

CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the West Shore Chamber of Commerce



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Nationally acclaimed economic expert, Joel L. Naroff, predicted a long recovery from the current recession at the Economic Forecast Luncheon on September 22, sponsored by Metro Bank.



On September 16, Jennifer Buehler and Jackie Kimmel, co-chairs of the Women In Business Roundtable, welcomed Joe Bertotto, Graystone Bank; Cate Barron, The Patriot News; Gennifer Richie, Odessa Design; and Cami Ressler, BR Solutions, as presenters for the Leadership Through Change program. Also pictured is host and sponsor Don Richardson, Holiday Inn Harrisburg West.

Pennsylvania Budget Impasse Ends

On Friday, October 9, the Governor signed House Bill 1614 into law and put into place a \$27.799 billion state budget for 2009-10, ending the 101 day budget impasse. The bill that became Act 50, was first introduced on June 4. After seeming endless debate and amendments, the new budget spends \$524 million less than last year, even after the addition of \$2.6 billion in federal stimulus funds, and assumes no growth in existing revenue sources during the current fiscal year. The following are the main points of contention:

Basic education funding will increase by \$300 million and the budget maintains higher education funding at 2008-09 levels. (One-half of states cut early childhood and K-12 education funding.) The Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, received \$10 million more than last year.

There are no broad based tax increases on income or sales. The budget does, however, increase taxes on cigarettes and adds small cigars. There are no tax increases on arts and cultural events, nor profits from small games of chance.

The budget eliminates legislative initiative grants, commonly known as WAMs (walking around money.) It does postpone the scheduled phase-out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, but includes substantial funding for core economic development programs.

Pennsylvania will lease a limited amount of state forest land for natural gas production, but there will be no taxes on natural gas extraction.

Chamber Hosts Celebration to Honor Ed Messner

Both old and new members will gather on November 10, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg West, to convey their best wishes to Chamber President and CEO, Ed Messner. Ed’s retirement, after more than 40 years of service and dedication to the business community, will take place at the end of this year.

Ed began working for the West Shore Chamber in 1968, at the age of 23, as staff support. Five years later he was promoted to President and CEO. Through his more than four decades of service, Ed has made a significant impact in the business community and throughout central Pennsylvania.

Join the Chamber Celebration Committee, past and present members and friends as they thank Ed for his contributions to the Chamber and wish him well on his new path forward. Tickets for the event will be \$41 each (one dollar for each year of Ed’s service to the Chamber).

Currently, the Committee is looking for members who would like to personally express their appreciation by purchasing an entry into a special full-color tribute magazine or a “banner burst” to be displayed at the event. For more information on these opportunities contact Leigh-Ann Reitze at 761-0702.

Oct. 21
October Mixer - Orrstown Bank

Nov. 5
Senator Vance Breakfast

Nov. 10
Ed Messner Retirement Celebration

Dec. 2
Business Achievement Award Luncheon

West Shore
Chamber of Commerce

Inspiring Business

Retirement Celebration Invitation Inside...

The **bolded** businesses in Business News section are Chamber members.

Pyramid Construction Services, Inc., a Quandel Enterprises Company, has recently been awarded a contract for renovations of several buildings at the William Howard Day Homes by the Harrisburg Housing Authority.

JFC Staffing Associates is looking for a Staffing Advisor responsible for all phases of interfacing with all perspective and existing clients as well as protecting and nourishing the excellent reputation of JFC by giving the best possible service. For more info about the position contact James Carchidi, CSP at 761-8095. For more info on JFC visit www.jfcstaffing.com.

Neill Funeral Homes collected backpacks and school supplies for children in need in August and donated them to the **Salvation Army**. For more info contact Shelley Hoachlander at 564-2633.

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Women's Fund is currently accepting grant proposals, due October 30, 2009. The Fund will make grants to programs/initiatives that serve women in south central Pa. counties Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, Lebanon, and Franklin. For more info contact Rosemary Browne at 236-5040.

Messiah Village will be unveiling its newly installed living roof at its 35th Annual Fall Festival on September 12. Tours of the Village Commons, including a tour of the residential living apartment building's rooftop library with views of the new living roof, will be held at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and will be open to the public. For more info contact Kristen Heisey at 790-8206.

