

The Town Orier

Weirton Area Chamber of Commerce

July 2019

President's Corner

Summer is in full swing and we hope that you are enjoying it. We are staying busy planning our upcoming events and programs.

Our 4th Annual "Christmas in July" Golf Scramble is coming up on Thursday, July 25th at Mountaineer's Woodview Golf Course. If you would like to register a team, are interested in a sponsorship or need more information, please call the Chamber. We've had a great turn out the past three years thanks to your support and look forward to this year being even bigger and better. We have a lot of great prizes and auction items that will benefit the Weirton Community Christmas Lights.

In case you missed it: you can now start our "Shop Around Your Home Town" advertising campaign to suit your business. Multiple packages are available to choose from with Comcast/The River/The Weirton Daily Times or WTOV9 or WTRF-7. There are no shared spots; :15 & :30 second options; digital pre-roll commercials available; prices start at only \$330 a month; filming & production included in package price; minimum three consecutive month investment is required and longer terms are available. CALL TODAY TO GET STARTED!

Our 2019 Leadership Ohio Valley Class graduated on Sunday, June 30th. It was a wonderful day with another phenomenal group of leadership participants. However, one week later, one of the class participants, Tom Bowman passed

away suddenly. We are all still in shock and deeply saddened. Tom cared deeply about his family and his community. His goal was always to improve his ability to reach those who were less fortunate in order to help them achieve their dreams. And he loved our Leadership Program. He gave me great insight about this program and how much it meant to him. Tom, you will be missed.....

And SAVE THE DATE of August 23, 2019 for *Hog Wild on the Heights* taking place at Marland Heights Park. We'll have lots of fun entertainment and plenty of great food & craft brews. It is at a new location with fresh ideas. More information is attached.

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Upcoming Events

July 17:
Basil's Sports Bar-The Dugout
Grand Opening, 6pm

July 23:
OV Vision Center Grand Opening
American Way, 2pm

July 25:
Christmas In July Golf Scramble
Woodview Golf Course

August 9:
Brooke-Hancock Pitch Contest
Brooke High School

Save the Date

August 1:
Leads to Success Munch & Mingle, Brightwood Center

August 23:
Hog Wild on the Heights

October 5:
Wine & Dine at Williams

November 30:
Weirton Christmas Parade

Welcome New Members

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Chamber Business Spotlight

On Sunday August 4, 2019 the 9th Annual Tony Ruszkowski/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 38 students scholarships totaling over \$44,000. 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 Ruszkowski. 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 graduated last 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, registering a foursome, or volunteering you will continue to make a difference for all of us.