

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

Increasing Our Chamber Membership

“No man is an island” – John Donne

The interconnectivity that John Donne wrote about can be applied to most of our interactions with others. Business is no exception to this thesis. The SVCC is looking to convince our non-business community members to join us in developing a business-friendly environment in the region. We need their support and business; they need the goods and services provided by area businesses. The Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce needs the support of both sectors to facilitate growth and provide services.

Your Chamber has set a goal of increasing the number of non-business community members on our roster. This patron category has diminished in numbers over the years. With some combined effort we can aid the growth of this supportive category. SVCC is seeking recommendations from you. An informal list of key community members is being compiled. These are the people who are perceived as being supportive of their respective communities and the businesses that operate here. We will contact these people in the early summer months to invite them to join the Chamber. Please contact us at svcc@parivertowns.com to add names to the list.

As business members of the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce you are each aware of the benefits of membership. Patron members will naturally ask about their benefits. We would like to offer patron members monthly specials available only to them. These special offers would be received as coupons e-mailed out once a month. This has the potential to be a win-win. Do you have a month where the foot traffic is slower than you'd like it to be? You can increase numbers by participating in this program. Coupons may be for a dollar amount off, a certain percent off, or a combination “buy this, get that” deal.

The target date to begin soliciting patron members is July. We need a minimum of six business members to develop a special offer before we begin our mailings. These offers would cover the months from July through December. We are not limited to one coupon per month. Contact Kathy Hohenadel with your questions, ideas or interest in participation by June 1, 2010.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Do you have a Facebook or Twitter account? Share that with us and in our next issue we will share it with our member businesses. Email the information to svcc@parivertowns.com

UPDATE ON OUR 2010 INFORMATION GUIDE

We are persevering on two publications. Melissa Glenn's sudden passing and the ensuing change in personnel, coupled with our change in printer, have caused our annual Information Guide to be later going to print. We are proofreading the final pages. Your patience will be rewarded with a directory that is colorful and pleasing to the eye. We look forward to it being completed shortly.

Additionally, the visitor's guide coordinated by Riverview Publishing has been placed on the fast track with definite deadlines to assure production. This publication targets tourists and will be produced annually from May to April. This premier issue will run from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011

A TASTE OF THE RIVER TOWNS

Restaurant Fair

Presented by the S.V.C.C.

At historic Union Meeting House, Marietta

Friday, April 16 from 6-9 pm

This ticketed event will differ slightly in format from previous years. Think in terms of linen tablecloths, candlelight, soft music, food and wine. Area restaurants will be participating with a selection of their food items made available to the public for the price of an admission ticket (\$15.) A free shuttle ride is being provided by St. John's Herr Estate. Parking is available at Donegal Mutual Insurance Company and Susquehanna Waldorf School as well as on-street parking where available. Tickets available at the SVCC and St. John's Herr Estate in Columbia. Participating businesses include: B.F.Heistand House, Bully's Restaurant & Pub, Café Capriccio, McCleary's Public House, Nissley Winery, Prudhomme's Lost Cajun Kitchen, Prudhomme's on Fourth, St. John's Herr Estate, The Flour Child and Vogt Farm Bed & Breakfast. For more info, email or call the SVCC at svcc@parivertowns.com or 717-684-5249.

BEST KEPT SECRETS TOUR of Lancaster County; **April 2-24th**

Thirty Five off-the-beaten-path businesses have created a shopping adventure. Travel from place to place enjoying free special events. Visit at your leisure; do what you can in a day or in all 16 days. Tour bags on sale at \$6 each. \$1 per bag donated to Healing Journey. Call 354-7343 for info or to reserve bags. Participating local businesses are: **Rivertowne Antiques and Susquehanna Glass** and Ziegler's Greenhouse. The tour runs April 2-24.

Phil and I would like to say a special thank you to our Board for their kindness and prayers in a difficult time.

