

The Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce



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Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

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CHAMBER CHATTER

Kathy Hohenadel, Executive Director

Promoting Our Businesses

The Turkey Hill Experience is underway. The cranes and workmen in hard hats can be seen from the Visitor Center windows as the renovations begin. Seeing the activity has made me wonder what traffic to the area will look like a year from now. I imagine masses of visitors coming to the new attraction. The Turkey Hill Experience will surely be an asset to this region of the county as it draws in people who have not visited the area before. We don't want to merely watch hordes of people drive in then drive away again; we need to draw those visitors – both new and returning – to the other area attractions and services. The key will be marketing.

Now is the time to be proactive in raising our profile. Our location along the river, our heritage and history, our art galleries and antique shops, our stores and restaurants, our hotels, inns, and bed & breakfast establishments provide diverse offerings that will appeal to a wide range of interests. We need to inform potential visitors of the various ways that their Turkey Hill Experience visit can be lengthened into a longer stay. When tourists begin to plan a visit to The Turkey Hill Experience, we would like them to think "I remember hearing about _____; we should visit that as well." The best way to get your business name in that blank is to advertise.

The Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce recognizes the need for a coordinated marketing effort. The economy still presents a challenge. If we work together, we can maximize the impact of the money spent on advertising. By working through the SVCC, businesses can coordinate with others who offer similar goods or services. One such opportunity for a coordinated marketing effort will be described to you on **Tuesday, July 20, at 6 PM**. The **Visitors Center** will be the site of this presentation by Marc Crusemire of Travelhost Magazine. Wine and cheese will be provided. Please **RSVP** with your intent to attend. This is only one of many opportunities for member businesses to work together in advertising. Increase your name recognition; make room on your calendar for this important meeting that will help you accomplish that goal.

SVCC HOSTS ART IN THE PARK

4-8 pm Friday – July 23

The Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center announces the *First Annual Art in the Park* to be held Friday, July 23, from 4 to 8 PM. Columbia's Locust Street Park will be the venue for this free event which is sponsored by **Buchart Horn**.

Art in the Park is a revival of a program held years ago by the Columbia Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. With the burgeoning success of the Fourth Friday programming coordinated by Columbia art galleries, SVCC has chosen to support the local effort by participating in the July event. While this year marks the first such event coordinated by the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, SVCC hopes to hold *Art in the Park* on the fourth Friday of July on an annual basis. The location of this open air art show makes it the perfect complement to the Fourth Friday programming of Columbia art galleries. Columbia's Locust Street Park lies in the center of town along the path between Modest Art Gallery and Jonal Gallery. On their way between those galleries walkers may wish to stop in Locust Street Park to view additional works of art, to speak with the participating artists, or to enjoy music and a beverage.

Visitors to Columbia's Fourth Friday program in July are encouraged to begin at either Garth Gallery & Custom Frame Shop or at Jonal Gallery and to end at the other. These two galleries serve as the endpoints for an easy walk among art galleries, Locust Street Park and other participating shops. Other participants in Fourth Friday include galleries such as Modest Art Gallery and Archway Arts and specialty shops such as Watermelon Rind and Menagerie. Activities at the galleries include artist receptions and showcases of works by featured artists. Additional specialty shops and restaurants also participate in the monthly programming. The evening may be capped off by stopping by Perfect Settings for a night of jazz music.

Art in the Park will offer the opportunity for artists to showcase their talents with displays in Locust Street Park. Look for a variety of artistic media including pen and ink, watercolors, oils and photography. Works on display are available for purchase. The relaxed atmosphere will allow guests the opportunity to speak with the artists and to view their works at a leisurely pace. Twelve different artists will have their work on display in the inaugural year of this event.

SVCC will host a booth to allow visitors to get in touch with their "inner artist" and loosen their creative spirit. Children of all ages and the young at heart may opt to create a work of origami. Origami instruction will be provided by Mark Vera for those new to the craft. Guests are also welcome to work solo on a piece of origami or to try their hand at creating an original piece of origami.