The Whitaker Center announces the following: \$10 admission to experience *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: An IMAX 3D Experience*, beginning Monday, September 14; the center received multiple awards in the 2nd Annual Family Favorites competition, casted by Central Penn Parent readers. For more info visit www.whitakercenter.org.

The National Civil War Museum's annual fundraiser, the Blue & Gray Gala on October 2, featured Duff Goldman, star of the Food Network show *Ace of Cakes*.

Orrstown Bank announces the following: Bill Feist has joined the

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Directory Profile: Marilyn Zywiec



Chamber Director, Marilyn Zywiec, is President and co-owner of Computer Information Systems, a computer consulting, training and custom build systems company that specializes in working with small businesses. When asked why she chose her current field, Marilyn stated "I have always been intrigued by computers and saw how they could be a benefit to small businesses, but no one at that time (1985) was offering practical solutions and support options for the small business community."

Marilyn is no stranger to Chamber leadership. She has served on the Chamber Board of Directors for four separate terms through the 1990's and early 2000's, and was Chair in 2004-2005. Additionally, she has been a member of the Governmental Affairs Committee and has participated in Chamber membership drives for several years.

Marilyn stated, "(co-owner and husband) Wayne and I joined the Chamber shortly after starting our business in 1985. From the beginning, Ed Messner, Chamber President & CEO, has provided suggestions, support and opportunities that have helped us to become a successful business." The most useful benefit of her membership is "the on-line directory because it is easy to search for a type of business, service, company, or person's name." As a board member, Marilyn said that she would like to "listen, be a voice of reason, and provide support, guidance and direction to the Chamber during this time of change."

Business Achievement Award Luncheon

Join fellow members in honoring **Klare Sunderland of Sun Motor Cars Inc.** at the West Shore Chamber 2009 Business Achievement Award Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on December 2 at the West Shore Country Club. Mr. Sunderland joins the select group of individuals who, through creativity and perseverance, have created jobs, products and opportunities for central Pennsylvania.

With a rich history in automobile sales and a great business mind, Mr. Sunderland is now the President of Sun Enterprises, Inc.; Sun Motor Cars, Inc; Sun Motor Imports, Inc; BMW of Orland Park; and Mercedes-Benz of Orland Park. Born and raised in McVeytown, Pennsylvania, Mr. Sunderland has lived in the Harrisburg area most of his life. He first got involved with selling automobiles while working his way through Juniata College, and continued after graduating in 1956. In 1969 he owned his first automobile dealership, and now, 53 years later, he is a successful and accomplished president of multiple entities.

Mr. Sunderland's dynamic leadership and philanthropic efforts have had a positive impact on and beyond central Pennsylvania. His commitment to the local community is obvious as Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Juniata College; Current Chairman of Finance & Investment Committee; General Chairman of the Juniata College Stadium Improvement Project and Trustee Gifts; Chairman of the Juniata Sports & Recreation Center Phase of the Century II Campaign; Past President of Juniata College Central Pennsylvania Alumni Club; and Chairman of the Juniata College National Alumni Campaign for the \$10 Million "Margin of Difference" capital effort.

The cost to attend the luncheon is \$35 a member and \$45 a prospective member. Tables of ten are available for \$350. To register to attend the luncheon visit the online events calendar.

Business Achievement Award Winner Klare Sunderland, Dan Sunderland, and Chamber President, Ed Messner.



Chamber Unveils 2009 / 2010 Membership Directory

The West Shore Chamber 2009 / 2010 Membership Directory & Buyers Guide is now available. This new and improved directory features member coupons, cross reference guides, member testimonials, and an expanded full color information section. The directory provides users with a comprehensive list of Chamber members in addition to an abundance useful information about Chamber projects concerning health care, education, economic development, transportation, and government.

Members on a Mission, the Chamber Directory delivery project, is now underway. Members who are interested in delivering directories can request to deliver by company, zip code, and business category. Make personal contact with fellow members and build or make relationships by becoming a directory deliverer. To become a directory deliverer contact Donna Zywiec at 761-0702 or donna@wschamber.org by Friday, October 23. Directories will be delivered October 27 to November 13. Directories are available at no cost by picking them up at the Chamber Office, located at 4211 Trindle Road in Camp Hill.

The Chamber is currently offering members who wish to advertise in the 2010 / 2011 Membership Directory the opportunity to secure 2009's pricing until December 15, 2009. Contact Mary Clayton at 761-0702 or mary@wschamber.org for more information.