Sincerely, Judith and Phil Bowers

New York, New York

Join the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce on a bus trip to New York City. We provide the transportation; you plan the itinerary. Spend the day shopping, sight-seeing, or enjoying a theater production.

The bus trip is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010. Two departure points are planned: a 6:00 AM departure from the Columbia High School east parking lot; or a 6:15 departure from the LGH Health Campus parking lot near the 2100 entrance.

The drop-off point in New York City will be the Winter Garden Theater. This will also be the pick-up location at 6:45 PM as we gather to travel back to our points of departure. The low cost of \$45 per person guarantees you worry-free transportation to the Big Apple. Reserve your seat on the bus by contacting the SVCC Visitor Center at 684-5249, or by contacting trip coordinator Deb Cunningham at 684-3337. Payment must be made at the time you place your reservation. Cash, checks, MasterCard or Visa accepted.

Fourth Friday in Columbia – April 23

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 & visiting artists, enjoy refreshments and discover the uniqueness of Columbia. More info: Chris Davis of Modest Gallery 717-405-0604

Special Offers for Chamber Members:

Membership in the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce offers several benefits that you may not currently use. Perhaps you've forgotten about these programs offered to SVCC members.

Pennsylvania Chamber Insurance (PCI)

For more than two decades, PA Chamber Insurance has led the industry in providing insurance solutions for businesses. Partnering with nearly every major carrier in the state, the PA Chamber Insurance benefit programs offer medical plans to suit every business, personal and financial need. With no participation requirements and guaranteed issue for specialty coverages (dental, vision, life and disability), offering valuable insurance options as part of your employee benefit program is easy and convenient.

The opportunity to take advantage of members-only savings on vision, dental, life, dependent life and disability programs is a benefit of your local chamber membership.

The PA Chamber Insurance programs offer customers discounted payroll solutions and 24/7 online administration, account access, enrollment and invoice payment options via our secure website at www.pachamberinsurance.com. Visit www.pachamberinsurance.com or call 800.755.3021 to learn more.

Affiliated Power Purchasers International (APPI)

The APPI Energy Savings Program provides commercial and industrial business with solutions to reduce and

manage energy costs. APPI offers a simple process with significant rewards for a minimal time commitment. This program includes individualized analyses of energy accounts and is more advisory in nature; you will not receive a hard-sell. There are no upfront costs or fees. APPI reviews your energy usage, researches the best rate for your business, and explains the process to you. For more information, contact Jane Seagrave at JSeagraves@appienergy.com or 800.520.6685.

First Data

First Data Merchant Services has negotiated special bankcard rates and packages specifically for members! In addition to pricing breaks, First Data also offers these benefits.

- Debit Card Acceptance – FREE debit pinpad provided to members (\$175 value)
- Electronic Check Acceptance
- Electronic Gift Card Program – FREE gift card program available on leased POS terminals
- and more...

For more information or for a detailed cost comparison please contact Sheila Vargas, Account Executive, at 717.682.2684.

CenturyLink

Watch future newsletters for information on member benefits from CenturyLink. In the interim, contact Lauren Lutz with any business needs.



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

EVENTS AT THE National Watch & Clock Museum

Grand Complications: Art of the Watchmaker

Opening April 23

Combining technical and artistic qualities in watch making

Included with Museum admission

A Sense of Time – on display through April 30

A special look at Asian timekeeping

Included with Museum admission

MAYTOWN 250th CELEBRATION

(see full article)

Thursday, April 29 from 4-7 pm

Harvey's BBQ choice of entrée: BBQ Pork or Chicken

Choice of side: Potato salad or cole slaw

Includes baked beans, brownie, bottled water. Donation \$6
And

Sunday, May 2 from 12 noon to 2 pm

Harvey's BBQ includes ½ chicken, baked potato, apple sauce,
roll/butter. Donation \$7

Both at Parking Lot of Maytown Post Office:

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. One completed application is all that is needed to get uninsured children much-needed health insurance coverage.

