

Vocal Point



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The annual Excellence in Education Luncheon held Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at Stratigos Banquet Centre, honors the top 20 or the top 5% (which ever number is greater) of the graduating class of Norwin. This list is compiled based on their junior year-end grades. A congratulations letter is sent to the parents of each student. They are asked to invite special people in their life such as grandparents, godparents or maybe a special neighbor who put them on the bus for 13 years.

The luncheon would not be possible without the support of our sponsors. The sponsors pay for each student's lunch, a gift and to defray the cost of the guests. I want to personally thank my dear friends and this year's Excellence in Education Sponsors: Elaine Baker, National City Bank; Sharon Bone, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Karen Botti, Commercial Bank & Trust of PA; Jeffrey Bouldin, NHT Police Fraternal Relief Assoc.; Dr. Jack Boylan, Norwin School District; Kyle Bryan, Boy Scouts of America; Keith Davis, The Davis - Terzich Financial Group; Stephanie Demalon, Carlow University; Kathleen DeMarchi, DeMarchi & Associates; Betty Dirling, Norwin Teachers Federal Credit Union; James Duffy, Attorney at Law; John Duncan, Duncan Financial Group; Steve Eichelberger, Eichelberger & Sons Heating & Air; Jon Emrock, Edward Jones Investments; Dr. Janet Franicola, Norwin School

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Rosanne Barry Novotnak

June Calendar of Events

Date:	Meeting:	Time:	Location:
3	Women In Business Initiative	8:00 a.m.	Norwin Chamber Office
4	Membership Luncheon	11:30 a.m. sharp	Cheesecake Caffé
10	Executive Board Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Norwin Chamber Office
11	Business Mixer #1	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Ohl Insurance/Countrywide Mortgage
11	Irwin Borough Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
13	Norwin Chamber Golf Outing	9:00 a.m.	The Madison Club
17	Board of Directors Meeting	7:30 a.m.	Norwin Chamber Office
17	Penn Trafford Membership Luncheon	11:30 a.m. sharp	The Great Escape Clubhouse, (Penn Trafford)
18	North Huntingdon Township Commissioners	7:00 p.m.	North Huntingdon Townhouse
24	Business Mixer #2	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Mary Kay Pampering Center

Chamber Happenings

Norwin Monthly Membership Luncheon



Forty Chamber members and guests enjoyed a fabulous lunch at fellow member K-Vay's Restaurant. Participants learned a great deal of information from Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Bouldin about the Parent/Police Drug Partnership program which is being taught at our local schools. Bradley Mayer was awarded this year's \$2000.00 scholarship from the Norwin Chamber Scholarship Foundation. Chairman Jim Duffy presented Bradley with his scholarship and proud parents Jeff and Lisa were there to support their son.

Ribbon Cuttings and Business Mixers

May was another busy month for our members and staff. We had ribbon cuttings for new members and attendance was fabulous at all of these events as members were able to come together to network, showcase their businesses and support each other!

Ohl Insurance Mixer (held at the end of April)

Redstone Highlands Business Mixer. The winner of the \$50.00 Pluma Restaurant Gift Certificate giveaway was Joe Satira of Satira Associates. Congratulations Joe!

Edward Jones (Jon Emrock) Business Mixer

(Pictured Below) Norwin Supply Ribbon Cutting



Penn Trafford Monthly Membership Luncheon



Members learned some very valuable information while being entertained during our May Penn Trafford luncheon. Our guest speaker was Chuck Herring Jr., professional speaker. Chuck Herring shared information on the very serious topic of identity theft. The theme was serious, but Chuck added his own entertaining twist.

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Member Spotlight

The Great Escape Clubhouse

Nestled in the heart of Harrison City is a great little restaurant called The Great Escape Clubhouse which has been at this location since 2004. The owners of the business have 50 years of combined experience in the service and entertainment industry and saw this location as a solid opportunity for their focus on community, area growth and family. The Great Escape Clubhouse offers a wide selection of specialty drinks, craft beers and micro-brews along with an outstanding menu that offers everything from appetizers, pizza and sandwiches to finer dining including hand cut filet mignon, seafood and pasta. With three, ten foot, high definition screens, a game room, live entertainment and daily specials, the Clubhouse can provide just about any type of night out you are looking for. With the addition of their Executive Chef Tom Lawson III in April of 2007, they were able to enhance their menu with weekend features created and hand made in their kitchen including hand rolled sushi every Friday. This gives the restaurant a little upscale touch. Not being a franchise restaurant gives them the freedom to create and try things every day. General Manager Dean Baker says "being a Norwin Chamber member offers us an excellent opportunity for networking, provides a great sounding board for ideas and is a vital tool to help our business grow". If you are looking for a fun night out with friends and family, contact Dean at The Great Escape Clubhouse at 724-744-4782.