State of the District Breakfast with Senator Vance

Time is running out to make reservations for the State of the District Breakfast with Senator Patricia Vance on Thursday, November 5, 7:00 a.m. at the Hotel Carlisle. This annual event is hosted jointly by the West Shore and Greater Carlisle Area Chambers of Commerce.

Enjoy breakfast while learning about issues and networking with members of both Chambers. The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$32 for prospective members. The Registration/Cancellation with Refund deadline is Friday, October 30. Register to attend at the calendar of events at www.wschamber.org.

Chamber Notifies PA Legislators of Current Positions

The following legislative positions were adopted by the Chamber Board of Directors on October 8, 2009:

- The Committee unanimously opposes HB 80, amending the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act.
- The Committee unanimously supports passage of HB 1149, amending the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone and Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act by adding that the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act would not apply to a project in a keystone opportunity zone for construction, reconstruction or alteration.

company as a Vice President, Business Development Officer; Joyce Hafer has joined as a Mortgage Originator; Terry Barbuzanes has joined as a Mortgage Originator; Michelle Paulnock as Senior Vice President, Operations and Diane Cordell has joined the Company as a Trust Officer.

McKonly & Asbury LLP has been named one of the Best Places to Work in PA for 2009. This great achievement is the sixth time in seven years that McKonly & Asbury has made this challenging list.

Cordier Antiques invites members to join them on September 20 at 11:00 a.m. for an Onsite Auction of personal property and antiques at 490 Brentwater Road, Camp Hill. For more information visit their new updated website at www.CordierAntiques.com.

Keystone Human Services program, Susquehanna Service Dogs (SSD), needs puppy raisers for wonderful Labrador retriever puppies that will grow and be trained to become service or hearing dogs in support of adults and children with disabilities. Those interested can visit www.keystonehumanservices.org/ssd to fill out an application.

Fulton Bank announces the following: Jody L. Lewis has been promoted to branch manager; Amy L. Sahn has been promoted to vice president and international operations manager; Jamie L. Flynn, has been promoted to auditor II.

The Center for Independent Living of Central PA (CILCP) is hosting a Community Meeting on Friday, September 25 at the Kline Village Library, located at 1530 S. 29th St., Harrisburg. Community members are welcome to provide input about any issues or improvements needed for people with disabilities in Dauphin County and surrounding areas.

R. S. MOWERY & SONS, INC. is pleased to announce it ranked number 1 on the Central Penn Business Journal's Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies list. This list names fifty top businesses that have made significant contributions to the growth, strength and success of the Central PA region.

Bethany Village is opening a variety of aquatic programs to the public for adults 55 or better. The classes offer a variety of fitness options for every skill level and will be held Monday -Saturday at various times in the morning and afternoon, and will

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Membership Mentor Networking Tip of the Month

From the Membership Mentor Committee

At a sit down event, work the room before you take your seat. When you do sit at the table, make sure to introduce yourself at the beginning of the event, and spark group conversations.

cost \$10 in October, and \$25/month from November through December. For more info contact Sandy Reid at 717-591-8022.

Delta Development Group, Inc.

received a 2009 American Graphic Design Award of Excellence for an internally designed piece. Delta congratulates Amanda Walter, graphic designer. This national competition received more than 8,000 entries. The winning submission will appear on the GD USA website (<http://www.gdusa.com/winnersgallery2.php>) and also in the annual American Graphic Design Awards publication in November/December.

Nurse Barb of the Visiting Nurse Association

reminds members that viruses can live on surfaces for several hours, so wash your hands frequently, lathering up and scrubbing well for at least two rounds of singing "Happy Birthday," or use hand gel. Keep them away from your eyes, nose and mouth, and cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve. Stay well!

Johnson, Duffie, Stewart & Weidner

announces that Christopher S. Lucas has joined the Lemoyne law firm as a shareholder. Mr. Lucas concentrates his practice on health care and administrative law, representing hospitals, nursing homes, physicians, nurses and physical therapists.

BELCO Community Credit Union

employees supported September's Hunger Action Month campaign with Central PA Food Bank for the second consecutive year. This year, BELCO employees donated 661 pounds of food, an increase of more than 36% over last year's effort.