Music from the gazebo will add home-town flair to the evening. Local jazz musicians Jeanne and Mitch Cooper will share their talents from 4 to 6 PM. Easy listening-style guitar music and vocals will be performed by Wade Nance from 6:15 to 7:45. Traditional summer beverages such as lemonade, iced tea and water will be available for purchase at a stand manned by St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Art in the Park will be held rain or shine. All proceeds from this event benefit the SVCC.

Fourth Friday Programming: July 23 from 5-9 pm. Experience Columbia's art galleries, antique shops, participating specialty shops and local eateries. This at-your-own-pace tour provides the opportunity to view exhibits from local and visiting artists, enjoy refreshments and discover what makes Columbia unique. For more information contact Chris Davis of Modest Galleries 717-405-0604.

Red, White and Blueberry Jamboree at St. John's Herr Estate on Saturday, July 31, from 10 am - 2 pm on the St. John's Herr Estate campus, 200 Luther Lane, Columbia. Featured is a 300-pound blueberry pie. Pie and ice cream are \$2 each. There are hot dogs, chips and a drink for \$3. There will be games for children and music provided by Chris and Deanna Meyer. The Jamboree is located in front of the St. John's Herr Estate Apartments, rain or shine. Along with the Blueberry Jamboree, St. John's Herr Estate is holding a "Fill That Bus" event. The Jamboree kicks-off a month long collection of school supplies and non-perishable food for the St. Paul Episcopal Church Columbia Food Bank. All net proceeds of the Jamboree benefit the Food Bank. Please bring a donation of school supplies and/or non-perishable foods for Columbia's area food bank to Fill That Bus! Any questions on either on the Red, White and Blueberry Jamboree or the Fill That Bus, please call 717.684.0678. Celebrate summer at St. John's Herr Estate with blueberries, fellowship and a donation. Come and see how big a 300-pound pie is, play games and enjoy the entertainment.

SHOP LOCALLY: Marietta Market is open on Sundays from 9 am – 2pm. Located at Flanagan Park, the market features fresh local produce, baked goods, and more. The Market provides fresh local nutritious food grown sustainably and will support small, family-owned farms within a 50-mile radius.



WASHINGTON BORO TOMATO FESTIVAL Saturday, July 17 at the Community Park along Rt. 999. Free admission, fun, food!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM ACTIVITIES at COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY are listed in the "Community Events" section of this newsletter. All events, unless otherwise noted, meet at 10 am at the Library located at 6th and Locust St., Columbia.

NEWS FROM PCI: The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the "Statewide Voice of Business" is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Caster as President of the Chamber's two insurance subsidiaries: PCI Insurance, Inc. and Insurance Coalition, Inc., replacing Douglas C. Dyer. The mission of the Chamber is to advocate for and foster a healthy business climate in Pennsylvania and to improve the competitiveness of its members. The mission of the Chamber's insurance operations is to help Pennsylvania-based companies obtain employer-provided healthcare insurance that is both affordable and accessible to a wide range of Commonwealth Businesses.

Patrick Caster brings more than twenty years of experience in the administration, underwriting, marketing, and sales management of insurance health plans to his new role as President of the Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance subsidiaries. He has extensive experience with a number of regional and national health insurance carriers located throughout the country. Most recently, Patrick served as Vice-President, Commercial Markets of Harrisburg-based Capital Blue Cross, which serves members throughout both central Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley.

The Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance subsidiaries have a long and successful history of reaching out to a broad cross-section of Commonwealth-based businesses to provide access to employer-provided health insurance. As a result of the healthcare reform legislation that was signed into law earlier this year, we believe that providing access to affordable healthcare will become even more critical to employers in the months and years to come. The Chamber is excited that Patrick Caster has decided to join our team and is confident that he will provide the leadership and strategies that will allow the Pennsylvania Chamber to remain a market leader in providing health insurance services in the coming years.

