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Speakers are:

Michael Bedrin, Esq. DEP Regional Director
Michael Rebert, PennDot District 5 Executive

Friday, February 27, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Pocono Inne Town - Stroudsburg

The HUBZone Task Force will be presenting a SBA Workshop on February 18, 2009 at Pocono Inne Town and the Energy Committee will be having an Energy Management Forum sometime in March.

There is no charge to Chamber members for the events listed above. These are just some of the additional benefits that you receive from your investment in the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce.

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From the Chairman of the Board

Call to Service-Inspiring Words for Uncertain Times

Monday January 19th, 2009 marked ESU's 12th annual breakfast honoring the birth date of the late Dr. Martin Luther King. The Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce is a contributing sponsor. I attended this year's breakfast along with fellow Executive Board member Jamie Keener, Government Affairs Committee Chair Barbara Samet and President/CEO Bob Phillips. I've attended five of these events and admire the committee's ability to attract top notch speakers, usually from other parts of the country. For example, several years ago Attorney Fred Gray, former Counsel to Dr. King during the heat of the Civil Rights movement and later the President of the Alabama State Bar Association addressed the audience.



This year's speaker was the most inspiring of any I've heard at this event. This year's speaker practices his profession only a short walk from the Keystone Room on the ESU Campus. Dr. Nche Zama, cardiovascular surgeon at Pocono Medical Center delivered a personal, forceful, passionate, opinionated and compelling call to service in the spirit of Dr. King. Dr. Zama spoke of his personal "calling", at age ten to study and practice medicine, the result of watching his mother's health decline due to poor access to health care in his native African village. Years later, while visiting his homeland Dr. Zama witnessed a mother of a young child in desperate need of surgery, unavailable at local facilities. Dr. Zama marshaled all his resources, arranged transportation and personally performed the life saving surgery at the Guthrie Clinic in Sayre. This selfless act saved a mother and child relationship, something Dr. Zama lost at a young age.

Dr. Zama used his personal life story as a means of inspiring those in the room to commit time in their own life to service. Service is the best way to carry on the message of hope and freedom championed by Dr. King. "You don't have to be a surgeon", "Your subject need not always agree with your verb" said Dr. Zama. In other words everyone can be a servant, everyone has something to offer.

I've thought about Dr. Zama's challenge everyday since hearing his words. I also know that a good number of GPCC members who read the "Impact" are motivated service oriented individuals. Nearly every Chamber event involves and depends upon the volunteer service of one or more committees and talented individuals. The time and talent of our event committees cannot be taken for granted. The coming twelve months will challenge many local businesses, particularly the economic "service" sector in the wake of recent announcement of plant closings in our area.

I would like to extend to each GPCC member the same call to service that Dr. Zama challenged his audience to. The Chamber's committees allow many ways for members and member businesses to show pride in the Greater Pocono Region (highway litter pickups, energy conservation initiatives, healthy workplace incentives, quality of life events benefiting foster children, and more). Now is the time to show a new level of service to your Chamber. Perhaps you have a new idea for a service project consistent with the Chamber's mission. I'd like to hear from you!

You can email Attorney McDonald at jmcdonald@josephmcdonaldlaw.com

February 2009 Calendar of Events

- February 4.....*New Member Orientation*
8:30 a.m. - GPCC
- February 5.....*Quality of Life Committee*
10:00 a.m. - GPCC
- February 6.....*Gov't Affairs Committee*
8:30 a.m. - Pocono Inne Town
Stroudsburg
- February 9.....*Education Committee*
Noon - JR's Grille - E. Stroudsburg
- February 10.....*Economic Development /
Transportation Committee*
8:00 a.m. - GPCC
- February 10.....*Women in Business Luncheon*
12 p.m. - Sycamore Grille -
Delaware Water Gap
- February 10.....*Business Card Exchange*
5:00 p.m. - Cherry Valley
Bistro - Stroudsburg
- February 11.....*Membership Committee*
8:00 a.m. - GPCC
- February 11.....*West End Committee*
8:00 a.m. - Western Pocono Community
Library - Brodheadsville
- February 12.....*Women in Business Committee*
8:30 a.m. - GPCC
- February 13.....*Leadership Pocono Board*
8:00 a.m. - GPCC
- February 17.....*Business Development Committee*
8:00 a.m. - GPCC
- February 18.....*HR Committee*
8:30 a.m. - GPCC
- February 19.....*Expo Committee*
8:00 a.m. - GPCC
- February 23.....*Executive Committee*
8:30 a.m. - GPCC
- February 24.....*Board of Directors*
8:30 a.m. - Pocono Inne
Town - Stroudsburg
- February 27.....*Environmental Committee*
8:00 a.m. - GPCC