Property Management, Inc.

announces the following: the company has been awarded the contract for The Enclave, a 30 unit Association Management property under construction in Camp Hill; Robert L. Hendricks, CPM has earned the LEED Green Associate credential from the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). For more info contact Diana Yeager at 635-2413.

NAI CIR announces the following transactions: **Ida McMurray** handled the lease of 5,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space at Hagy Way and 23,544 sq. ft. of retail space in the Gateway Shopping Center; **Jason Sourbeer** handled the lease of office space at 1250 N. Mountain Rd. and 4076 Market St., Hampden Twp.;

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Rave Reviews for Chamber Business & Industry "Night on Broadway"



It was standing room only as crowds of business professionals gathered at the Radisson on October 1 for the Chamber 59th Annual Business & Industry "Night on Broadway."

A spectacular marquee courtesy of Rileighs Convention Services and worthy of Broadway itself, welcomed all attendees to the Chamber's annual networking expo.

PNC Financial Services Group's "Chicago" themed booth took home the award for Best Use of Theme. Shrek and company took top honors as Best in Show for Wolf's Bus Lines. The award for Best Sales Approach went to the enthusiastic stars at Classic Dry Cleaners and Laundromats. Miss Pennsylvania, Shannon Doyle, pulled the ticket for the evening's top prize winner, Jessica Miller of Delta Development who was presented with a beautiful Swiss Army Watch, courtesy of Mountz Jewelers. Members also enthusiastically vied for top bids in this year's new Silent Auction. For a complete list of winners, prizes and donors, please log on to the Chamber website at www.wschamber.org.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without starring sponsors: AmeriChoice Federal Credit Union, Capital BlueCross, Central Penn Business Journal, Gunn-Mowery LLC, WHP580, and WHP CBS 21. We'd also like to thank the many member volunteers, and the Business & Industry Night Committee who worked on the planning for this event since last October.



Your distinguished Business & Industry Night panel of judges. (Left to Right; Janet Bartelme, Pre-Paid Legal Services; Andrea Dietz, Urology of Central Pennsylvania; Kathy George, Cedar Cliff Subway; Neil Hodes, Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center; Bill DeVore, integra Print & Image; Stan Olejarczyk, StanO & Associates.



Chamber volunteers Jeian Rauchut and Gary Scicchitano welcome members as they walk the red carpet.



The motley crew from Wolf's Bus Lines won Best in Show by popular vote.

Business & Industry Night Committee Chair Autumn Lang, Capital BlueCross, and Chamber Executive Vice President, Tammy McCrae, join Terry Ebersole, Mountz Jewelers, as he presents door prize winner Jessica Miller, Delta Development Group, with a beautiful Swiss Army watch.



photo courtesy of Mountz Jewelers



The enthusiastic cast from Grease (stage name, Classic Dry Cleaners & Laundromats) was chosen by a panel of "secret shoppers" as award winners for Best Sales Approach.



PNC Financial Services Inc. homage to Chicago won top honors for Best Use of Theme.

Jason and **Bill Gladstone** represented **Pennsylvania Legislative Services** in leasing office space in the Payne Shoemaker building; Bill handled the lease of 1.23 acres at the corner of Carolyn St and Jonestown Rd; the 4,950 sq.ft. lease on Old Post Rd, The Knights of Columbus building on Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill; the opening of a new law office at 4076 Market St, Camp Hill; the lease renewal at 1300 Market St, Lemoyne and the sale of a medical office building on Tuck St.

Landmark Commercial Realty, Inc. handled the following transactions: P.F. Carlisle, Inc. d/b/a **Planet Fitness, Inc.** has purchased the 23,584 sq. ft. anchor at 1186 Walnut Bottom Rd., Carlisle ; **Novak Strategic Advisors** has leased 3,000 sq. ft. of office space at 500 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg.

Save money and support **Capital Area Pregnancy Centers** by purchasing a \$5 Community Day Coupon to Bon-Ton. The coupon is worth \$10 at any Bon-Ton store, good on Saturday, Nov. 14th only. Contact **Lorelei Aubrey** at Lorelei@capchelp.org.

Reclamere, Inc. announces the following: Colin Scott has been added to the sales department, and the company has recently added a link to their homepage allowing visitors to download a free Pandemic Preparedness template. To download the template visit www.reclamere.com. For more info contact Nikki Brown at 814-684-5505 x 307.