2010 ANNUAL ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Who: Individuals and Foursomes

What: Fundraiser, four-person scramble, best ball format

When: July 23. Registration 6:45 am

Shotgun start at 7:30 am

Where: Four Seasons Golf Course, Landisville

How: \$75 entry fee per player includes prizes, lunch, golf & cart. Mulligans \$5 per player; maximum 5 per team

HOLE IN ONE – win a car compliments of Susquehanna Dodge

For more information about registration or sponsorship, call Chris Milson 413-7436.



NEWS FROM THE HALDEMAN MANSION

VICTORIAN TEA

The Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society announces its next fundraising event, a Victorian Tea Social. The Society is a non-profit currently raising funds for a roof replacement. The Tea will take place Saturday, July 31 from 4-6 pm at the Mansion located at 230 Locust Grove Road in Bainbridge. Menu includes salad, tomato bisque soup, scones with lemon curd and homemade raspberry jam, assorted tea sandwiches, hot and iced tea and a choice of desserts. Seating is limited so reserve your seat now by calling 426-3794 or 426-2166.

TAVERN DINNER AT THE MANSION

Saturday, September 11 at 6 pm. Special dinner to be held in the dining room of the Mansion.

The meal will be hearth cooked in the summer kitchen. Dinner by reservation is \$30 per person or \$55 per couple. Seating limited. Please call 367-7857.





Play Ball!! *Barnstormers Tickets*

Peanuts! Popcorn! Crackerjacks! Enjoy the standard treats popular at a baseball game while benefiting the SVCC. Purchase a ticket to the Lancaster Barnstormers vs. York Revolution game on **Saturday, August 14**, and SVCC will earn a portion of the ticket price to help support the Visitors Center.

The game, beginning at 6:30, will end with fireworks. Tickets to the game are \$10 each. The SVCC will have a limited number of tickets on hand. While we have not yet received our supply, we are taking pre-orders. Reserve your ticket by contacting us at 684-5249, or by stopping in to see us.

Tickets that benefit the SVCC may also be ordered on-line. Follow the easy steps listed below when you place your on-line order. Invite friends and family to an enjoyable night out. Support the SVCC and Visitors Center by purchasing tickets to the August 14, 2010, Barnstormers game.

Instructions for On-Line Ordering:

1. Go to www.LancasterBarnstormers.com
2. Click on the "Fundraising Log-in" Button
3. Click on the SVCC logo (same as top of this article)
4. Enter SVCC when prompted to enter a group fundraising code.
5. Click "Buy"
6. A schematic of the available seats will be shown in green. Select the seats you want by clicking on the individual locations.
7. Follow the on-screen prompts to complete your order

Melissa Glenn, former director of the SVCC was posthumously honored with a Service to the Field Award presented by the Keystone Society for Tourism at a luncheon held in Harrisburg at the Governor's residence. This is the highest honor the state can confer on tourism leaders in Pennsylvania. Also receiving awards were Dr. Claire Storm and Mark Platts of Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area (see Rivertownes PAUSA article.)

Province Bank Poised to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Province Bank, with locations in Marietta, Columbia and Lancaster, will celebrate its official 10th anniversary on Friday, September 10, 2010. Each Province Bank branch will have celebrations that day for customers, employees, and guests. Province Bank is also planning some special 10-year anniversary promotions

"We're excited about reaching the 10-year milestone," said Greg Diehl, president and chief operating officer of Province Bank. "We look at this celebration as an opportunity to say 'thanks' to our customers for helping Province Bank continue to grow during the past decade. I think it's also important to recognize the efforts of our employees for their outstanding customer service and dedication throughout the years as well."

During a time when some financial institutions have struggled, Province Bank has steadily attracted customers throughout the region in both personal banking and business banking.

