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**HIGH SCHOOL-BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM**

Business leaders will be needed to serve as leaders for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual High School-Business Symposium on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the **Quality Hotel** in Harpers Ferry. This year we will have one High School-Business Symposium with students from both **Jefferson High School** and **Washington High School**. Thank you in advance to **Frontier Communications** for sponsoring lunch for the students. We ask all leaders to arrive by 8:00 a.m. so the moderators can discuss the format. If you can spend a little of your time with the students from both of these high schools or if you need more information, please call (304) 725-2055. The symposium will be held from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**MEMBERSHIP MIXER-NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

You are invited to a Chamber Mixer at **Charles Town Races & Slots** on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Skyline Ballroom. Come take a tour of the facility or spin the prize wheel. Join us for an evening of fun, food, and festivities. Please contact the Chamber office at (304) 725-2055 to RSVP to this event by Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We hope to see you there.

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET**

Approximately 200 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Service Recognition Banquet held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at **Charles Town Races & Slots**. Your Chamber thanks **Charles Town Races & Slots** who co-sponsored and assisted in the coordination of details for the event. Congratulations to all the honorees who were selected by their departments: Fire Service Providers – **Citizens Fire Company**, William Jenkins; **Shepherdstown Fire Department**, The Founding Members; Law Enforcement Officers – Christopher A. Kutcher, **Charles Town Police Department**; Michael S. Armentrout, **Harpers Ferry Police Department**; James Cummings, Shepherdstown Police Department; Mark Johnston, presented to Karla Johnston, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department; W. R. Garrett, WV State Police Charles Town Detachment; and Jefferson County Emergency Communications, Lynn Carroll. Congratulations and thanks to all emergency personnel for their time and dedication in protecting Jefferson County and its citizens.

**LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON**

The third module of Leadership Jefferson – Agriculture – was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 sponsored by the Jefferson County Agriculture Task Force. The participants started their day off at the WVU Tree Fruit Research Station with a tour and traveled to Town & Country Nursery for a hay ride. They also toured Green Horizons, **Lyle C. Tabb & Sons, Inc**, and Coleswood Farm. The fun filled day was planned by Jane Tabb and Kellie Boles. The next Leadership Jefferson module, Economic Development will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**STAY AT HOME SHOPPING**

Once again, your Chamber is offering you the opportunity to promote your business and its products and/or services through our December news bulletin and email blast to remind our members of the gift-giving opportunities available locally this holiday season.

These are difficult economic times and to help us help you, we are asking our members to send information to us about special promotions (products or services) you are offering so we can make our members aware. This will reach over 700 members. Whatever you choose to offer is up to you. If you would like to participate, please provide us with specific information via email at [chamber@jeffersoncountywvchamber.org](mailto:chamber@jeffersoncountywvchamber.org) by Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. Please specify if the offer is for Chamber members only or open to everyone. We hope this will help keep business in Jefferson County this holiday season.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

**Brother's Pizzeria**

Tony Smigelski, Representative  
114 Patrick Henry Way  
Charles Town, WV 25414  
(304) 725-9711  
Restaurant  
[www.brotherspizzeriawv.com](http://www.brotherspizzeriawv.com)

**A Wise Solution**

Debra J. Wise, Representative  
99 Cary Lu Circle, Suite 102  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425  
(304) 728-9776  
Retail Store  
[Awisesolution@gmail.com](mailto:Awisesolution@gmail.com)

As of this date, we have 383 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$47,440.00 for fiscal year 2009-2010. If you have not paid your fair share investment for 2009-2010, won't you take a few minutes to do so? Remember, the success of your Chamber depends on active involvement of its members.

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS**

**The Rotary Club of Charles Town** will hold its Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at **Gold's Gym** in Charles Town. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the registration fee is \$25. Proceeds from this great event will go to non-profit organizations in our local community. For up to date race information and registration forms, please visit [www.rotary5k.com](http://www.rotary5k.com).