Temple Beth Shalom will sponsor "Islamic Sources of Extremism and Tolerance on November 1 at 7 p.m. with speaker is Dr. Sherifa Zahur. Dr. Zahur will discuss how the principles of the Koran can be interpreted to either increase the chances of conflict, or to promote harmony, between Muslims and Jews. The event will be held at the Camp Hill Borough Hall, 2145 Walnut Street, Camp Hill, Pa. For further information or directions, please call the Temple at 797-2662. The program is free and open to the public.

EDS Credit Union has had its charter changed and membership is now open to anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Cumberland County. For questions and/or rates please call Denise Kocott at 763-6017.

Helen of LAFOLOT's October events included: participating in the Spirit of Women Health Fair, Unitarian Church of Boiling Springs Health Faire; and presenting a "Laughter? Let's Get

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Serious!' lunch-n-learn program to PA Career Link of Carlisle. She also had a Laughter Wellness article published in Harrisburg's Women-CONNECT magazine's fall issue.

Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) has hired Dale Witmer, AICP, to be the regional manager of financial services in its Harrisburg office.

RETTEW recently welcomed John M. Fitzsimmons, PE, as the firm's lead bridge inspector. As lead bridge inspector within RETTEW's transportation group, Fitzsimmons oversees the firm's bridge safety inspection program and serves as team leader for field inspections.

Art Campbell of CAMPBELL Commercial Real Estate Inc. announced the following transactions: the lease of 2,500 sq. ft. in the Fernwood Office Complex; represented the parties in the sale of 2.11 acres at Arthur Avenue in Lower Allen Township; represented the tenant in the lease of 5,000 sq. ft. of office space at 645 N. 12th in Lemoyne Borough.

Smith Custom Framing & Fine Art Gallery announces that Trudy Comarnitsky has joined their professional staff as Corporate Arts Consultant. For additional information, please contact Debbie Smith-Voight, *Certified Picture Framer*, President at 774-4301.

Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz announces the following: The company was nationally named as one of the *Best Accounting Firms to Work for* in 2009, and one of the Best Places to Work in PA for 2009 in the medium-sized category; the addition of three staff accountants in the audit department: Kristofer A. Gochenour, Gloria A. Hudson, and Todd A. Miller. For more information contact Candace Mason at 761-7171.

Roof Advisory Group, Inc., headquartered in Harrisburg, PA, has gained national ranking in Financial Advisor magazine's fourth annual registered investment advisor (RIA) survey and in Wealth Manager Magazine's ninth annual top wealth managers' survey.

Sass Salon will be holding a Holiday Open House and Mixer on November 30 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Join the team to kick off the holiday season in style and receive 10% off all gift certificates and holiday gift sets.

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Member Renewals

Thank you to the following members who continued their support of the business community by recently renewing their annual membership investment.

40-49 Years

Associated Products Services Inc.

30-39 Years

Central Penn Multi-List

20-29 Years

Gunn Mowery LLC

10-19 Years

Reager and Adler PC
Cornerstone Adminisystems Inc.
Cumberland Valley School District
Mallard Run Apartments
C & J Car Care Center
West Shore Sportsmen's Association
Fraser Advanced Information Systems
Smith Custom Framing & Fine Art Gallery

5-9 Years

Starobin & Blanc Counseling Services
Outback Steakhouse
Adams County National Bank

S3 Inc.

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library
Caffrey Auto Supply Inc
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JANEX Inc., "Janitorial Excellence"
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1-4 Years

Goodwill Keystone Area
Larson Lightning Protection Inc.
Camp Hill Forest Products
Tristan Associates
Graystone Bank
Atlantis Pools
Southern Penn Communications
Pennsylvania Regional Ballet
The Second Mile
Montour Home Comfort Services
Proforma Impressions Ink
Ultimate Car Wash & Lube LLC
Ardis Communication Strategy & Training
Midas Auto Service Experts
Philly Pretzel Factory