"We're pleased with how we've been able to develop so many banking relationships in the communities we serve," said

Diehl. "I think it's a testament to our financial soundness and the security that comes from being affiliated with Donegal Insurance Group. I also think it shows Province Bank has established a strong presence in the communities we serve."

As for the anniversary celebration, Diehl said that the planning process is underway and that as details are coming together excitement is growing within the bank.

"We're looking forward to having fun and sharing the anniversary with everyone," said Diehl. "The feeling of anticipation and excitement is growing and I think we're all ready to celebrate."

Lancaster City Architecture by C. Emlen Urban

On Sunday, October 24th, the Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County will host a tour of public and private buildings, churches, schools and residences designed by noted Lancaster architect C. Emlen Urban. It will be a rare opportunity to visit the ornate third floor auditorium of the Stevens High School (c.1906), tour Reynolds Middle School (c.1927), perhaps one of Urban's last major public buildings, and enjoy the beautiful homes in the West End neighborhood, Lancaster's early suburb. For over 45 years, Urban designed many of the historic landmarks that define the downtown character of Lancaster city. Come and enjoy the architectural beauty of Urban's legacy. The tour is from 12 noon until 5pm. The cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. For tickets and more information call the Trust at 717-291-5861 or stop by the office at 123 North Prince Street.

CHIP Provides Health Insurance for Uninsured Children and Teens

Families with uninsured children and teens up to age 19 can apply for comprehensive health insurance through Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Lancaster General Health, along with its community partners, is increasing awareness about CHIP and making the enrollment process easier by sponsoring information sessions that will include sign-up tables with trained CHIP representatives at various locations throughout Lancaster County. Families can come to learn more and to apply in person at these sessions. Based on family size and income, uninsured children and teens can qualify for CHIP. Because there is no income limit, no family makes too much money for CHIP. Families whose income falls below CHIP guidelines may be eligible for Medical Assistance.

CHIP representatives will help parents and guardians fill out CHIP applications during the information sessions on the 2nd Saturday of each month, from 8am to 12noon, at the Columbia Health Center. For more information about CHIP go to <http://www.chipcoverspakids.com/> or call 1-800-986-KIDS.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS: The SVCC is able to accept Master Card, Visa and now, DISCOVER Card payments for membership fees, event sponsorships and for event space fees.



PROVINCE BANK

THANK YOU SPONSORS! for your support of

the 30th annual Antique, Art & Craft Show on Saturday, June 26, 2010. We owe a special thank you to Province Bank of Columbia and Marietta – the major sponsor of what we call “AAC.” With their help we were able to make a major advertising purchase to use this year and in subsequent years in the form of banners that hang from the lightposts in the downtown Columbia area, as well as radio advertising on WSOX and in local newspapers.

Entertainment sponsors were: First National Bank Museum, E.M. Herr Ace Hardware, Covanta Lancaster, Inc., and Kleen-Rite Corp. Bronze Sponsor was St. John’s Herr Estate and Honorable Mention Little’s Beverage.

17 local, non-profit groups benefitted from the sale of food and drinks during the event and we thank the community for that support.

Our thanks also go out to the following: SVEMS and Columbia QRS for Emergency/First Aid availability, Columbia Borough Road Crew for hanging the banners and providing much assistance during the event itself, Columbia Borough, the Police Dept. and Traffic Control, Bryan Barton, CBAA (use of Glatfelter Field) Columbia Lion’s Club (use of the Gazebo), Columbia Park Rangers (work detail in the Park) and Columbia Old Public Grounds (use of the Park.) Borough Hall, Columbia Markethouse, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church and Columbia United Methodist Church offer support by allowing use of their restrooms and/or parking lot. We also appreciate the support of Locust Street businesses and residents and our volunteer staff.

Events such as the annual Antique, Art & Craft show could not take place without the backing of almost 100 dedicated workers and volunteers who make it happen and we offer you our thanks and gratitude!