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From the President



Last month we reported that an Infrastructure Task Force was created within the Chamber's Economic Development/Transportation Committee. As reported, the prime focus for this task force will be to identify and prioritize key infrastructure projects that are considered necessary for future economic and job development in Monroe County.

The task force had met to review 20 projects that are considered to be classified as priority projects for the county. After considerable discussion among the members of the task force, it was decided that from the twenty projects that were recommended the majority of these projects fall into one of five major priority projects. They are:

1. Pocono Township Sewer Project
2. Natural Gas Line extended down the Rt. 6-11 corridor
3. Interstate 80 exits 298 and 299
4. Mount Pocono/Coolbaugh Township Regional Economic Development which include the Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport, Pocono Mountains Corporate Center East, Mount Pocono Municipal Authority upgrades, Stillwater Sewer project, Pocono Mountains Industries Commerce Court extension, Rail Authority/State Game Lands, Mount Pocono Regional wastewater study, and Pocono Mountains Corporate Center East, flex building
5. New Ventures Commercial Park in Tobyhanna Township.

The Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce will aggressively lobby our Federal and State legislators for the necessary funding to complete these vital projects. The Chamber is taking this initiative in collaboration with Pocono Mountains Economic Development Corporation, Monroe County Planning Commission, Monroe County Commissioners, and all county municipalities, for the revitalization of progressive economic development and growth, and the creation and retention of above-average paying jobs in Monroe County.

Robert Phillips, IOM

Women in Business

The January Women in Business luncheon, which was sponsored by Stephany Musgrave of Geisinger Careworks was held at the Sycamore Grille in Delaware Water Gap. Rocco Lombardo of Accomplishment Coaching gave an inspiring presentation entitled "The Best Year of Your Life"



January Women in Business Luncheon at Sycamore Grille

The February luncheon which will also be held at the Sycamore Grille, is being sponsored by Nancy Cross of ESSA. The topic "Women's Healthy Heart Awareness" is being presented by Dr. Ann Cahill of Pocono Medical Center.

For more information on upcoming WIB lunches, to donate a door prize, or to sponsor a luncheon, please contact Miriam Conway at 570.421.4433.

GPPC MISSION STATEMENT

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the Quality of Life
in our region and surrounding areas.

Business Card Exchange

On Monday January 12, 2009 the Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce had a terrific turnout for the Business Card Exchange hosted by the Chateau Resort and Conference Center in Tannersville, PA. With a gorgeous view of the snowfall and trail lights, participants enjoyed a lively evening filled with countless networking opportunities. A beautiful buffet offered an array of delectable choices, including fruit, dips, a mashed potato station and more! Please be sure to join us for our next card exchange this month on February 10, 2009 at the Cherry Valley Bistro!



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Members in the News

The National Federation of Independent Business announced the appointment of Jim Becker, President and CEO of **Access Office Technologies** to NFIB/Pennsylvania Leadership Council. Becker has been an active member of the organization for many years. In his new role, Becker will assist raising awareness to lawmakers of the issues facing small business owners.

Becker has been serving the business, education and government offices of Monroe County, the Lehigh Valley and the Pocono Mountains for 29 years. Access Office Technologies, Inc was founded in 1979 selling and servicing typewriters and has evolved to include computer networks, copiers, cash registers and other office technology.

The NFIB/Pennsylvania's Leadership Council includes 17 small business owners from across the state. Council members also serve on the board of SAFE Trust, which provides financial and grassroots support to pro-small business candidates running for public office.

The mission of the NFIB/Pennsylvania Leadership Council is to create public awareness of the benefits of the free enterprise system and to demonstrate how government legislation and regulations affect public interest. The Leadership Council fulfills this mission by serving as a leadership group for interaction with public policy makers and by activating and continually educating members on how to become politically involved. The Leadership Council also acts as a resource to the NFIB staff in their efforts to advance our mission as the guardian of small business.

