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February 2010

Luncheon, February 10 ~ Business After Hours, February 16

Luncheon

The Chamber luncheon will be held on Wednesday, February 10, at 12:00 noon at the Grand Restaurant and Tavern in Waverly. Our speaker will be Gary Robinson, Director of the Vern Riffe Career Technology Center.

You may call in your food order the day of the luncheon. Phone – 947-7930

Chamber Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Pike County Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet on Thursday, January 14 at the Vern Riffe Pike Co. Career Technology Center.

While the event is always a gala affair, the large crowd in attendance appeared to have broader smiles and seemed to be boasting a more meaningful sense of pride than normal. The fact that the Chamber was celebrating its 50th anniversary was probably the main reason for the uplifting atmosphere.

2009 Chamber President and presently, Interim Executive Director, Shirley Bandy (President, Chillicothe Paints Baseball), welcomed the guests with opening remarks.

The history of the chamber was narrated by Sharon Manson, Chamber Banquet committee Chairperson and Executive Director, Pike County Convention & Visitors Bureau. During the

delicious dinner, provided by P.C. Treats, attendees were treated to a trip down memory lane with a slide show, provided by Horizon, of photos covering 50 years of Chamber events.

The highlight of the evening was the emotional presentations of the Chamber's two elite awards.

An obviously very surprised, Jean Roberts, was the recipient of the "Person of the Year" award, presented by Tom Adkins, 2010 Chamber President. Roberts was recognized for her "Countless hours of volunteering to make Pike County a better place to live and work", commented Adkins. The Pike Pet Pals, Friends of the Library, and the volunteer groups at the Pike Community Hospital are organizations that Roberts is heavily involved with.

The "Entrepreneur of the Year" presentation was made by Dwight Massie, Chamber Economic Development Chairperson. This year's honoree was Michael V. Migyanko, President of Pike Sanitation. Pike Sanitation currently employs 63 people and has been in business for nearly 40 years. Migyanko accepted his award and delivered a short, but very emotional speech of gratitude.

Bandy thanked her fellow officers and board members for their service during 2009 and introduced the new officers for 2010, including Tom Adkins, President; Craig Solle, Vice President; Mike Courtright, Treasurer; and Carol E. Moore, Administrative Assistant.

Prior to the dinner, entertainment was provided by the Prussia Valley Dulcimers during the social hour. Door prizes for the event were donated by chamber members and floral arrangements were provided by Waverly Floral.

The Southern Ohio Trade Show for 2010 will be held at the Pike County YMCA on April 9, 10, 11 more information available soon.

Business After Hours

The February 16, Business After Hours will be hosted by Energy Solutions from 5 – 7 p.m. at the OSU Endeavor Center, Room 160, 1862 Shyville Road, Piketon, Ohio. Energy Solutions is a bidder on the U.S. Department of Energy’s D&D project and is a parent company of LATA/Parallax Portsmouth. Come meet Energy Solutions representatives, enjoy the finger foods, and door prizes!

The Waverly Merchants’ Association meeting will be held on February 9, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact Gary Cooper 740-947-7798 or Karen Meier at 740-708-0073.

The Pike County Chamber has two offices for rent. They include utilities and use of conference room as available, does not include phone or internet.

The **Pike County YMCA Easter Craft Show** will be held on March 27, 2010. at the Pike Co. YMCA, 400 Pride Dr., Waverly from 10a.m. – 6 p.m. Booth fee is \$25.00 there will be quality handmade/homemade items. Contact John Pennington at the YMCA at 740-947-8862 or Pike Co. Visitors Bureau at 740-947-9650 Applications are available at the YMCA or the Visitors Bureau.

The U.S. Census Bureau is Now Hiring.

Call 1-866-861-2010 or go to www.2010censusjobs.gov for more information, including a practice test. The Chamber has been given brochures explaining the job.

Prospect League announces Nashville, Tennessee to Play in 2010 Season, said Bryan Wickline, Prospect League President, with offices at 59 N. Paint St., Chillicothe.

The Prospect League, formerly known as the Central Illinois Collegiate League (CIC), has roots dating back to 1963 and has showcased many major league stars. With its family-oriented promotions and affordable ticket prices, the Prospect League is one of the fastest growing and most recognized summer baseball leagues in the country. Watch for more details on the new ProspectLeague.com.

LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC has announced that Dr. Linda Bauer has assumed the position of Project Manager for LATA/Parallax, the contractor to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) performing environmental remediation work at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Dr. Bauer replaces Bill Franz, who served as Project Manager since October 2008 and is returning to LATA to lead initiatives for further ventures in cleanup management for DOE.

Dr. Bauer brings over 20 years of professional experience in the management, operation restoration and decommissioning of facilities within the DOE complex and commercial nuclear sites.

Momentum 2010 Ohio Women’s Summit

at the Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio
Featured speakers include: Francis Strickland, Mavis Leno, Dr. Rebekah Gee, and other well know speakers which can be found on the website. Monday, March 8, www.governor.ohio.gov. Young Women’s Conference Summit March 7 Contact Sharon Manson, SE Region Co-chair at the Pike County Visitors Bureau. 740-947-9650.

Attention all tourism related businesses:

The Pike County Visitors Bureau is currently updating the information for tourism related businesses and events calendar for the year 2010. These listings will go on the Discover Ohio website, the First Ohio site, (Appalachian Ohio) and the Pike County Tourism site. This is a free service and serves as a promotional tool and a great way to get your business information to the public. The exposure on the state site affords expose to literally hundreds of thousands of possible travelers and customers with the regional site giving us global exposure. Please email your info and questions asap to: lindabasye@yahoo.com.
