

– Chamber Welcomes New Vice President –

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Chris Miller as Norwin Chamber of Commerce's Vice President. Chris will be working towards the Chambers membership goals. Chris's responsibilities include listening to the concerns and aspirations of individual members, enhancing the value of Chamber membership, leading projects and fund raisers, recruiting new members, and providing increased exposure for member businesses.

Chris has been very active in the Norwin Chamber of Commerce over the years. She previously served on our Board of Directors, Membership Committee, and Annual Dinner Committee. Chris also participates as a sponsor every year for the Excellence In Education program.

Chris brings to the Chamber a wealth of experience from the non-profit and networking group sectors. Over the past 2 years, Chris has served as President for WBN (Women's Business Network). Prior to that, she served on the WBN Board of Directors and was in charge of membership. She is also Past-President of the Westmoreland Business Referral Association and current Vice President of Network To Success. In the non-profit sector, Chris was employed for 10 years by the Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette, Inc. where she managed three Welfare-To-Work programs.

Chris is a Norwin graduate and earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Seton Hill University. She resides in Harrison City with her husband Paul, owner of RunCom Systems, and their daughter Brittany.



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VISION

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JULY 2007

A Message From the President

75th Annual Norwin Community Picnic, Diamond Anniversary!

The excitement cannot be contained! Already one of Idlewild's biggest days of summer, this year the Norwin Community Picnic celebrates its Diamond Anniversary: 75 years of fun, family, and community tradition.

Join us on Wednesday, August 1, 2007. Lots of festivities are planned, including traditional bingo and a generous assortment of valuable prizes to be given away, including a 75-point loose diamond in honor of our "Diamond Jubilee." The prize drawing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Bring your family to experience all the favorites, from Captain Kidd's Adventure Galley and Story Book Forest to the ever-popular Soak Zone. And new for 2007: the Flying Aces ride!

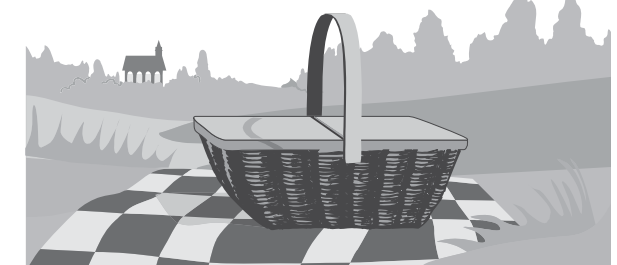
Tickets are available at the Chamber office for \$15 (age 3 to 54) and \$14 seniors (age 55 plus). This represent a significant discount over prices at the gate. Should you be unable to join us on August 1st, they can be used any weekday before or after the picnic.

The special 75-point diamond prize for our 75th Anniversary is being sponsored by two local Valmax Jewelers locations. Our thanks go to Herky Pollitt of the 304 Main Street, Irwin store and Row Duvall of the 2020 Penny Lane, Jeannette location. The 75-point loose diamond they have jointly sponsored for this year's Grand Prize drawing represents an unforgettable way to celebrate three quarter of a century of Norwin community tradition.

Tickets for the Grand Prize diamond drawing are \$5 each and are on sale now at the Norwin Chamber of Commerce. The winner of the diamond need not be present to win.

Continue reading for more articles on the 75th Anniversary Picnic, including news about 75th Anniversary t-shirts, the 40th Anniversary of the Thunder Bucket Classic softball game, how you can help as a Picnic Volunteer, and available Picnic Sponsorships. I hope to see you at Idlewild on August 1st!