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 – beginning April 10, 2010.

To apply for CHIP, parents and/or guardians will need:

- Proof of all household income: one pay stub from the last 60 days (bring more if income varies) or a signed and dated letter from employer on letterhead showing monthly income before taxes or deductions
- If self-employed, the most recent federal income tax return with all schedules
- All checks and/or award letters (child support court order, unemployment award letter, Workers Compensation benefits letters)
- If not a U.S. citizen, proof of legal status needed only for children who are applying

For more information about CHIP go to

<http://www.chipcoverspakids.com/> or call 1-800-986-KIDS



NEWS FROM THE HALDEMAN

MANSION: Annual Membership Meeting – All are welcome. It is Sunday, April 11, 2010 at 2 pm at the Haldeman Mansion, 230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA with

storyteller, Judy Kay Bard telling about "Living at the Mansion." You will be entertained and also enjoy refreshments. For information call 717 426-3794.

Conoytown Day- The date is Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Haldeman Mansion, 230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA. It is an educational day with native people showing how to make sun catchers, moccasins and hands on activities. There will be lunch with venison stew. There will be dancing in the early evening. All proceeds benefit the roof fund. For Information call 717 371-3755.

Strawberry Festival – It is Sunday, June 13, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 4 pm at the Haldeman Mansion, 230 Locust Grove Road, Bainbridge, PA. There will be live music, and plenty to eat - hamburgers, hot dogs, soup, and all strawberry milkshakes, sundaes and strawberry shortcake. A silent auction will be held. Proceeds go for maintenance and repairs. Call 717 426-3794 for additional information.

National Volunteer Week - April 19-25 Many of the events and activities hosted by the SVCC would not get off the ground if it weren't for our valuable volunteers. Large events take lots of planning and lots of assistance and over 100 volunteers answer the call to serve their community. Visitors to our area receive helpful directions and advice from our devoted Visitor Center volunteers. Over 20 of them give their time throughout the year sharing their love and knowledge of our "river towns" area. The SVCC staff and Board of Directors sincerely appreciate the efforts of all our volunteers – Thank you!



Where people make the difference.

Northwest Savings Bank of Columbia and Wrightsville Present the 10th annual 5k River Run on Saturday, May 29. Hosted by the SVCC, this popular run takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Also a favorite event for walkers, this unique course begins in Wrightsville (in front of the Post Office) and continues across the Rt. Participants turn onto Second St and loop back across the bridge to end in Wrightsville. In its 10th year, the Run has grown steadily to over 450 runners & walkers – many who return year after year because they enjoy not only the unique course but the beauty of the river hills in the morning. Registration fee includes a t-shirt (guaranteed to the first 250 who sign up.) For more information and a registration form, visit our website: parivertowns.com. In addition to Northwest Savings Bank, other sponsors include Frank Sahd Salvage Center, Inc., Hinkle's Pharmacy and St. John's Herr Estate. Door prizes are donated by local businesses and so far include First National Bank Museum, Ace Hardware, Little's Beverage, Shank's Tavern & Subway.



Province Bank Presents the 30th Annual Antique, Art & Craft Show on June 26, 2010

During this event hosted by the SVCC, over 225 vendors will take part displaying their items along Locust Street from 3rd to 6th and in Locust Street Park. Craft items include jewelry, pottery, textiles, garden ware, country home décor, candles, skin products, pet care, baby items, small furniture, and much, much more. Vendors selling food are all local, non-profit organizations. The VFW Band will play in the Gazebo in the morning and Obie The Clown will entertain as he strolls the event. In addition to Province Bank who is the major corporate sponsor, other sponsors include St. John's Herr Estate, Covanta Lancaster, Kleen-Rite Corp., First National Bank Museum, Ace Hardware and Frank Sahd Salvage Center., Inc. This event begins at 9 am and concludes at 3 pm. Admission is free.



