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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The holiday season is upon us, and we hope that you will attend one of the many activities planned in our wonderful county. Decorations are already up and the lighting of Christmas trees has already taken place in the municipalities. Don't forget our local businesses that can assist you with shopping for that special person, planning a holiday meal, or relaxing with family and friends. Also, remember the less fortunate by contributing to our local charities. We hope you enjoy the blessings of the season.

As has been the custom, there will not be a monthly membership meeting in December. Our next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2007.

CHAMBER MONTHLY MEETINGS

Your Chamber is currently taking bids for its monthly membership meetings and banquets to be held in 2007. Requirements for a **monthly meeting** include a facility with a private meeting area and the ability to serve a lunch to 50-90 people. Requirements for **banquets** include a facility to accommodate 225-250 people. If interested, please submit a bid with a per person cost for the meal, including beverage, tax, and gratuity and the type of meal (soup/sandwich, buffet, etc.) that would be served. Bids will be accepted through December 22, 2006. For more information, contact your Chamber office.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

The third module of Leadership Jefferson – Education thru High School – was held on November 8. With the theme, “A tour of the world of education in Jefferson County,” participants met at the **Jefferson County Board of Education** office to receive a passport for the day. They visited area schools or in following the theme, countries, and ambassadors (students) greeted them when they arrived. Each participant had his/her passport stamped to show countries visited. The next module – Economic Development – will be held on December 13.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

The UPS Store

Simon Chen, Representative
217 Oak Lee Drive, Suite 10
Ranson, WV 25438
(304) 724-2006
www.theupsstore.com/5832.htm

Sur-Loc Flooring Systems, LLC

Marci Cerasi, Representative
179 E. Burr Blvd.
Kearneysville, WV 25430
(304) 725-6251
Special Events Flooring Company

Shipping, Packaging, etc. Services

Kelley Allstate Agency

Gary Kelley, Representative

724 Lakeview Drive

Martinsburg, WV 25401

(304) 263-4596

www.allstate.com/garykelley

As of this date, we have 468 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$50,090.00 for fiscal year 2006-2007. This will be the last bulletin mailed to those who are not current with their fair share investments. As of January 1, 2007, delinquent members will be removed from membership.

HIGH SCHOOL-BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

The 25th Annual High School-Business Symposium held on November 2, 2006, at **Shepherd University** was deemed a success by its participants. Many thanks to our moderators **Charles B. Howard, Attorney-at-Law** and J. Frank Fargo, **Fargo Insurance & Financial Services** and the following business leaders: Sherri Bartin, **Bank of Charles Town**; Dave Bariball, **Frontier/A Citizens Communications Company**; Jan Callen, **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle**; Bill Chesley, **Bank of Charles Town**; Roberta Chromey, **Sir Speedy Printing**; Doris Cline; Chris Colbert, **Premier Bank**; Julie DeHaven, **Nichols DeHaven and Associates CPAs**; Christa Denney, **Shenandoah Women's Center**; Jason Dom, **American Public University**; Don Dove, **Fargo Insurance & Financial Services**; Chuck Ellison, **Frontier/A Citizens Communications Company**; Paul Espinosa, **BB&T**; Diana Gunia, **American Public University**; Kim Hall, **The Carol Kable Team**; Jeanie Hamilton, **Valley Farm Credit**; Dennise Rivera Haymaker, **West Financial Group**; Tiffany Hine, **Paragon Title Company**; Kathy Kester, **BB&T**; Matthew Knott, **River Riders**; Adam Link, **ERA Real Estate**; Lorrie Miller, **BB&T**; Toni Milbourne, **Jefferson Publishing Company**; Chris Ott, **Dalb Inc.**; Nelson Parkinson, **Holiday Inn Express**; Jane Peters, **Jefferson County Development Authority**; Bill Reichardt, **Summit Point Raceway**; John Sherwood, **Jefferson-Morgan Chapter of the American Red Cross**; Nan Stevens, **WV Housing Development Fund**; Christine Todd, **Regional Contracting Assistance Center**; Nina Vogel, **Washington House Inn**, and Catherine Wilson, Shepherdstown Visitor's Center. We also thank the staff and faculties from **Jefferson County Schools** and **Shepherd University** for their cooperation, help, and support, especially, **Dr. Steven Nichols**, Superintendent of **Jefferson County Schools**, Howard Guth, Principal of **Jefferson High School**, and Dr. David Dunlop, President of **Shepherd University**. Additional thanks to Dr. E. William Johnson and Sherry Clem for making all the arrangements at the University. Last but not least, we appreciate the support of the 84 students from **Jefferson High School** who participated. Thanks to all!