Phones Plus Telecom

In 1985, brother and sister Doug and Diane Parker began Pay Telephone Equipment Sales and Service. After 10 years of servicing pay phones, the company and requests for other services continued to grow. Technology changes in the telephone industry also demanded change. In 1994 the Parker's changed their business to Phones Plus Telecom to encompass all aspects of the phone industry. Phones Plus Telecom services include commercial and residential phone system installations, wireless headsets, voice mail systems, music-on-hold systems, voice and computer data cabling installation, keyless entry systems, closed circuit TV/video security systems and more. They service Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia. What sets Phones Plus Telecom apart from their competition? "We are not here just to sell to the customer. We educate and build long-term business relationships. Business is so personal that we only succeed if our customers are successful", states Diane Parker. Phones Plus Telecom joined the Norwin Chamber to support businesses in the Westmoreland County area. If you need help with your existing phone system or you are looking at adding a new phone system or cabling for new computers, contact Doug or Diane Parker of Phones Plus Telecom at 412-795-1860 or www.phonesplustelecom.com.



Save The Date!

Join us for our next **Women In Business Initiative!**

When: Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15.00 Per Member and \$20.00 Per Non-Member

Location: Norwin Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Bonnie Budzowski

Topic: "Writing A Compelling Bio"

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LAST CHANCE TO RSVP! The Norwin Chamber of Commerce **Annual Golf Outing** is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2008 at the Madison Club in Madison, PA. There will be a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start. A continental breakfast, boxed lunch, steak dinner and drink tickets will be included.

This year's **Thunderbucket Classic and Ice Cream Social** will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2008 at the Norwin High School. The Norwin Rotary will once again face off against the Norwin Teachers in this yearly fun, competitive and entertaining softball event. Proceeds from the Ice Cream sale will benefit the Norwin Chamber Scholarship Foundation. The proceeds from the 50/50 will benefit the Rotary Scholarship Foundation. Chamber member Kerber's Dairy has once again graciously donated ice cream.

It's almost that time for everyone's favorite yearly event! The **76th Annual Norwin Community Picnic** is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at Idlewild Park. Please see the enclosed insert for additional information on available sponsorship levels.

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Upcoming Events

Don't forget to mark your calendars and attend these upcoming events:

June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2008 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

C.A.R.E. (Chamber Associates Referral Exchange) at the Norwin Chamber Office. Join fellow Norwin Chamber members as we network, gain new business, discuss valuable business topics and gain priceless knowledge

June 3, 2008 8:00 a.m. sharp – 9:30 a.m.

Women In Business Initiative at the Norwin Chamber Office. Guest Speaker: Bonnie Budzowski. Topic: Writing A Compelling Bio

June 4, 2008 11:30 a.m. sharp – 1:00 p.m.

Norwin Monthly Membership Luncheon at the Cheesecake Caffè. Guest Speaker: Dawn Keefer from the American Cancer Society

June 11, 2008 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monthly Business Mixer hosted by Ohl Insurance (Lucas Ohl) and Countrywide Mortgage (Diane Miele). Join us for a barbeque at the Ohl Insurance location (Landmark Pavilion Building across from Circleville Fire Department).

June 13, 2008

9:00 a.m. registration and 10:30 a.m. shotgun start

Norwin Chamber Annual Golf Outing at The Madison Club.

June 17, 2008 11:30 a.m. sharp – 1:00 p.m.

Penn Trafford Monthly Membership Luncheon at the Great Escape Clubhouse in Harrison City. Guest Speaker: Bill Weber of Davis-Terzich Financial
 Topic: Reverse Mortgages – Pros and Cons

June 24, 2008

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Business Mixer at The Mary Kay Pampering Center (Sharon Bone) located in the John Irwin House in downtown Irwin.

Member Achievements

Member: ProAdjuster Chiropractic Clinic – Drs. Jason and Todd Cinti

Achievement: The Friends of the Penn Trafford Area Recreation Commission recently honored those who have contributed to the success of recreation in the Penn Trafford community. ProAdjuster Chiropractic Clinic, owned by Dr. Todd Cinti, won an award in the business category for being the title sponsor of the PTARC/WTAE Health Expo, Friends of PTARC Gala, and Kids Day. His brother and partner, Dr. Jason Cinti, is a Friends of PTARC Board Member, Gala Committee member and PTARC/Shelly Proskin Recreation Center Sponsor. The winners were announced at the PTARC Gala Ceremony held on April 26, 2008.

Member: ActionCOACH – Ken Sevick

Achievement: ActionCOACH, the world's number one business coaching firm, has been named a finalist as "Best Overall Company" in the Stevies 2008 American Business Awards. The Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the marketplace. Awards will be presented to winners at a gala dinner in June in New York City.

Member: Herbalife – Deb Vicelli-Carver

Achievement: Deb recently achieved the next level in her professional growth with Herbalife. Deb is now part of the World Team in Herbalife. Great job Deb!

Member: Householder Lifestyle Consulting – Krista and Kristina Rugh

Achievement: HLC recently revealed two new products to their line of services, the My Business-in-a-Binder and the Homework Log Checklist. The development of these innovative products fall in line with the company's mission: to provide household and business clients with practical solutions for everyday problems.



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