**Legislative Breakfast
Sponsored by the
Susquehanna Valley Chamber of
Commerce**

When: April 7, 2010, from 7:30 to 8:45 AM
Where: Columbia United Methodist Church
510 Walnut Street – Fellowship Hall
What: Senator Michael Brubaker and Representative Dave Hickernell will be on hand to discuss Pennsylvania legislative issues. Included in the discussion will be recently passed legislation, pending legislation, and legislative challenges ahead. The session will end with a question and answer session.
Schedule: 7:30-7:45 am..... Sign in and fill your plate
7:45-8:45..... Speakers
Cost: \$5 for SVCC members/ \$10 non-members
RSVP before Monday, April 5 by contacting Kathy Hohenadel at 717-684-9313 or at svcc@PaRivertowns.com.

OUR WISH LIST for the Chamber & Visitors Center:

- Breakfast sponsors Postage Stamps
- Copy paper "Current" advertisers
- Entertainment sponsors for SVCC events Toilet tissue
- Tall kitchen trash bags C-fold paper towels
- Liquid hand soap 65 watt spot light bulbs

CHIQUE ROCK OUTFITTERS of Columbia opened for their first season last summer and is eager to get started with kayak and canoe trips again soon. Last season they hosted 125 trips May-October with a lot of repeat customers. This business offers guided and unguided trips on the Susquehanna River and will begin offering trips down the Conestoga as



well. Also offered is shuttle service and overnight camping trips with meals on the islands. Chiques Rock Outfitters is located at 39 N. Front St. near the River Park in Columbia. (The River Park is currently undergoing major renovations including a separate boat launch for canoes and kayaks.) It is owned by Jim Cox and Ranae Tibbens. Phone 475-6196 or visit www.chiquesrockoutfitter.com. The couple decided to open the business after a kayak trip to Indiana and realizing that there was nothing similar on the Lancaster County side of the river. Shank's Mare Outfitters operates a similar business on the York County side at Long Level with a full slate of activities and river trips as well. On your trip along the river be sure to watch for the many bird species, bald eagles and their nesting sites, a host of fish, wildflowers, Chickies Rock, iron furnaces, Native American history sites, and the Conejohela Flats. For those with experience, you can rent the canoes or kayaks or a tube and take off on your own but a guide is always available if that is needed. Want to get away from it all for a bit – then take a trip with Chiques Rock Outfitters and experience the view from the river!

**NEW SVCC PUBLICATION...
"The Current"**

The SVCC now publishes a bi-weekly community newsletter called "The Current." It features news and timely information that the members of the communities might find helpful about events and local businesses. It is distributed through businesses willing to hand it out to customers or have it available on their premises. We're looking for some advertisers to place their business card in "The Current" for a two-month period. The cost would be \$40. A pdf file of your business card would be the preferred method although we can scan one in. We've also begun emailing a Monday morning update to Chamber Business Members for whom we have current email information. If you know someone who doesn't receive this update but would like to, let us know their email address and we'll include them.

NEWS FROM THE VISITORS CENTER

VISITORS IN OUR AREA: A recent review of our Visitors Log has indicated that in the past year we served visitors from almost all of the 50 states and 13 countries. One state that was missing on our list was Hawaii. During the month of March we finally had a visitor from Honolulu! Countries include: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba, England, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, Netherland, Nova Scotia, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and Uruguay

NEW COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST THOSE VISITORS: Recently we've added a computer & printer to the front desk of the Visitors Center. This new equipment will allow our volunteers to better assist visitors who request information we do not have. We will be able to provide and print directions to many locations and print brochures we do not carry in our Center.

MAYTOWN TO CELEBRATE 250TH BIRTHDAY WITH MAJOR PARTY!

Maytown, East Donegal Township's oldest and largest village, will celebrate the 250th anniversary of its 1760 founding with a party lasting four days, from Thursday, April 29 through Sunday, May 2, 2010. All are cordially invited to attend the festivities. Former residents are especially welcome!