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NEW TEACHERS BANQUET

On Wednesday, November 15, 2006, 113 new educators were honored at the New Teachers Banquet at the **Moose Lodge #948** in Ranson. This annual event sponsored by your Chamber in cooperation with **Jefferson County Public Schools, American Public University, Country Day School, and Shepherd University** welcomes new educators to Jefferson County. We extend our thanks to **Charles B. Howard, Attorney-at-Law**, who welcomed the new teachers, **Premier Bank** for the beautiful table centerpieces, and **Adelphia, American Public University System, Bank of Charles Town, BB&T, BizTech/Jefferson County Telework Center, City National Bank, Daily Grind, Frontier/A Citizens Communications Company, Gold's Gym, Guy's Buick-Pontiac-Olds-GMC, Jefferson County**

Schools, Jefferson-Morgan Chapter of the American Red Cross, MVB Bank, Shenandoah Women's Center, West Virginia Housing Development Fund, and WVU Hospitals-East/Jefferson Memorial Hospital for the favors. We also thank the following members for sponsoring a teacher: **Bank of Charles Town, BB&T, Belmont Realty, Blue Ridge Community & Technical College, Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, Canterbury Center, Charles B. Howard Attorney-at-Law, Charles Town Races & Slots, City National Bank, Comcast Spotlight, Daily Grind, Fargo Insurance & Financial Services, Food Pro, Frontier/A Citizens Communications Company, Gold's Gym, Greenvest/Huntfield, Griffith Energy Services, Guy's Buick-Pontiac-GMC Trucks, Halltown Paperboard Company, Jefferson-Morgan Chapter of the American Red Cross, Jefferson Security Bank, Jones Insurance Agency, Kable Photographics, Ken Rozich Insurance Agency, Kiwanis Club of Charles Town, Leetown United Methodist Church, Link Properties/ERA Liberty Realty, Lyle C. Tabb & Sons, Marcus Enterprises, MVB Bank, Nichols DeHaven & Associates CPAs, Paragon Title Company, Patricia A. Ott, Peter Dougherty, Premier Bank, Shenandoah Health Village Center, Shenandoah Women's Center, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, United Way of the Eastern Panhandle, W. Douglas Stewart, Washington House Inn, and WVU Hospitals-East/Jefferson Memorial Hospital.**

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

Budget Blinds has some exciting news. They have been voted the #1 Best Window Covering Company by *The Journal's* 2006 Readers Choice Survey. Scott and Katie MacKinnon wish to express a sincere thank you to our loyal commercial and residential clients. Free in-home consultation, expert measuring and free installation! Visit us at www.budgetblinds.com.

Jennifer Cox Janus, MD, an internal medicine and pediatric physician, recently joined the University Medical and Surgical Associates in Ranson, the newest primary care clinic site of the **West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center Eastern Division**. Dr. Janus received her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, and completed her residency at the University of Michigan. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. "We are very pleased to have Dr. Janus join our staff. Her specialization in pediatrics and internal medicine is definitely needed with the growth of our community," said Aaron Henry, Administrator. Dr. Janus joins general surgeon J.C. Kletter, MD and family practitioner, Ye Wang, MD, at University Medical & Surgical Associates. She will also see patients at **Harpers Ferry Family Medicine Center**, where she will train medical students and residents as a faculty member of the WVU Rural Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Janus will have hospital privileges at **Jefferson Memorial Hospital**.

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NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council will host a "Pearls for Girls" jewelry sale on Thursday, December 14 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton in Hagerstown. Pearls have a special significance for Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Founder, Juliette Gordon Low, sold her rare, matched set of pearls for \$8000 to fund the early work of Girl Scouts. Admission to the "Pears for Girls" jewelry sale event is free. Jewelry prices will range from \$10 to \$18,000. The first 50 buyers will receive a free gift with purchase. Light hors d'oeuvres will also be served.

OTHER NEWS

The Eastern Panhandle Entrepreneurs Forum is having a special reception at the **Bavarian Inn** on December 7 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. with the West Virginia Entrepreneurs Forum. Members are invited to meet and mingle with the region's business executives, entrepreneurs and civic leaders. Call Whitney Burch at (304) 728-3255 to RSVP or email info@jcda.net.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec. 1-3 *My Three Angels* – **Old Opera House**, Charles Town
- Dec. 1-3 Christmas in Historic Charles Town
- Dec. 1-3 Old Tyme Christmas in Harpers Ferry
- Dec. 2 Christmas Parade – Shepherdstown – 11 a.m.
- Dec. 2 Christmas Parade – Charles Town – 2 p.m.
- Dec. 2-3 Christmas in Shepherdstown
- Dec. 2 Bloodmobile – **Charles Town Races & Slots** – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Dec. 8-10 *My Three Angels* – **Old Opera House**, Charles Town
- Dec. 8-10 Christmas in Historic Charles Town
- Dec. 8-10 Old Tyme Christmas in Harpers Ferry
- Dec. 10 Holiday Open House – **Carriage Inn**, Charles Town – 2-5 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Holiday Open House – **Washington House Inn**, Charles Town – 2-5 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Parade of Horses – Charles Town – 2 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Bloodmobile – **Leetown United Methodist Church** – 2-7 p.m.
- Dec. 21 Bloodmobile – **Jefferson Memorial Hospital** – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Dec. 25-26 Happy Holidays! – Office Closed
- Dec. 26 Bloodmobile – **Shepherdstown Fire Hall** – 2-7 p.m.
- Jan. 1, 2007 Happy New Year! – Office Closed