New Members

The following new members were approved by the Chamber's Board of Directors at their September meeting. Thank you to new member sponsors Don Coffee and Donna Davidson.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **11/5 - Joint Breakfast with Senator Patricia Vance**, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m., Hotel Carlisle, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle - Attend this breakfast with members of both the West Shore and Carlisle Chambers of Commerce and gather information about the latest updates on Capital Hill. The cost to attend is \$20/member and \$32/prospective member.
- **11/10 - Retirement Celebration Honoring Ed Messner**, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Harrisburg West, 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg - The Chamber Celebration Committee is invites you to attend a reception to honor Ed Messner on his retirement after 40 years of dedication to the business community. Tickets are \$41, one dollar for each of Ed's years of service to the Chamber.
- **11/13 - ChamberPAK reservation deadline** - ChamberPAK, the monthly Chamber direct mail opportunity, sends your business's message to members and the general public for only \$300. The November ChamberPAK mails on November 18. Contact Mary Clayton at 761-0702 to reserve your space today.
- **12/2 - Business Achievement Award Luncheon**, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., West Shore Country Club, 100 Brentwater Road, Camp Hill - This award luncheon, sponsored by Metro Bank will honor Klare Sunderland.

For more information or to register for the preceding events, please visit the events calendar at www.wschamber.org.

CHAMBER SHORTS

- The **Economic Development Committee** unveiled "Partners in Motion" a new program that offers peer-to-peer interaction in a private, confidential, small group setting. To become part of a "Partnerships in Motion" group visit www.wschamber.org/partnershipsinnmotion to fill out a member profile today.
- The **Education Committee** would like to thank the students and music instructors from Cumberland Valley, Mechanicsburg Area, and Northern York School Districts for performing at Business & Industry Night this year.
- **The Chamber would like to congratulate the following members** on being named to the Central Penn Business Journal's 2009 40 under 40 List: Todd A. Duffie, BBEC, Inc.; Brad Garfinkel, Metro Bank; Jeffrey S. Gayman, Orrstown Bank; Darryl Pendleton Gordon, High Industries Inc. and High Real Estate Group LLC; Rhonda Hebbard, Luxor Events & Marketing; Andrew D. Johnson, CPA, Metro Bank; Paula L. Kostick, Classic Dry Cleaners and Laundromats; Ellen M. Kyzer, MPA, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities; Devin Redcay, Adecco Staffing Services; Nathan A. Young, Exhibit Studios, Inc.
- **Business Women's Forum**, the day long annual conference hosted by the Greater Carlisle Area, Harrisburg Regional, and West Shore Chambers of Commerce will take place April 1, 2010. Sponsorships are now available. For more information contact Tammy McCrae at 761-0702.



On September 25, the Chamber, represented by Bill DeVore and Tom McKee, congratulated Harrisburg Academy upon the celebration of their triple anniversary (225 years since founding, 200 years since chartering, and 50 years at their current location.)

AmeriChoice Federal Credit Union was chosen as only one of 13 credit unions nationwide to receive an innovation grant from the National Credit Union Foundation and was awarded a \$20,000 innovation grant to expand their unique financial literacy programs throughout south central Pennsylvania. The credit union currently has four student branch locations, multiple financial literacy classroom programs, and concerts for financial literacy.

United Methodist Home for Children has been certified under the Pennsylvania Nonprofits Standards for Excellence program with the Seal of Excellence. They proudly display this logo to demonstrate their commitment to upholding the highest standards of ethics and accountability in the nonprofit sector.

The **Courtyard by Marriott Harrisburg West** would like to congratulate Carrie E. Smyth of **Thomas, Thomas, & Hafer** for winning our Business & Industry Night Family 4-Pack Prize in partnership with Flagship Cinemas!

Great value awaits meeting planners at the **Hampton Inn Harrisburg-West** located at 4950 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg. For groups of 2-50 people, we're the specialists. Call Laura Nagelhout in the sales department now through March 31, 2010 about Hampton's Inn-clusive Meeting Packages. Mention the **West Shore Chamber of Commerce** and get a 10% discount, based upon availability. Visit www.harrisburgwest.hamptoninn.com today.

The **Keystone Area Council of Boy Scouts** is conducting a patch-drive to possibly replace more than 120 patches lost by and Executive Board Member in a fire that consumed his home in April. If you would like more info or to donate patches or neckerchiefs contact Jack Carr at 766-1591.

Join **Allenberry Inn and Playhouse** for the musical comedy Saving Santa an original and enchanting Christmas show that runs from November 4 - December 23. For more info visit www.allenberry.com or call 258-3211.

Useful Internet Resources

Visit www.zipskinny.com to find information on social and economic indicators in addition to demographic information in your service area's zip code.

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