Persons attending the event should first stop by the event headquarters on the town square to sign the guest register, pick up a schedule of events, view a small display of memorabilia from the town's previous celebrations in 1910, 1960, 1976, and 1985, ask questions if they have any, and view a selection of souvenirs for sale---including a self-guided walking tour of the historic town which embraces 62 sites and covers a 2-mile walk. (The 8-page brochure costs \$1.00.)

Six exhibit sites will be open around the town from noon until 4 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, while Saturday will see openings beginning at 10 AM and closing at 4 PM. Amateur and professional art produced by adults and children and Maytowners and non-residents, depicting Maytown scenes and other subjects, will be on display at the Reformed Church and another location; a general historical display will be featured at St. John's Lutheran Church; a display that details the restoration of the log museum building will be held in that building; there will be an exhibit of archives related to the Maytown School, mounted in the showroom of Arnold's Garage; and the Church of God will have an open house.

A wide variety of souvenirs will be on sale at the Maytown/East Donegal Museum---including items that are of varying prices---and both commercial and non-profit food vendors will sell their wares at various times, generally along West High Street. A special souvenir, a hard-bound, 178 page history of the town, containing over 525 photographs and lots of text, entitled "Round the Square", is presently on sale at a cost of \$53.00, and it can either be obtained by sending the money and order to "Maytown Book", PO Box 96, Maytown, PA 17550 or calling author Bob Lescallete at 426-1643. (Only 41 copies of the book remain unsold, so one should not hesitate in ordering.)

On Friday afternoon, the children of Maytown School will present a "wax museum"-style pageant of town history at the Harvest Community Church, and Saturday morning will see a parachute jump, dog obedience demonstration, and numerous sports activities conducted at Fuhrman Park. The fire company will also have an open house with special activities. Children's programming will be available on the town square and an encampment of Revolutionary War re-enactors will take place in the area.

Most of the major activities will take place in the evenings at a special professional stage that will be erected. Thursday evening will witness the Opening Ceremony, a meal by Harvey's Barbecue, and the "Rock and Roll Time Machine" show. Friday evening will see director Jim Johnson and a cast of local amateur actors present the classic American play, "Our Town", by Thornton Wilder---perfect for a small town, even though it's not in New England! On Saturday, several groups will demonstrate various types of dance styles and well-known local disc jockey, Stan Tucker, will conduct a dance/show on the square. Sunday starts out with an ecumenical worship service at 10 AM on the square stage, featuring the anniversary chorus; it leads into a noon meal by

Harvey's Barbecue and an afternoon Revolutionary War mock engagement; and concludes, in the evening, with the Closing Ceremony, a concert by the Lancaster Pops Orchestra, and fireworks at Legion Park.

Further details can be obtained by contacting the Maytown Historical Society or Maytown 250 Program Committee chairman, Jack Frank, at 426-1621. Check out the Maytown 250 website, as well and look for a large insert in the local Merchandiser the week before the event.

FUTURE IDEAS: LOOKING AHEAD TO WINTER 2011 PASSPORT TO RIVERTOWNS

Here at the SVCC we're brainstorming ideas for a winter time promotion of our member businesses. We'll be planning what we are tentatively calling "Passport to the River Towns." Folks will be able to purchase a "passport" at the Chamber and from participating businesses. "Travelers" will then visit area businesses to get their book "stamped." The businesses will offer discounts or promotions available to the holder of the passport. Once a book is completely filled with stamps, the books will be entered into a grand prize drawing. Proceeds from the sale of the passport will benefit the SVCC and businesses who participate will benefit from the increased foot traffic, sales through the promotion offered, and visibility.



Treasures in Your Attic – an antique appraisal fair took place March 27 from 10-2 pm to benefit the SVCC. It was held in the former Revival Skate Shop on North Third Street; use of the space was donated by Burning Bridge Antiques. Items were appraised by local appraisers Harold Keller, Dave Dickson and Ron Madar. A unique item or two turns up at these events – consider bringing your "treasure" to our event next year.

