Jefferson County Schools**, **Jefferson Publishing Company**, **K&K Cleaning Company**, **RAI Properties LLC**, **Serv Pro of Panhandle**, **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle** – as well as Chamber volunteers Nancy Morgan and Lorrie Miller and the Chamber staff, who helped to prepare for the event; the staff at the **Bavarian Inn**, who prepared and served the lunch; and Miriam Conroy from the **Bavarian Inn**, who presented a delightful demonstration.

CREDIT CARDS

As a service to our Chamber members we are now accepting Visa and Master Card credit cards in the office for the payment of dues and other costs.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Allsource Agency
Jim Maynard, Representative
217 Spyglass Hill Dr.
Charles Town, WV 25414
(240) 235-9552
Insurance/Financial Services
www.allsourceagency.com

Executive Ink, LLC
April Plank, Representative
PO Box 6277
Charleston, WV 25362
(304) 941-0600
Advertising
www.executiveink.com

A. Neal Barkus PLLC
A. Neal Barkus, Representative
224 W. King Street
Martinsburg, WV 25401
(304) 260-9414
Attorney
www.wvworkplacelaw.com

Gateway Home Care
Michael Wade, Representative
150 Patrick Henry Way
Charles Town, WV 25414
(304) 725-8077
Medical Services
mwade@valleyhealthlink.com

Dish, A New American Bistro
Douglas Vaira, Representative
213 W. Washington Street
Charles Town, WV 25414
(304) 728-3464
Restaurant
www.wvdish.com

J & D Carpet Cleaning, LLC
Dotty Flannery, Representative
PO Box 362
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
(304) 261-9711
Service
www.lovecitrus@comcast.net

Elegant Events, LLC
Tiffany Hine, Representative
341 Homewood Drive
Charles Town, WV 25414
(304) 725-7975
Professional Bridal Consultant
tiffanyleehine@frontiernet.net

Patriot's Path Foundation
David Hill, Representative
PO Box 1773
Shepherdstown, WV 25443
(304) 283-7199
Nonprofit Organization
www.patriotspath.org

As of this date, we have 467 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$54,095.00 for fiscal year 2008-2009.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

Last call for a fun day of golf for a great cause! Join the **Rotary Club of Charles Town** at the 10th Annual J.B. Smith Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, May 22, 2009, at 1 p.m. at **Locust Hill**. There are only a few openings left for golfers. Reception and silent auction to follow at the **Anvil Restaurant** in Harpers Ferry. Non-golfers are welcome to attend the reception; there will be plenty of great food! Donations of items for the silent auction are welcome. More information can be found at jbsmithmemorial.com or call Ann Smith at (304) 725-8117 or Leslie Smith at (304) 728-3018.

The **March of Dimes** will hold its 2009 Jefferson County March for Babies on Saturday May 9, 2009, at Morgans Grove Park in Shepherdstown. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call (304) 263-2003 or email sjanelle@marchofdimes.com.

The **Ranson Convention & Visitor's Bureau** would like to announce the 8th Annual Ranson Festival on Saturday, May 16, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ranson Civic Center located at 431 W. Second Avenue in Ranson. Ranson Festival is a fun-filled, family-oriented event featuring food, arts and crafts, live entertainment, pony rides, a petting zoo, games, performances by local school groups, Fire and EMS demonstrations, and much more. Ranson Festival offers something for everyone, so pack up the kids and plan to spend the day!

The **Small Business Development Center of Eastern Panhandle** and Eastern Panhandle Business Incubator at **Biztech**, are having a workshop entitled "Basic Business Accounting" on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 150 East Burr Blvd. Kearneysville. The cost is \$15.00. Please pre-register by calling (304) 728-3051, ext. 112.

The **Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County** is having their Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale on Friday, May 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Dominos Pizza in Shepherdstown. There will be a large variety of plants including geraniums, gerbera daisies, new guinea impatiens, hanging baskets, and much more. AWS merchandise will also be available. For more information, to view available pets for adoption, or to find out about upcoming events, visit the AWS website at www.awsjc.org.

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and the **Clarion Hotel and Conference Center** are pleased to present "The Foundation to Succeed in Today's Economy," a seminar by business consultant, educator, and author Rick Grandinetti. You'll learn how your attitude affects service, how to create a supportive work environment, how to provide an effective communication cycle, how making a 1% change in your daily routine will affect you professionally and personally, and much more. Receive business tips and strategies you can use immediately. The seminar will be offered on two separate dates: Tuesday, May 19, 2009, or Tuesday, June 2, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Clarion. Cost is \$199 per person, which includes lunch. For more information, visit www.blueridgectc.edu or contact Pat Hubbard, Coordinator of Workforce Development, at (304) 725-7104 or phubbard@blueridgectc.edu.

JOHN BROWN EVENTS

The year 2009 brings much focus and attention on Jefferson County due to the Sesquicentennial of the John Brown Raid. Whether you are from the area or out of town, the focus of the commemoration is to enlighten you about the national and international significance of the events surrounding the raid and their implications even today.

Don't miss this great opportunity to attend one or many lectures, debates, reenactments, dramatic readings, musical programs, heritage walks, or scholarly talks on John Brown and the events that took place right here in Jefferson County 150 years ago. Meet the descendents of the participants as they return to the scene. Bring the entire family. A complete schedule of Jefferson County events is available at the website www.johnbrownhf.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 9	Music of "Sword of the Spirit," Harpers Ferry NHP , 2:00 p.m.
May 9	March of Dimes 2009 Jefferson County March for Babies
May 15-17, 22-24	<i>Leading Ladies</i> , Old Opera House , Charles Town
May 16	8th Annual Ranson Festival
May 22	10th Annual J.B. Smith Memorial Golf Tournament
May 25	Office closed, Memorial Day
May 28	Monthly Membership Meeting, Holiday Inn Express , Ranson
May 30	"Remembering John Brown," Harpers Ferry NHP , 1:00 p.m.