PASSPORT TO THE RIVER TOWNS – as mentioned in the previous “Susquehanna Reflections” a winter-time promotion of our member businesses is being planned. Folks will purchase a “passport” at the Chamber and from participating businesses. “Travelers” will then visit area businesses to get their passport “stamped.” The businesses will offer discounts or promotions available to the holder of the passport. Once a book is filled with stamps, it will be entered into a grand prize drawing. Proceeds from the sale of the passports will benefit the SVCC and businesses who participate will benefit from increased foot traffic, sales through promotions offered and visibility. More details TBA

CHIQUES CHALLENGE – a new event being planned for August 2011 Reserve Saturday, August 13, 2011 to participate in this two-part “dualathlon” event. Run approximately 3.5 miles on the Northwest



River Trail from Vinegar Ferry Road to the Marietta River Park where you will board your kayak. Kayak about 2.1 miles downriver to the Columbia River Park. Details and registration information will be available in the beginning of 2011. Proceeds will benefit the SVCC.

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THANK YOU, JOE!

Thank you to our SVCC neighbor, Joe Brenner. Joe started out lending us a shovel...that led to him bringing us a truckload of mulch and helping Kathy and Amy in their efforts to brighten the SVCC building and grounds in the week before the Antique, Art & Craft Show. We pulled weeds, mulched, trimmed and removed bushes, cleaned windows and siding and planted or replaced flowers. We’re sprouting a bright, clean look!

PIG IRON FEST

September 26 11 am – 4 pm

Location: Day Use area on Furnace Road in Marietta (Chickies Rock Park)

Featuring a car show, music, hit and miss engines, historic exhibits, refreshments including pork sandwiches, living history portrayals, tours of the iron furnace ruins and the Mussleman/Vesta Iron Furnace Office Building.

FALL FLING EVENT BY ST. ANNE’S RETIREMENT COMMUNITY:

“Bringing Down the House” will take place Saturday, September 25 at Liberty Place in Lancaster. Activities include live and silent auctions, \$10,000 draw down event, catered meal, gaming tables operated by the volunteers and Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. Monte Carlo style games begin with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at 5:30 pm. The meal, catered by Olde Greenfield Inn begins at 7:30. Over 150 auction items will be featured in either a silent, Chinese or live auction and range from artwork to vacation getaways. Proceeds benefit the quality care and dedicated service offered to residents. St. Anne’s is a senior-living organization serving Lancaster County for over 80 years. For tickets to the Fall Fling, contact Mary Jo at 285-6539.

NEWS FROM PRUDHOMME’S

Prudhomme's Has 3 Anniversaries!

1. Prudhomme's Lost Cajun Kitchen celebrates **20 (twenty) years** in Lancaster County! (Beginning in Leola, now in Columbia!)
2. David & Sharon Prudhomme celebrate their **20th wedding anniv.** June, 30th, 2010!!
3. Chef Sharon Prudhomme celebrates **10 years** with ABCTV27 as Mid Day Gourmet-cooking live 4th Mon. each month!

2nd Sat. each Month=Johnny Presto & gals! "Ratpack" sounds, songs, Ella Fitzgerald, show tunes & more! 7pm-10pm

4th Sat. each Month=LIVE Motown w/ Charles Lee 7pm-10pm

Every other **Mon night**-Open Mic Night 7-10pm- musicians, comedians & magicians!

Every **Wednesday** Live 70's w/ Keith Kinard 7-10pm

Every **Thursday** Name That Tuna-Music Trivia hosted by DJ Ponytail Bob - form a team, earn points, have fun!