RIVERTOWNE ANTIQUE CENTER will celebrate our 6th year in business in Columbia this June. As part of our Sixth Year Anniversary, we will be conducting a Storewide Sale Event during June 25th, 26th and 27th offering special discounts on merchandise throughout the Antique Center. All 25 dealers will be participating to provide our shoppers with extra values during that weekend. Customers can enter to win Gift Certificates and other prizes during our Anniversary Weekend. Located in a beautifully restored tobacco warehouse, RIVERTOWNE offers antique hunters a variety of 19th and early 20th Century quality antiques including furniture, stoneware, primitives, textiles, Americana and folk art, glassware, general store and advertising items and more. So plan to stop and see us "Down by the River" and find Lancaster County's hidden treasures.

Located at 125 Bank Ave, we are just one mile off of the Rte 30 exit; take 441 South to the corner of 3rd and Locust, turn right towards the river and go a block-and-a-half to Bank Ave, turn left onto Bank Ave and look for the RIVERTOWNE ANTIQUE CENTER on your left. Open 10-5 daily except Tuesday. 717-684-8514 or on the web at www.rivertowneantiques.com

Community Events Listing

PLENTY TO SEE AND DO!

April 2, 3 and 4: Easter Bunny Train at Strasburg Railroad

April 7 – SVCC Breakfast Meeting “Legislative Update” will take place at the Columbia United Methodist Church on 5th & Walnut St., Columbia. See article

April 9 – Best Kept Secrets Tour see article

April 10 – Story time at Columbia Public Library

April 16 – Taste of the River Towns see article

April 23 – Fourth Friday in Columbia 5-9 pm see article

April 24 – events below on this date
New York City Bus Trip – Benefits SVCC. See article.

Celebration of a Century - Free event at Susquehanna Glass Factory in Columbia 11-4 pm

Earth Day Celebration at Sahn's Salvage, Columbia. Earth Day stories by Columbia Library.

Story time at Columbia Public Library

April 29 – May 2 Maytown 250th Celebration - see related information

April 30
Arbor Day Ceremony 6pm Locust Street Park

A Sense of Time - On display through April 30. A special look at Asian timekeeping; included with Museum admission

May 1 - Annual Garden Auction - Washington Borough United Methodist Church

May 6 – CHS Band Concert 7 pm; High School Auditorium

May 8 & 9 Kayak Demo Weekend -Kayak Demo Weekend at Shank's Mare. Free test paddles on the Susquehanna River. Factory reps present and information on lessons, trips & tours for the 2010 Season. www.shanksmare.com

May 8
Mother's Day Luncheon at St. John's Church in Marietta (corner Market & Chestnut Sts.) Enjoy a delicious, relaxing luncheon with the special women in your life. Menu features fresh fruit plate, homemade Chicken Spring Tortellini Soup, chicken salad on croissant, Cherry cordial Torte or cheesecake, Apple mint tea or regular tea. Tickets are \$15 adults & \$7.50 Children. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets or more information, please contact Barb 653-1676 or Nancy 426-1559. Tickets are also available at the SVCC 8am-3pm until May 5.

There will be a door prize drawing and special prize for most creative hat!

Family Timepiece Workshop -Mother's Day wristwatch at NAWCC

Storytime at Columbia Public Library

May 15
Grand Opening of The Flour Child Pastry & Bake Shop
You Are Invited to join us for the grand opening of The Flour Child Pastry & Bake Shop at 646 Union St., Columbia. Saturday, April 10 from 9-11 a.m. Ribbon Cutting at 9:30 a.m. (www.theflourchild.com) Help the SVCC welcome a new business to Columbia! (Rescheduled from April)

Marietta Day 9am-3pm Rain or Shine
Sponsored by the Marietta Area Business Association.
Contact 717-426-0034 for information.