Becker has been an NFIB member since 1990. He and his wife Margie live in the Tannersville area and recently celebrated their 30th anniversary

Kim Wells has joined **Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, Wilkins & Associates** and will be working out of their Naomi Pines office, announces the company's VP/GM, Dominick J. Sacci.

Kim has been a REALTOR® for over a year now and was last working with Key Realty. She is originally from



Bloomfield New Jersey and has lived in the Poconos for the last 13 years. Professionally Kim was the owner of Mia Famiglias Restaurant; she has 5 years experience with FedEx Freight, and has been a manager of a roofing company. She is most proud of her affiliation with Samaritans Purse Inc. where she works on residential facilities and homeless programs.

Personally Kim enjoys home staging and design, helping and working with people, and spending quality time at home with her family and friends. Currently she is pursuing an Associates Degree in Theology.

The Stroudsburg Chapter of BNI, the world's largest business networking organization, is proud to announce their 9,000 referral. This is a huge milestone for the local chapter.

Dennis Jeter of A Sound Strategy Inc, a website company in downtown Stroudsburg passed the 9,000 referral for the group.

"BNI is a fantastic word of mouth referral group," stated BNI member, Rick Munson of ActionCOACH of Northeast Pennsylvania, "The performance of this group shows how a referral based marketing is a very successful, cost effective, marketing tool. Every company should have referral marketing as part of its overall marketing strategy."



From left to right: Ed Kmetz, VP of Stroudsburg BNI, and owner of Pure Sight & Sound, is receiving the 9000th Referral from Dennis Jeter, owner of A Sound Strategy, Inc. Dennis is being congratulated by BNI Stroudsburg Club President, Tom Ostrow, also owner of Ostrow Home Improvements.

The Stroudsburg Chapter started in November 2002 and has been growing ever since. There are currently 47 members of the local chapter. Since they began keeping track in 2004, the Stroudsburg Chapter of BNI has transacted over \$2.2 million in business between its members, and referees.

Expanding on their legacy of bringing us the best of the Caribbean as only they can, local production company **Bottom Time Productions, LLC** was once again hosted by one of the Caribbean islands to do just that. This time it was the island of Dominica that is increasing its promotion as a dive destination. Working with Dominica's official representatives here in the states, Bottom Time's producers Denny & Eleanore Willis put together their team which also included Bottom Time's own Tine Delcane and Alison Schoenherr and headed off for the island to produce yet another episode of their award winning travel program *Dive Travel TV*.



In addition to Tina and Alison working towards their scuba certification and getting their first taste of tropical diving, the team covered numerous other attractions and activities as well as a number of resorts and restaurants on the island. This beautiful 289.5 square mile island is two thirds covered by tropical rain forest with an abundance of rivers, lakes, streams and water falls with adventures around every corner. The Bottom Time crew had a full schedule as in just 7 days they hiked in the rain forest, went river tubing, kayaking, took a jungle tour, went whale watching, zip lining and diving. With the variety of structure, sea life and coral formations the diving in Dominica is nothing short of incredible. They also visited the second largest boiling lake in the world that happens to be located on the island.

When asked what was special about this adventure Bottom Time's producers had this to say. "We always appreciate the VIP treatment that is afforded us and we are honored to spend time with representatives of the country. On this trip we had the pleasure to spend time with: the Marketing Executives for Dominica Tourism both in country and here in the states, Pres of the Hotel & Tourism Assoc., Director Bardouille of Dominica's Air & Sea Ports Authority, Mr. Henderson - Permanent Sec. and Minister Douglas the Minister of Tourism for the Commonwealth of Dominica. Denny even had the honor of doing a couple of dives with the Minister. In a press release, the Minister announced receiving his dive certification, the first Minister of Tourism in the Caribbean to do so. Knowing first hand how beautiful the water surrounding his island is, the Minister is anxious to share this with visitors. If you have interest in taking a vacation to a great ecological island,

Dominica is full of unspoiled nature and natural beauty, making it a must see destination.”

Fitzgerald GMAC Real Estate is thrilled to announce growth in their real estate company with the addition of Mark Banack, Associate Broker.