Every **Friday** Night- Kareoke 9-12am

Every **Sunday All Day**- Country Style Pork Ribs w/ 4 sides & home baked rolls, garlic spread-\$12.95 ****Live Classic Rock**

5:30-8:30pm w/ Bill Anderson

GREAT 4TH FRIDAY DEAL (Every Friday Night)

Bar happy hour: 9-11pm \$3 well drinks, \$2 domestic bottles, \$1.75 domestic drafts \$1 shots (red heads, wash.apples, kamikaz) **Food Specials: 9-12am: Friday & Sat nights!**

Mon.-Thurs 4-7pm clams & mussels-2.50 doz, 2 fish sand.-\$1.50, 2 doz fried shrimp-\$2.00, 3 mini burgers-\$3.00, 2 chick sliders-\$1.50, Blk catfish nuggets-\$2.50, popcorn chicken-\$2

4:30pm Specials

Monday- All-U-Can-Eat Fish Fry-7-7.50, Buy 1 app, get 1/2 off second, 1/2 off Shock Top Pints

Tuesday- Pasta Night 10.50, \$1 off glass wine, kids 12 & UNDER Eat FREE! 1.75 Miller lite pints

Wed-1/2 price wings-Jumbo cuts 1.75 yuengling

Thurs-Prime Rib Night 12.95, 1.75 Coors Light pints

Friday-chef special \$1.75 Bud pints

Sat.-\$1.75 Yuengling pints

July 10th-Johnny Presto & gals-Ratpack & more! 7-10pm

July 17th-Eric Keepers-Buffer tunes & more 7-10pm

July 24th-Charles Lee,Motown!! 7-10pm

ART & OUTDOOR FESTIVAL at SHANK'S MARE to CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate our 32nd Anniversary, Shank's Mare is sponsoring an Art & Outdoors Festival on Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 10am-8pm. This event will feature a booth show on our front porch and grounds featuring local non-profit outdoor, historic and cultural organizations offering information on a wide variety of activities and programs in our area.

Information is also available on Shank's Mare's complete programming including kayak lessons, trips, tours, kid's camps, school field trips and year-round activities.

In conjunction with Shank's Mare's Susquehanna House Gallery, located on the second floor of our building, we will also have booths with local artists displaying their original works for sale. The current exhibit in the Susquehanna House Gallery features original oils by York artist Bill Koons. For specific information on organizations and artists displaying at the event, visit:

http://www.shanksmare.com/html/special_events.html.

Visitors can enjoy food and ice cream at Shank's Mare's Lock 2 Cafe throughout the day. We'll top off the event with free live music from 4-8pm featuring Dann Ottemiller and Hexbelt.

They will be premiering their recently released CD at this event.

Celebrate the beauty of the Susquehanna River, the cultural heritage of our area, original art from talented artisans, and the wealth of outdoor activities and how to enjoy them at Shank's Mare's Art and Outdoor Fest on Saturday, July 31, 2010.

Northwest Savings Bank Ranks Highest in Customer Satisfaction in Mid-atlantic region according to JD Power and Associates 2010 Retail Banking Customer Satisfaction Study. The study, conducted in January, analyzes overall customer satisfaction with their retail banking experience based on six factors: account activities, account information, facility, fees, problem resolution and product offering. Northwest received the highest customer satisfaction score in the mid-atlantic region which includes PA, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA and Washington DC. Steven D. Fisher, Executive Vice President of Banking Services states, "This is a recognition that we value and that we set our sights on achieving several years ago. All aspects of our service delivery have been enhanced through a dedicated continuous improvement program designed to provide the highest level of customer satisfaction. William Wagner, President and CEO of NSB added "Northwest Savings Bank has been serving its customers for over 113 years. We understand that customers have choices and we are honored to be able to provide them with the very best financial products and services. We're proud that we have received their recognition in this study and to be their bank. We thank our employees for their hard work and dedication and our customers for their support." Mr. Wagner went on to say, "With the JD Power and Associates ranking, it demonstrates that we really are the bank where people make the difference."