May 18 - CHS Choral Concert 7 pm; High School Auditorium

May 22 – Storytime at Columbia Public Library

May 28 - Fourth Friday in Columbia
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 & visiting artists, enjoy refreshments and discover the uniqueness of Columbia. More info: Chris Davis of Modest Gallery 717-405-0604

May 29
10th Annual 5K River Run – see article. Benefits SVCC

May 29 Wrightsville Heritage Days on the grounds of John Wright Store & Restaurant

May 30 Columbia Memorial Day Parade 2 pm

May 31 Memorial Day Parades in Marietta and Wrightsville 2 pm

June 5
Blue Grass Festival in Marietta; **Contact** 426-2225

Bus Trip hosted by Rivertownes PA/USA
Visit Asa Packer Museum, Jim Thorpe historic train ride and Lansford Coal Mine. 8 am - 6 pm. Call 684-2489 for more info.

June 6 Strawberry Festival at Haldeman Mansion noon-4pm

June 9 Holy Trinity Church Festival
6-10 pm each evening. 400 block of Cherry St. Columbia

June 12 Day Out With Thomas at Strasburg Railroad

June 13 Blue Rock Heritage Center (River Rd.- Washington Boro.) Open House 1-4pm

June 15 Summer Reading Program at Columbia Library 10 am every Tuesday morning.

June 18 American Cancer Society Relay for Life

(also on the 19th) at Conestoga Valley High School

June 19 6th Annual Cruisin' Columbia Car Show

Locust Street. Lots of classic cars, cycles, food, entertainment and more.

June 25 Fourth Friday in Columbia

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 & visiting artists, enjoy refreshments and discover the uniqueness of Columbia. More info: Chris Davis of Modest Gallery 717-405-0604

June 26

Rivertowne Antique Center 6th Year Anniversary Celebration

Special discounts and on-site activities. Visit "down by the river" and find Lancaster County's hidden treasures. 125 Bank Ave., Columbia

30th annual Antique, Art & Craft Show

9am-3pm along historic downtown Locust St. and in Locust Street Park, Columbia. Free. 250 vendors. Rain or Shine. Proceeds benefit the SVCC. See related article.

Annual Used Book Sale at Columbia Library 9-3

June 27 RiverFest 4:30-9:30 pm on the grounds of John Wright Store & Restaurant. Hosted by RivertownesPA USA. This event features Rock & Roll music, vintage motorcycle show and great food on the banks of the Susquehanna River. Three fires will be lit at twilight atop the bridge piers that once carried the mile-long covered bridge burned during the Civil War.

June 29 "Sharks" program presented by Baltimore Aquarium Staff (and Columbia Library) 10 am at Park Elementary School, Columbia.

LOCAL FIREWORKS

July 3rd in Marietta (carnival during the week)

**July 4th in Wrightsville
at John Wright Store & Restaurant (Front St.)**

July 4th in Mountville at the community pool area.

Fireworks in Columbia

**will take place July 17 at Columbia Consolidated Fire Co.
at 10th and Mifflin St. (carnival during week)**



19th Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 30

Locust Street Park at 6 pm

Sponsored by the Columbia Borough Shade Tree Commission and the Columbia Tree Society

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.

You are invited to join us for the

Grand Opening of

The Flour Child

Pastry & Bake Shop

646 Union St., Columbia

Saturday, April 10

9-11 am

Ribbon cutting at 9:30 am

www.theflourchild.com

Help the SVCC welcome a new business!

Support for Children with Brain Injuries and Their Families

Recently, Lancaster General Health (LG Health) donated a building and nearly one acre of land to The Lazarus Foundation—a Columbia-based nonprofit organization committed to improving the quality of life for children with traumatic brain injuries and their families. The building (adjacent to the renovated LG Columbia Health Center) was previously occupied by the Health Center's Physical Rehabilitation Services.