“We are excited to add skilled agents to our daily operations. The more experienced agents we have to serve the community, the quicker we can work at getting the properties sold for our deserving clients,” said broker/owner Joan Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald GMAC Real Estate.

Fitzgerald recently added Banack to an already exceptional team. Mark Banack of Stroudsburg comes to

Fitzgerald GMAC Real Estate with more than five years of experience in real estate.

“Much like our current sales team, Banack will undergo specialized training to fully adopt GMAC Real Estate’s customer service philosophy, Premier Service®. This training has allowed the entire team to maintain a 96% customer satisfaction rating,” Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald GMAC Real Estate specialize in providing real estate services in Monroe County

Banack will work out of the Stroudsburg office located at 17 South 6th Street, Stroudsburg PA 18360 and can be reached at 570-476-2415. For additional information, visit them at www.JoanFitzgeraldRealEstate.com.

Granite Transformations in the Top Five for Green Products at the Philadelphia Home Show. Granite Transformations carries a complete color line of 72% recycled glass countertop and resurfacing products. We are a member of the US Green Building Council. Did you know that 25% of landfill space is because of construction debris? We go over the existing surface without demolition. This helps save our planet by reusing what is already there and not contributing to the waste flow.

Our product line includes Trend Stone, Trend Glass and Trend Mosaic. All of these products are scratch, stain and heat resistant and will not absorb bacteria and enzymes. They are NSF certified and Radon Safe. From glass to granite and glass mosaic, these products can tackle most any project.

For more information, contact them at 610-837-4900 or on the website at www.granitetransformations.com. We also have a showroom at 6886 Chrisphalt Drive, Bath, PA 18014 Showroom hours: Mon-Wed, Fri 9-5, Thurs 9-7, Sat 9-2.

The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority is pleased that Governor Ed Rendell has awarded a Transportation Assistance Program grant (see Governor’s press release below) for renovation of the passenger terminal at Lehigh Valley International Airport (LVIA).

LNAA Chairman Glenn Walbert commented; “We appreciate this commitment from the Governor to help us make much needed improvements to the main passenger terminal at LVIA. I want to thank the many advocates supporting the Airport Authority’s application for the grant including our State Legislators, Lehigh and Northampton Counties, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce and Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation. This is a ‘shovel ready’ project that will also be a stimulus to our local economy.”

The funds will be used for the first phase of the main terminal renovations which includes electrical, plumbing, heating ventilation and air conditioning upgrades along with new ticketing areas and baggage handling and screening facilities.

Lehigh Valley International Airport is located near Allentown, Pennsylvania and is served by Air Canada, Allegiant Air, Continental, Delta, Direct Air, Northwest, United and US Airways. LVIA serves a twelve county area with a population base of 3.6 million people. The Airport is easily accessible from communities in eastern Pennsylvania and northern New Jersey areas. The airport is entirely funded by user fees; no property tax dollars are used for the airport’s capital improvements or for its day-to-day operation. For more information on LVIA, visit www.lvvia.org.

PEEC hosts Winter Birding Events. Winter is a great time for birding! Take advantage of the season and come out to the Pocono Environmental Education Center (P.E.E.C.) in Dingmans Ferry, PA to go in search of Bald eagles, raptors, owls and other birds during the center’s popular winter birding programs!

Do you love Eagles? If so, then what better way to spend Valentine’s Day than watching these beautiful birds with your fellow bird lovers? Join the PEEC staff and Eagle Institute volunteer, **Jan Lokuta** on February 14 from 1 – 4 p.m. to look for Bald Eagles soaring, perching, and feeding in their winter habitat. Binoculars and spotting scopes will be provided for those without equipment. Transportation is provided for the first 12 registered participants and carpooling is suggested for all other participants. Bring a lunch, dress warm and wear waterproof boots for this trek. The Eagle Watch is \$10 for PEEC members and \$15 for non-members. Participants need to register by February 1.

Barnegat Bay, NJ is a phenomenal site for winter waterfowl birding. Join birding expert **Peter Wulfhorst** during the “Barnegat Birding Trip” on February 21 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to search for Harlequins, Eiders, Razorbills and other waterfowl. Participants will also search surrounding salt marshes for wintering raptors like Short-eared owls. Bring your scope/binoculars, a bag lunch, and layers of warm wind-resistant clothing. The daylong event is \$35 for

members and \$40 for non-members and includes transportation to and from PEEC. Pre-registration is required. Participants need to register by February 7.