Cupcake Contest



During the 6th annual Cruisin' Columbia Car Show in June, the SVCC hosted a Cupcake Contest. From the delicious and varied entries, it was difficult to choose the best! But judges Alix Ingolia (The Flour Child) and Mandy Gallagher (The Daily Grind) managed to come up with two winners. In the 16 and under category, the winner was 8-year old Claire Quinn who presented her entry of a "smores" cupcake. And in the adult category, Colleen Pocaro took home the prize for her tirimisu entry. Winners received prize packages containing cupcake cookbooks, decorating kit, cupcake pans and assorted baking tools. After the judging, the cupcakes were offered for sale. Proceeds were split between the three local food banks in Columbia, Maytown and Wrightsville – with each receiving \$35. A good time was had by all and we look forward to hosting this event again next year and raising even more funds for the local Food Banks.

Happy Birthday to Visitors Center volunteers – Ann Grubb, Joe Robinson, Mary Wickenheiser, Brenda Burg, Patsy Seifried, and Bobbe West, who celebrate birthdays in July, August and September. Dana Englert and Mary Ann Smith have recently joined our ranks and we welcomed Ellie Heller back after a brief absence. Other volunteers include Gerri Beaston, Ruth Findley, Ralph Kreiser, Audrey Lively, Mary Lou Sload, Mickey Prietz, Brenda Paxson, Ruth Sload, Kitty Sload, Melanie Stover, LeRoy West, and Vince Wickenheiser. Happy Birthday and THANK YOU for the hours you spend helping our visitors!

Community Events

PLENTY TO SEE AND DO!

July 17 – Fireman’s Carnival (on the grounds of CCFD at 10th & Mifflin St, Columbia) culminates with fireworks scheduled to begin approximately 9 pm.

July 17 – Washington Boro Tomato Festival at the Community Park along Rt. 999.

July 19 – Summer Reading Program at Columbia Public Library: Sharks: Tooth or Consequences Meet 10 am at the Library

July 20-22 Kids Spy Camp at National Watch & Clock Museum held in conjunction with James Bond wristwatch exhibit.

July 23 – Rotary Golf Tournament at Four Seasons Golf Course. Registration begins at 6:45 am.

July 23 – Art in the Park SVCC Event 4-8 pm in Locust Street Park. held in conjunction with

July 23 - Columbia’s Fourth Friday 5-9 pm

July 27 – Summer Reading Program “The Princess of Dutch Wonderland” 10 am at Columbia Library

July 30 – Columbia Education Foundation Golf Tournament begins at 7:30 am at Cool Creek Golf Course in Wrightsville. Funds raised are used to present grants to classroom teachers to improve instruction. Entry fee includes use of power cart and chicken BBQ dinner following the tournament at Susquehanna Fire Co. at 10th and Manor St. Entry forms available at <http://columbiaeducationfd.org>. For more information contact Cy Young 572-5088 or Jack Gamby 684-6741.

July 31 – Shank’s Mare Art & Outdoor Fest. Artists on the porch plus outdoor organizations and activities, food and entertainment. www.shanksmare.com

July 31 – Red White & Blueberry – see article

August 3 – “Flow Circus” summer reading program at Columbia Library. 10 am.

August 10 – “Wetland Wonders” at the Columbia Library 10 am.

August 14 – SVCC Night with the Barnstormers. See article.

August 14 – Toys for Tots Pig Roast at Glatfelter Field in Columbia. Food and entertainment. Details TBA

August 19 – Columbia Library hosts an end-of-summer party with magician John Andrews. 6:30 pm.

August 27 – Fourth Friday in Columbia 5-9 pm

September 11 – Thomas the Tank Engine at Strasburg Railroad

September 11 – Family Timepiece Workshop at the National Watch & Clock Museum.

September 11 – Tavern Dinner at the Haldeman Mansion 6 pm \$30 each or \$55/couple. Call 367-7857

September 18 – 2nd Annual Columbia Model Train & Memorabilia Show sponsored by the Columbia Historic Preservation Society. 9-2 pm. Admission Adults \$4 children \$1. Location: Columbia Number 1 Fire Company (137 S. Fourth St., CHPS building one block away. Vendors and O-gauge display and 1000 sq. ft. display. Food, door prizes, other attractions.

