

# The Town Orier

Weirton Area Chamber of Commerce

May 2018

## From the desk of the President...

Tickets are still available for our Brew, 'Que & Country on Friday, May 18th at the Serbian Picnic Grounds. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Thank you to our sponsors: James White Construction, United Bank, Convenient Food Mart, R.E. Saxon, Jeweler, Serra Village Retirement Community, Alexander Archery, Wine & Beverage Merchants, Steel City Distributors, and Waldorf Distributing.

The Dr. Barbara A. Matey High School Business Symposium was a huge success again this year. Our thanks go out to everyone who donated their time, talent, and/or financial support. There were over 100 juniors in attendance from our area high schools and this particular group of students were energetic and had a great time!

We have recently sent out letters to our area schools to recruit for next year's **Youth Leadership Weirton** class. We are looking forward to having another energetic group of high school sophomores to participate during the 2018-19 academic year.

The month of April also showcased our 20th Ladies Day at the Chamber with a "Fashion, Friends & Fascinators" theme. Over 30 businesses supported this event with vendor tables. Our sincere thanks go out to our sponsors for their continued support as well as those who attend each year. We could not have done it without you. We are looking forward to more fun next year.

On Friday, June 15th, we are bringing you a Chamber Kegler Night at Holiday Lanes. Come out and enjoy an evening of bowling, food, entertainment and craft brews.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for our Christmas in July Golf

Scramble on July 25, 2018 at Mountaineer's Woodview Golf Course. This will be our 3rd year holding this event and once again, proceeds help benefit the Weirton Community Christmas Lights. This year, we've teamed up with the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center to bring you two sets of postcards showcasing Weirton's Christmas Celebrations both past and present. Postcards are available at the Chamber and the Museum for \$10 a set.

Our 2018 **Leadership Weirton** Class is busy attending sessions and working on their community project, helping to improve areas of the JC Williams Soccer Complex on Colliers Way.

We are already recruiting participants for the 2019 class. Please nominate someone from your business for **Leadership Weirton 2019**—this is a rewarding program we take pride in bringing back year after year.

*Brenda*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 18:**

Brew, 'Que & Country  
Serbian Picnic Grounds  
5:30pm

**June 7:**

Leads to Success Breakfast  
Spicy Gringo's  
7:30-9:00am

**June 15:**

Chamber Kegler Night  
Holiday Lanes  
6:30pm

**June 27:**

Leadership Weirton Graduation  
Williams Golf & Country Club  
6pm

**July 25:**

Christmas In July Golf Scramble  
Woodview Golf Course

## Welcome To Our Newest Members

### Upland South Candles

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## Chamber Business Spotlight

On Sunday August 5, 2018 the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tony Ruskowski/Never Alone Golf Event will be held at Mountaineer's Woodview Golf Course. Thanks to your generous support we have been able to grow from a small event to an event that draws well over 120 golfers each year. With business and community support, we have been able to give 33 students scholarships totaling over \$39,000. We have also been able to donate over \$25,000 to Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

The tournament is held in memory of 22 year old Tony Ruskowski. He was killed in an automobile accident on July 3, 2011. Tony left behind loving parents, a sister, and most importantly a fiancée with a baby on the way. He had recently begun working at a gas station and was looking forward to learning the gender of their baby.

However, Tony struggled with substance abuse. A struggle that ended his life. Tragically, he made several attempts to get treatment for his addiction only to find out there were no spots available, waiting lists of 6 months or longer, or up front payments for as much as

\$20,000. Americans are in need of treatment for addiction. Over 100,000 of them die each year making it the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Tony's family and friends find these statistics and barriers to treatment unacceptable.

Our scholarships are used to help students whose lives have been affected by addiction. It may be either their own or that of someone in their lives. The first 2 scholarships that we provided went to Tony's fiancée so that she would be better prepared to take care of her children, and the second went to a young man whose mother passed away after years of addiction. He is graduating this year with a 3.9 grade average in bio-chemistry. Our scholarship is presented annually to one student from Weir High, one from Madonna, one from Brooke, and one from Oak Glen. We also select one at large scholarship based on need.

Please consider joining us in making a difference in the lives of these young men and women. By sponsoring a hole, donating a prize, or registering a foursome, you will continue to make a difference for all of us. For information: [wruszowski@hotmail.com](mailto:wruszowski@hotmail.com) or 304-797-7289.