



# Chamber News

## Chamber appoints new Vice President

Chamber officer positions have been decided for 2015. Most of the officer positions will remain the same. The President will continue to be Dennis Martin this year. The Secretary is Tony Grasso and the Treasurer is Bryan Kisiel. The only change is the appointment of a new Vice President. Michael Bowman will be taking Leah Bierer's position as Vice President. Leah will continue to serve the Chamber on the board of directors.

Michael Bowman has been a Connellsville

resident for over 5 years and has been serving on the Chamber board for the past 3 years. He became involved with the Chamber when he "started representing Lynn Dairy Queens, Inc by volunteering for the CEC almost 6 years ago after receiving the assistant manager position at the Connellsville DQ Grill & Chill." Michael has been chair of the Community Events Committee for the past year.

Michael enjoys serving on the board because, "I love meeting new people and representing the Connellsville Community. It is a great place to meet fellow business representatives." We would like to thank Michael for his continued service to the Chamber and welcome him as our new Vice President.




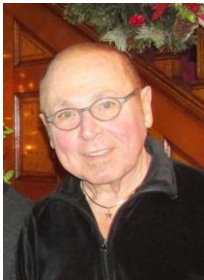
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- Leah Bierer
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- Michael Edwards
- Bill Fiesta
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- Joe Klocek
- Eugene Lint
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- Bill Swan
- MJ Winterhalter
- Jack Yard

Thank you for your service to our Chamber!

			
President Dennis Martin	Vice President Michael Bowman	Treasurer Bryan Kisiel	Secretary Tony Grasso
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## Laurel Highlands Ambassador Program

### *Upcoming speakers:*

30 March:  
Tom Markwardt  
~NPS

06 April:  
Ben Moyer ~  
National Assets

13 April:  
Donna Myers ~  
Dunbar  
Historical  
Society

20 April:  
Norma Ryan ~  
Brownsville  
Area Historical  
Society

27 April:  
Christine  
Buckelew ~  
Fayette County  
Historical  
Society

04 May:  
Bobby Kramer ~  
Bullskin  
Historical  
Society

More lectures  
may be added.

March kicked off the Laurel Highlands Ambassador Program at the Connellsville Canteen. The 10 week program highlights tourist attractions and the history of Fayette County. Sponsored by The Fayette Cultural Trust and the Laurel Highlands foundation, each week hosts a different speaker and topic from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Week one's speaker, Julie Porterfield director of Penn State's Coal and Coke museum, spoke about Fayette County rich coal and coke history. She also spoke about company stores, and life in a patch town. To learn more you can visit the museum Monday-Friday 10-3 pm.

Can you name things made in Fayette County that are used around the world? Penn State professor, Dave Meredith, discussed lot of local businesses that make Fayette County their home. Jacob's Creek Bridge (Iron Bridge), designed by James Finley, was the first iron chain suspension bridge built in the United States. Gerome manufacturing makes magnetic shielding used on aircraft computers. Stahl's Hotronix in Carmichaels manufactures heat

presses used worldwide. Dynamic Materials Corp., located in Dunbar, Pa, uses explosion-welded cladding technology to weld metals that cannot be welded by conventional processes. Meredith spoke of other items exported from our county such as surgical masks, steel, handi wipes, steel mesh used in road construction , roof insulation and truck bed liners to name a few.

Michael Mance showed a photographic history of coal and coke ovens throughout Fayette County for the Industrial History lecture in week 3.

Karen Hechler President of the Connellsville Historical Society spoke in week 4. The Connellsville Historical Society held their first meeting in the early 1970s in the Connellsville Chamber of Commerce office. The Chamber donated \$50 to the Historical Society to begin their mission to preserve and disseminate local history. Hechler spoke of early Connellsville history, their need for membership growth and funding for projects. The presentation concluded with a picture show from Connellsville's bustling

past. For more information on The Connellsville Area Historical Society go to [www.connellsvillehistorical.com](http://www.connellsvillehistorical.com)

If you would like to attend any of the upcoming FREE lectures please contact the Connellsville Canteen at 724-603-2093 to reserve a spot.



Connellsville Canteen  
131 W Crawford Ave  
Connellsville, PA 15425

## Welcome New Members

The Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome this month's new members.

**Senator Pat Stefano** serves Pennsylvania's 32<sup>nd</sup> district. Senator Stefano was elected in November of 2014 and his Senate office is located at 171 W Crawford Ave, Suite 2, Connellsville PA 15425. [www.senatorstefano.com](http://www.senatorstefano.com)

**MF & B Restaurant Systems, Inc.** is located in Dunbar, PA. They specialize in conveyor pizza ovens. They started their business in 1997 remanufacturing conveyor pizza ovens and in 2008 they began designing EDGE conveyor ovens. The new ovens address many of their customer's concerns including affordability, efficiency, simplicity, installation and serviceability. [www.edgeovens.com](http://www.edgeovens.com)

**Wormack Inc.** Wormack Inc. is a nonprofit 503 (c) leading provider of mental health/behavior health. [www.wormackinc.org](http://www.wormackinc.org)



## Banners and Flower Barrels

It is time once again for our annual downtown banner project. This year's banner theme honors the achievements of local artists in the visual arts.

Pricing for Chamber members is \$75 for a one sided banner and \$140 for a two sided banner.

Pricing for non-chamber members is \$80 for one sided banners and \$150

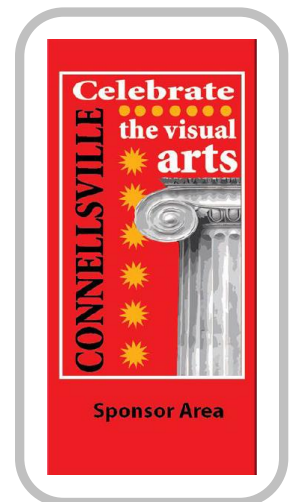
for a two sided banner. Deadline for sponsorship is April 20, 2015.

The Chamber is also selling flower barrels to local businesses. These flower barrels are to be placed outside of your respective business to be displayed all summer. It is your company's job to water and maintain the flowers. In the fall the

flower barrels will be collected by the Chamber to be used again the following year.

The price for Chamber members is \$25 per barrel and for nonmembers \$35 per barrel.

Please contact, Brooke at the Chamber office to reserve banners or barrels. 724-628-5500



## Job Fair at Murphy Hall

The Chamber, Connellsville Area Community Ministries and Carnegie Free Library of Connellsville have joined forces to host a job fair at Murphy Hall on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am- 2 pm. We still have space for a few more employers. It is

\$25 per table for employers to attend. The job fair will be free for job seekers to attend.

Our organizations regularly receive requests for employment information from internships to full time. If your business has any

openings for the spring and summer season, please consider taking part in this event. For more information contact any of the coordinating organizations.

**NOW  
HIRING**

## Chamber Board Members

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### Upcoming Events...

April 2: The Couch, LLC  
ribbon cutting

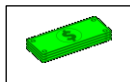
April 22: Med Express  
Grand Opening

April 28: Armstrong "After  
Hours Mixer" 5:00 pm—7:00  
pm Bud Murphy's Shamrock  
Room

April 29: Job Fair at Murphy  
Hall 10:00 am– 2:00 pm

April 29: Downtown  
Connellsville will hold a spring  
mixer at St. Rita's Social Hall,  
6-8 pm

May 2: Connellsville  
Community Yard Sale Day



MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNT OFFERS CAN BE  
FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AT

[WWW.GREATERCONNELLSVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.GREATERCONNELLSVILLE.ORG)