September 24 – Fourth Friday in Columbia 5-9 pm

September 25 – Bus Trip to historic Yuengling Brewery and to Easton, Pa. Ride on the Josiah White, a canal boat pulled by mules on the tow path or visit the Canal Museum and Crayola Factory. Contact Claire Storm.

September 26 – Pig Iron Fest 11 am – 4 pm at Day Use area on Furnace Road in Marietta (Chickies Rock Park). This event features a car show, music, hit and miss engines, historic exhibits, refreshments including pork sandwiches, living history portrayals, tours of the iron furnace ruins and the Musselman/Vesta Iron Furnace Office Building.

October 2 – 22nd Annual BRIDGE BUST hosted by the SVCC and sponsored by Lancaster General Health. 8 am – 4 pm. 300 vendors spaces across the Rt. 462 Veterans Memorial Bridge. Rain or Shine. Admission \$2; under 13 free. Free shuttles and parking available. For more information or a vendor application call 717-684-5249. Volunteers are always needed to assist with admission on both sides of the bridge. If you’d like to help collect admission fees, contact Amy at 684-5249.

If you don’t see your event listed here but would like to in future issues, give us a call or email at svcc@parivertowns.com. In addition to this newsletter, we are sometimes able to post event information on the SVCC outdoor signboard or in the “Current” – a biweekly community newsletter as well as on the SVCC website. We are happy to promote the events of our communities.

SVCC SCRAPBOOK



A Taste of the River Towns was held in April at the Union Meeting Hall in Marietta. In the photo above, Bananas Foster is prepared by Guido, the chef from St. John's Herr Estate. This evening provided a great opportunity to sample menu items from local establishments. Don't miss next year's event!



In May, the SVCC celebrated with the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of The Flour Child Pasty and Bake Shop on Union Street. Attendees were treated to coffee, cookies, pastries and a cupcake decorating table. Owner of The Flour Child is Alix Ingoglia



Shown above is Helga Herberg of Germany who visited with us in March. Helga displays a cloth map of the United States on which she embroiders the "path" of her travels. The cloth represents more than 10 years of touring and sightseeing throughout the states.



News from Rivertownes PA USA

BUS TRIP: to tour the historic Yuengling Brewery in Pottsville and to Easton, PA, where you can ride on the

Josiah White, a canal boat pulled by mules on the tow path or visit the Canal Museum and Crayola Factory. Saturday, September 25, 2010. **If interested, please complete Claire Storm. Deadline for reservations is August 30.**

BRIDGE PIERS A HERITAGE SITE

The York County Planning Commission voted unanimously to designate the Civil War Bridge Piers as an official York County Heritage Resource. The abandoned piers located just north of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge held three bridges, the most famous being the mile-long covered bridge torched on June 28, 1863, to keep the Confederates from marching into Lancaster County. For more information on the York County Heritage Program go to www.yorkcountyheritage.com

MANY THANKS!

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KEYSTONE TOURISM AWARD

Rivertownes' president, Dr. Claire F. Storm, recently received an Inspiration Award presented by the Keystone Society for Tourism at a luncheon held in Harrisburg at the Governor's residence. This is the highest honor the state can confer on tourism leaders in Pennsylvania. Dr. Storm was nominated in the Inspiration category for her advocacy for the tourism industry and as an agent of change who inspires and leads in her community. Mark Platts, executive director of the Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area, received the award in the Enterprise Category. And, Melissa Glenn, former director of the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center, was posthumously honored with a Service to the Field Award.

Each of the fourteen recipients was presented with a unique original work of art by one of Pennsylvania's finest artists, and each one's name is inscribed on a plaque on permanent display in the offices of the Department of Community and Economic Development. In addition, each recipient received an attractive keystone medallion on a ribbon of the state's emblematic colors of blue and gold indicating the year and category of his/her induction.