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont)**

You are invited to see “what’s new” on the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual **Over the Mountain Studio Tour**. Eleven artists and artisans open their studios to the public on November 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The creative community of Jefferson County shares resources to market handmade products through the studio tour. They all bring a commitment to work made by hand. Crafts include basketry, pottery, cabinetry and chair making, stained glass, folk art, tile-topped metal furniture, hand sewn bears, traditional blacksmithing, needle arts and lace, printmaking, jewelry, hand-hewn canvas bags, and hand-hewn and lathe turned bowls. The **Over the Mountain Studio Tour** is free and open to the public. Visitors may travel from studio to studio at their leisure on this self-guided tour. For map and brochure, call the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at (800) 624-0577 or (304) 267-5468, email [studiotour@studiotourwv.org](mailto:studiotour@studiotourwv.org) or visit [www.studiotourwv.org](http://www.studiotourwv.org).

On Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the **Jefferson County Council on Aging** will hold its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veteran’s Day Pancake Breakfast. **JCCOA** will be serving breakfast from 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. at 103 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ranson. The menu features pancakes, sausage, biscuits, gravy and fried potatoes. Ticket prices are \$2.00 for those 60 years and up and \$3.00 for those 59 and under. Carry-outs will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to the support and improvement of **Jefferson County Council on Aging** and their services to Older Americans in Jefferson County. Please contact (304) 725-4044 or stop by **JCCOA**.

In an effort to offer co-marketing opportunities for local businesses in Jefferson County, **Charles Town Races & Slots** is proud to offer two complimentary informational kiosks on the grounds of its property. One kiosk will be housed at the front valet entrance on the main facility and the other will be located in the lobby of **The Inn at Charles Town**. The kiosks will be developed with informational links to community events and local vendors/business information. The information will be listed by category and patrons will have the opportunity to print information directly from the kiosks. Please stay tuned for the exciting new partnership opportunity in collaboration with **Charles Town Races & Slots**.

**The Jefferson County Development Authority (JCDA)** has created an easy to use online workforce database filled with local residents looking for local employment. We are not a head hunting agency or a staffing agency, we are simply offering this service free to residents and business owners to take commuters off the road and entice local businesses to hire local talent. Please register online at [www.jcda.net/workforcedb](http://www.jcda.net/workforcedb) and search over 500 online applications! Search features have been enhanced to allow you to find that perfect fit for your company. Pie charts show the number of applicants in each category and the number of applicants with various degrees. Contact Whitney Burch at (304) 728- 3255 for technical support

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)**

**The Anvil Restaurant** will be hosting a Homegrown for Hospice dinner and auction to benefit **Hospice of the Panhandle, Inc** on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Tickets are \$25 and are available at any hospice office, **The Anvil Restaurant & Mediterranean Café**. Advance tickets are required as seating is limited. Fare courtesy of **The Anvil Restaurant**, **Mediterranean Café**, and **Charles Town Races & Slots**. Auction items are from local artisans of Jefferson County and the entertainment by the Rolling Coyotes. To charge tickets, please call (304) 264-0406.

**Panhandle Home Health, Inc.** is celebrating National Home Care Month. They have 3 exciting events planned for the month of November. On November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. they will hold a Basket Bingo at the Knights of Columbus. Tickets can be purchased by calling (304) 263-5680. On November 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. a Veterans Day Celebration will be held at the **Panhandle Home Health** office in Martinsburg to honor our active military and those who have served. On November 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. at our office in Martinsburg we will have an open house to proclaim National Home Care Month. Please RSVP to any of these events by calling (304) 263-5680.

The holidays are right around the corner and **Reese's Nursery and Landscaping** would like to help you get a head start in your decorating. We are ready to help you with all your holiday needs from trees to wreaths or just preparing your foliage for winter. Please stop by and visit us at 2328 North Mildred in Ranson.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Nov. 1            *"Doubt, A Parable"* **Old Opera House**
- Nov. 6            Pancake Breakfast -**JCCOA** 7 a.m.- 9 a.m.
- Nov. 7            **Charles Town Rotary 5K– Gold's Gym** 9:00 a.m.
- Nov. 8            Basket Bingo for **Panhandle Home Health**
- Nov. 12          High School-Business Symposium – **Quality Hotel** 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13          Chamber Mixer- **Charles Town Races & Slots**- 4 p.m. -6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14-15      **Over the Mountain Studio Tour**
- Nov. 26-27      Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov. 27          Christmas tree lighting in **Historic Charles Town**
- Nov. 27-29      Christmas in Shepherdstown
- Nov. 28          Christmas tree lighting in Ranson



