

# Chamber News

## Winter

### Winter Wonderland

This year's Winter Wonderland recognized Davies Ford and owner Jim Davies. Davies Ford is celebrating 50 years this year. Not only has Davies Ford been around for decades but they also continue to give to the local community through various programs.

In 2015, Davies Ford was instrumental in assisting the Connellsville High School Marching Band raise funds for new uniforms. They also offer a scholarship each year to a graduating senior.

This year's Winter Wonderland had a great turnout. Ritz Touch catering did a wonderful job with the food and decorations. The Carnegie Free Library of Connellsville auditorium looked amazing. The Chamber was able to donate \$400 back to the library

from Chinese Auction proceeds.

A special thank you to Seth Prentice and Armstrong cable for wiring the auditorium for the Steelers' playoff game.

Also, a special thank you to Daniel Cocks for putting together the wonderful appreciation and congratulatory video about Davies Ford.



Davies Ford Employees



Jim Davies

<https://vimeo.com/150714560>

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### Spring Job Fair

This year's spring job fair was a big success. We had 25 employers and over 100 people attending searching for employment.

One success story we learned of was a woman who first attended our job fair prep workshop. She received clothing vouchers for

the Connellsville Area Community Ministries where she shopped for an outfit. She attended the job fair on the first day and received an interview with Ford Business Machines. The following day she interviewed and got the job. She then went to

the ministries thanking Chip for all we do with the job fair. He was so touched by her story the ministry donated a bus fare pass for her to get to and from work for the first month. Our goal of helping at least one person move their life forward was a success.

## Welcome New Members

Representative Ryan Warner

Individual Members:

Rod & Elaine Gunderson

Fayette County Home & Garden Show

Membership dues for 2016 are due. If you did not receive a renewal notice, please contact the Chamber office at 724-628-5500 or download the membership form from our website.



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## Trail Mixer

The trail mixers have been well attended. We have had 3 trail mixers so far and the next will be April 14th at 7 pm. Location of April's trail mixer will be Connellsville Bed & Breakfast. If your business would be interested in hosting a mixer, please contact the Chamber at 724-628-5500.

Each trail mixer, the businesses discuss ways

to better our town and businesses to be trail friendly, promote tourism and generate revenue to local businesses. It is important for everyone to work together to achieve a greater good in the community. Anyone is welcome to attend and it is a great way to network with fellow businesses in the Connellsville Area.



## New Officers



We would like to introduce the Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce officers for 2016-2017.

From left to right, Secretary Tony Grasso, President Michael Bowman, Vice President Bob Topper Jr. and Treasurer Bryan Kisiel.

The board of directors are

Leah Bierer

Robin Bubarth

Mike Burns

Michael Edwards

Bill Fiesta

Eugene Lint

Dennis Martin

Gretchen Mundorff

Justin Teets

MJ Winterhalter

Jack Yard

Member at Large:

Bill Swan

## Annual Awards Banquet

This year's award banquet was a big success. Each year the annual awards banquet spotlights the great citizens of Connellsville for their volunteer efforts and outstanding character.

We would like to thank this year's banquet sponsors:

Premiere: Bud Murphy's

Platinum: Somerset Trust Company

Gold: Fay Penn Economic Development Council

Graft Oil

Kisiel & Associates P.C.

This year's award winners are as follows:

Special Recognition: Nancy Henry & Laura Lee Szepesi

Beautification: The Aaron's Building

Community Service Group: The Good Neighbor Club

Community Service Individual: Bob Topper Jr.

Distinguished Citizen: Paul Mongell

Athena: Mary Dreliszak



2016 Annual Award Winners



Nancy Henry's family accepts special recognition award



Laura Szepesi's family accepts special recognition award



Kelly Topper accepts beautification award



Mary Dreliszak accepts the International Athena Award for 2016



Lauren Relovsky accepts the Good Neighbor Club community service award



Bob Topper Jr accepts the community service individual award



Paul Mongell's family accepts the Distinguished citizen award on his behalf

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One of the Christmas trees refurbished by the Connellsville area career and technical center students. Each tree will cost \$95 to refurbish with new tinsel, new wiring and new LED lighting. If you would like to donate to the Christmas light fund, donations can be mailed or dropped off at the Chamber office, 100 south arch street, Connellsville PA 15425.

FIND US ON THE WEB AT  
[WWW.GREATERCONNELLSVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.GREATERCONNELLSVILLE.ORG)

## Upcoming Events

**April 14:** Trail Mixer

**April 22-24:** Fayette County Home Show at the Fayette County Fair Grounds

<http://fayettecounty-homeshow.com/>

**May 7th:** The Connellsville Community Yard Sale Day

Form available online at [www.greaterconnellsville.org](http://www.greaterconnellsville.org)

**May 28:** The Geranium Festival