Rosanne Barry Novotnak



JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

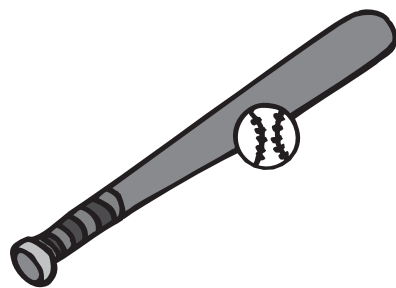
- 4 Independence Day
Chamber Office Closed
- 9 North Irwin Borough Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
- 10 Executive Board Meeting
8:00 a.m. – Norwin Chamber of Commerce
- 11 Monthly Chamber Luncheon
11:30 a.m. – Norwin Chamber of Commerce
- 11 Irwin Borough Council Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers
- 12 Membership Blitz
9 - 11:00 am – Norwin Chamber of Commerce
- 12 Picnic Committee Meeting
12:00 p.m. – Norwin Chamber of Commerce
- 17 Board of Directors Meeting
7:30 a.m. – Norwin Chamber of Commerce
- 18 North Huntingdon Township Commissioners
7:00 p.m. – North Huntingdon Townhouse
- 24 Business Growth Series
7 - 9:00 a.m. – Norwin Chamber of Commerce
- 26 Picnic Committee Meeting
12:00 p.m. – Norwin Chamber of Commerce

Picnic's Thunder Bucket Classic Comes Early in 2007!

For the past 39 years the Norwin Community Picnic has featured the renowned Thunder Bucket Classic, a traditional softball game in which the Norwin Rotary takes on teachers from the Norwin School District. For this year's 40th Anniversary, the Thunder Bucket Classic is moving both date and locale to Sunday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Norwin High School Stadium.

The event is a fundraiser for the Chamber's annual scholarship program, so don't miss it! Come buy an ice cream cone from regionally famous Chamber member Kerber's Dairy. In addition, the Norwin Rotary will offer a 50/50 to benefit the Rotary's scholarship foundation.

Come enjoy this famous softball challenge and support our scholarship efforts, as well as see who wins the 40th Annual Thunder Bucket Classic.



July's Monthly Membership Luncheon

Earlier in the year, Ken Sevick of ActionCOACH Business Coaching was our featured luncheon speaker. Ken helped attending members develop their 2007 business goals. On July 11th Ken returns for a mid-year follow up, checking on your progress and looking forward to the second half of an even more successful 2007.

July's Monthly Membership Luncheon takes place at the Chamber, with lunch catered by Giant Eagle. Even if you were unable to attend Ken's January presentation, please take this opportunity to learn from one of ActionCOACH Business Coaching's most engaging speakers!

The luncheon is from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Costs are \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members and guests. Reservations are required, so please call the Chamber today at 724-863-0888.

Thank You Excellence in Education Sponsors

2007's Excellence in Education Luncheon took place on Friday, May 18th at Stratigos Banquet Centre. This year, Excellence in Education honored the top 21 students of Norwin's graduating class. During the luncheon, each honoree was presented with an engraved leather binder, displaying their name, class, and Excellence in Education.

Thanks to our sponsors this year, we were able to subsidize each student's special guests, including grandparents, reducing the \$25 cost per person to only \$15.

A special thank you goes out to Eric Belak, Belak Flowers, Inc., for the beautiful carnations. Marian Barry for arranging the carnations. Ed Michalek of Giant Eagle for the delicious cakes. Dennis Pennington, The Office Connection and Chip Arch, All Sports Trophy, for all their help with the portfolio gifts. Chris Miller, Watkins for the printing of the name tags. Barbara Flynn and Diana Falk, Norwin Public Library and Sandy Albert, Norwin Chamber of Commerce for all their help setting up the luncheon. Our sponsors for 2007 included:

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For more information, and to find out how you can contribute to the future success of the Excellence in Education program, please call the Chamber at 724-863-0888.

Picnic Sponsorships

Sponsorship deadline is July 13th, 2007! We are asking businesses, professionals, and individuals to join together to make the 75th Annual Norwin Community Picnic the best ever! Without your contribution, this special event could not take place.