Sit back and let PEEC do the driving! Join expert birder **Peter Wulforth** on March 14 for the annual Middle Creek Birding Trip. Tens of thousands of Snow Geese and other birds stop off at the Middle Creek Wildlife Refuge to rest during their migration each year. Spend the day watching these birds fill the sky and congregate on the ground below. **Participants rate this as '...the best trip of the year...'** Bring a bag lunch and snacks. This program will take place from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and is \$30 for PEEC members and \$35 for non-members. Transportation is provided for the first 12 registered participants. Participants need to register by March 1.

Pre-registration is required for these programs. Call PEEC to register at (570) 828-2319. PEEC is located off of Route 209 near mile marker 8 inside the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (Lehman Township). For more information visit PEEC on the web at www.peec.org or email peec@peec.org.

The Shawnee Playhouse offers exceptional live theater year-round. Coming to the Shawnee stage in February 2009:

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8:00 pm February 20, 21, 27, 28, 2:00 pm February 22 & March 1.

For tickets, showtimes, and more information please contact the Shawnee Playhouse Box Office at 570-421-5093 or visit www.TheShawneePlayhouse.com.

The Shepherd's Maternity House (SMH) is hosting its 7th Annual Valentine's Charity Ball, on Saturday February 14th, 2009, at Stroudsmoor Country Inn's Ridgecrest facility.

Be among the first to hear our joyful news about the solid future of SMH, including the announcement of transfer of ownership to an organization that has vast experience working with the homeless. SMH program is scheduled to re-open March 1st, 2009!

This year's Shepherd Honorees are: Monroe County Commissioners, Pastor Gail Kees, St. John's Lutheran Evangelical Church, and In Loving Memory of Ronald J. Surdykowski. The Corporate Shepherd Honoree is ESSA Bank & Trust.

The evening will include a social hour from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with cash bar, and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy dancing & entertainment until 10:00 p.m. to the great tunes of Bob Romeo - Backtrax. A Silent Auction and door prizes are part of the evening's festivities.

The cost of the event is \$60.00 per person which includes one door prize ticket. Corporate tables of 8 are \$600.00 which includes a reserved table, full page ad in the program & door prize tickets. Choice of dinner: Chicken Francese, Salmon Dolce forte, or special diet. Please send reservations along with dinner selection(s) and check to Shepherd's Maternity House, PO Box 883, East Stroudsburg, Pa 18301. For more information either phone 570-476-1428 ext. 2 or visit our website at www.shepherdsmaternityhouse.org.



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Monthly Breakfast

The January Monthly Breakfast was sponsored by **Granite Transformations**, and was held at the Pocono Inne Town in Stroudsburg.

Mr. David Flood, Granite Transformations, gave a Power-Point Presentation on his product. Granite Transformations offers new and exciting alternatives to traditional countertops, backsplashes, floors and more. The first franchise opened in 1996 in Australia. Granite Transformations has nearly 100 showrooms across the US. Engineered stone is the top choice for countertops. This product is radon safe and has been tested and certified by an independent testing lab. This product goes over top the existing surface in kitchens and bathrooms. It has the highest return on investment in home improvement for affordability. The beauty is that there is no demolition, no mess and only a 1-2 day installation.



From left to right: Patricia Metzgar, Joy Flood, David Flood

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For more information on their products and services, contact Granite Transformations at 610-837-4900.

Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance was the special program, which was presented by Michael Tukeva, Executive Director of PHCA. Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance connects the community and keeps changing with the times. PHCA collaborates in identifying the unmet needs of the community as they relate to support low to moderate-income working individuals and families. Communication is very important. Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance implements programs that are practically sound and seeks to demonstrate and promote cultural sensitivity.



From left to right: Patricia Metzgar, Michael Tukeva, Valerie Gutierrez, Ruth Piancone

PHCA currently has five committees: 1) Children's Early Care & Education, 2) Health, 3) Housing, 4) Information & Referral, and 5) Transportation.

Pocono Healthy Communities Alliance PoconoInfo is Monroe County's Information and Referral Program for health and human services.

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