

# The Town Orier

Weirton Area Chamber of Commerce

March 2018

## From the desk of the President...

Our 2018 Chamber Membership Directory will be heading into production soon. Thank you to everyone who placed an ad in this year's Directory. Your continued support helps to make our programs successful.

Our 82nd Annual Chamber Membership Meeting and Banquet will take place on Tuesday, March 27th at Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack & Resort. This is another great opportunity to network with your fellow business men and women. Please join us by calling the Chamber to make reservations or send in your response card. Cocktails with the Wheeling Symphony on the Go begin at 5:15pm and dinner at 6pm.

The Dr. Barbara A. Matey High School Business Symposium will take place on Thursday, April 18th. 120 high school juniors from both sides of the river will come together to learn the ins and outs of being in business. It is one of our most successful programs and our youth reap the rewards. If you would like to sponsor a table, volunteer as a table facilitator, donate items for their goodie bags, or help out in any way, please call the Chamber.

Our Spring "Shop Around Your Home Town" advertising campaign is kicking off next month. This is a great

opportunity to have quality advertising at a great rate. Filming as already started, call the Chamber to get involved. Remember your commercial will also be on our You-Tube channel and on our website so that you can link back to your own website.

Ladies Day at the Chamber will take place on Thursday, April 26th at St. Francis Center. This year's theme is "Fashion, Friends & Fascinators." Thank you to our sponsors. More information will be available soon.

Hog Wild in the Hollow, re-named last year to Brew, 'Que & Country will take place on Friday, May 18th at the Serbian Picnic Grounds. If you are able to donate a door prize, call or email the Chamber.

We are already working on our "Wine & Dine" event at Williams Country Club. This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 29th. If you were a sponsor last year, you will get the first opportunity this year.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 23-25:**

Home & Garden Show

St. Florian Hall  
Wintersville, OH

**March 27:**

Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet

Mountaineer Casino,  
Racetrack & Resort  
Cocktails 5:15pm  
Dinner 6pm

**April 5:**

Leads to Success Breakfast

Brightwood Center  
7:30-9:00am

**April 18:**

Dr. Barbara A. Matey HSBS  
Holiday Inn/Undo's Weirton

**April 26:**

Ladies Day at the Chamber

St. Francis Center  
11:00am-3:00pm

## Welcome To Our Newest Members

**This-N-That Virtual Shoppe**

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Happy  
Spring!





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## Chamber Business Spotlight

In 1997 a group of parents of children with autism began a support group. Little was known about the disorder and families were looking for answers, support, assistance. The group began networking, researching, and planning, which led to the Autism Society of America Hancock County Chapter being chartered in 1999.

Fundraisers, grants, and donations helped to establish educational programs for educators, parents, and caregivers.

Continuing education programs, fully approved by WV law enforcement agencies, were held for police and first responders. Picture Exchange Communication books were given to each attendee. The book is to help the responders deal with the communication issues associated with autism. These are kept in each responder's vehicle to assist in relating to a child on the Autism Spectrum. A Hancock County Deputy was able to put the information to use within a week!

In 2003 the Chapter purchased computers for

each speech therapist in the Hancock County school system. These computers were equipped with software to produce the pictures used by many of the children who have difficulty forming words and expressing their needs.

Parents of children on the Spectrum raised the seed money necessary to bring "Project Lifesaver" to Hancock County. Now, a wristband is all that is needed to track a lost person.

Over the years Hancock and Brooke County have become more collaborative. That relationship is now extending down the Northern Panhandle and the group name was

officially changed to Northern Panhandle Chapter.

The chapter continues to hold events and in April 2017 hosted its inaugural "Walk/Run" for Autism Awareness Month.

One in every 68 children now has an Autism Spectrum Disorder. These children will be adults in our communities and in our workforce. Our goal is to have each person on the Spectrum using their talents and abilities to their full potential, being happy, and seamlessly fitting into our society.