Diamond Sponsor

Cash Contributors \$1,000 and up. Name listed on banners displayed at all events, including Bingo, Softball, and Golf Outing. Diamond Sponsor's logo or name will also be prominently displayed on the stage banner and will appear in newspaper ads, the picnic program and all advertising material. Diamond Sponsors receive six (6) free admission tickets and a name recognition from the stage during the prize drawing.

Ruby Sponsor

Cash Contributors \$500 - \$999. Name listed on large signs displayed around the gazebo near the stage. Ruby Sponsors will be listed in newspaper ads and in the picnic program. Ruby Sponsors will receive four (4) free admission tickets and a name recognition from the stage during the prize drawing.

Emerald Sponsor

Cash/Gifts \$250 - \$499. Name listed on signs displayed near the stage. Emerald Sponsors will be listed in newspaper ads and in the picnic program. Emerald Sponsors receive two (2) free admission tickets and a name recognition from the stage during the prize drawing.

Sapphire Sponsor

Cash/Gifts \$100 - \$249. Sapphire Sponsors will be listed in the newspaper ads and in the picnic program.

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Cash/Gifts Up to \$99. Amethyst Sponsors will be listed in the picnic program.

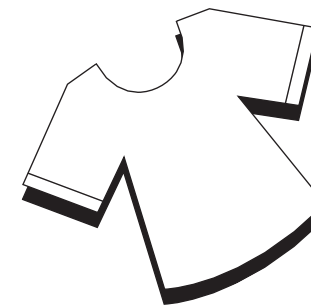
Call the Chamber today at 724-863-0888.

Picnic Volunteers

If you are looking for a way to contribute to the 75th Annual Norwin Community Picnic that is both exciting and fun, the Norwin Chamber of needs you as a volunteer. By donating 2 to 4 hours of your time on the day of the picnic, you can make a generous contribution and gain added recognition from your fellow Chamber members. To sign up, call the Chamber today at 724-863-0888.

Volunteers are needed to assist at Bingo, selling 50/50 tickets, last minute Grand Prize diamond tickets, and manning the main stage area.

Now is the time to get involved! We will need everyone's participation to make the 75th Annual Norwin Community Picnic the unforgettable anniversary event it deserves to be.



Picnic T-Shirts

What would a 75th Anniversary be without commemorative t-shirts? Norwin Community Picnic t-shirts are available at the Chamber for \$10 each.

The front features a specially designed 75th Annual Community Picnic logo, while sponsoring company ads grace the back. Stop by the Chamber Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., to purchase a piece of history.

Want your own individualized t-shirt? Available exclusively to Chamber members, you can purchase your own company 75th Anniversary t-shirts with the commemorative logo on the front and your company logo on the back. There is a one-time setup fee of \$25, and each shirt is \$10. These will not be sold to the general public.



Relay For Life of Norwin

Relay for Life is a fun way to raise money for the fight against cancer. Join us this year on July 21 and 22 at the Norwin High School Stadium. Looking a little like a community carnival, Norwin's Relay for Life features music, entertainment, food, and a variety of fun games for kids and adults.

In 2006, 36 teams raised approximately \$36,000, exceeding their goal and increasing fund raising more than 60% from the previous year!

2007's Relay For Life of Norwin supports the theme "Celebration On Norwin Hill," a theme which carries on the spirit and pride of the National "Celebration on the Hill," held in Washington D.C. this past fall.

Teams (which walk in relays for 24 hours during the event) will each represent a Mission Moment of "Why We Relay?" Cancer comes in all different areas of health, effects all different ages, and literally changes lives forever. Norwin's Relay wants to speak out with recognition, support, and education about cancer in the community.

There will be a banner contest judged on creativity and spirit, and tents will be decorated to draw attention to each team's mission. In addition to fun games and great food vendors, highlights of the relay include a welcoming ceremony for cancer survivors and a Saturday evening luminary display in honor of cancer victims.

For more information on the Relay For Life of Norwin and its fundraising efforts, please visit the website at www.NorwinRelayforLife.com.