"LG Health worked with The Lazarus Foundation for many months to help us find a permanent location in Columbia for our services," said Gerald A. Nikolaus, President and Executive Director, The Lazarus Foundation. When LG Health relocated Physical Rehabilitation Services to the renovated Columbia Health Center, the organization offered to deed the unoccupied building and land to the Lazarus Foundation. According to Nikolaus, the building and land were recently assessed at a value of \$279,000.

Jan Bergen, LG Health Executive Vice President for Strategic Implementation and Chief Mission Officer, played a central role in coordinating the donation. "We are incredibly

fortunate to benefit from Jan's extensive experience in healthcare and her acute understanding of our intense focus on our mission," added Nikolaus.

Established in 1999, the Lazarus Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for children with traumatic brain injuries and their families. With a focus on compassionate understanding, the organization provides support, empowerment through education, advocacy, counseling and intensive therapy options. "Sadly, only 20 percent of children with traumatic brain injury get the opportunity to participate in long-term therapy programs," said Nikolaus.

Nikolaus's grandson, Kristopher, was the motivation behind his decision to launch the Foundation. When he was 3 years old, Kristopher suffered severe brain injury after falling from his tricycle. Based on the extent of his injuries, pediatric trauma specialists had little hope for Kristopher's recovery. If he survived, they predicted Kristopher would remain in a persistent vegetative state. When it came time to remove Kristopher from the ventilator, experts prepared his family for the worst. It seemed, however, Kristopher had other plans. He continued to breathe on his own. Kristopher's will to live planted the seed for the name of the future organization his grateful grandfather would establish—the Lazarus Foundation.

Despite the gloomy predictions for Kristopher's future, his family began to search for new ways to help him recover. Their investigation led them to the specialized Brain-Net Therapy Program in Somerset, England. Committed to working an intensive, customized therapy program with Kristopher every day, his family helped him develop into a thriving 14-year-old boy, who continues to improve one day at a time.

Now that it has a permanent home, The Lazarus Foundation is proceeding with its plan to convert the building into a modern therapy center for families who are learning to apply specialized therapy services in their children's daily lives. "Although our office has been located in downtown Columbia for the past six years, for nearly a decade, we have been using borrowed space for therapy training," said Nikolaus. Families across Pennsylvania and the United States travel to Columbia to access the Foundation's therapy training seminars using the Brain-Net Therapy Program.

Developed by the Allison Therapy Center, Brain-Net teaches parents and family members how to enhance their child's long-term development with a home-based program custom tailored to their child's specific needs. Home programs may include one to four hours of daily therapy techniques that target physical, spatial, tactile, auditory, visual and intellectual development.



Through the support of Lancaster General Health (LG Health), the Lazarus Foundation for brain-injured children and their families has found a permanent home in Columbia. Pictured at left: Lazarus Foundation board member Don Murphy, President

and Executive Director Gerald Nikolaus, and board member Karen Carr; On right 14-year-old Kristopher, his mother Cathie Winters, and Jan Bergen, LG Health Executive Vice President for Strategic Implementation and Chief Mission Officer. The Lazarus Foundation was founded by Gerald Nikolaus after his grandson suffered a traumatic brain injury at age 3.

Columbia Rotary Club 2010 Annual Golf Tournament

Who: Individuals and Foursomes Welcome!

What: Fundraiser Golf Tournament, four-person scramble, best ball format. Fun for everyone!

When: Friday, July 23, 2010
Registration 6:45 a.m. Shotgun Begins 7:30 a.m.

Where: Four Seasons Golf Course
949 Church Street
Landisville, PA 17538

How: \$75 entry fee per player. Fee includes lots of prizes, lunch, golf and cart.
Mulligans: \$5 per player with a maximum of four per team.

Why: Columbia Rotary Club is committed to raising funds to benefit projects for the community of Columbia. Currently, the club is planning to build a playground for children at Rotary Park.

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