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ChamberChoice is coming to West Virginia in partnership with the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce Executives (WVCCE) and local chambers. The new program offers employers and individuals the personalized support needed to sort through, understand and purchase the right health insurance and related products during these tough economic times. A few key highlights of the ChamberChoice program are listed below:

- ▶ Group and Individual Health Insurance
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- ▶ Voluntary Benefits Plans
- ▶ Human Resources Support
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- ▶ Dedicated professionals who explain benefits, provide service and solve problems
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ChamberChoice is the brand name for the suite of products offered through the Chambers of Commerce Service Corporation (“CCSC”). Operating for nearly 20 years, CCSC boasts 50,000 members throughout West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Aggregation of chambers, members and local agents is a position of significance for West Virginia businesses as the national and statewide debate on health care reform continues.

### Teaming to Win to Be Held in Marion County

Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Teaming to Win will be held at the I-79 Technology, Park in Fairmont on October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. The long standing event was designed to advance and improve small business prospects in WV and facilitate educational opportunities which promote higher business standards, methods, and practices. Dubbed as a premier networking conference, this event offers numerous opportunities for the local business community.

“We are very lucky to have the event being held in Marion County on its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,” said Tina Shaw. “Anytime you can bring businesses together to network and find ways to partner is a huge plus for your community. I would encourage all our members to take the time to attend the conference”

This year’s event will combine many of the successful elements of past Teaming to Win conferences with new and exciting opportunities.

For more information, please visit [www.teamingtowin.org](http://www.teamingtowin.org) or call the Chamber at 304 363-0442.



Tina Shaw, Congressman Mollohan, Ken Busz, Kathy Wagner attended the Salute to Teaming to Win in June



*2009 Annual Dinner Award Recipients—please see below for listing of winners*

## *MCCC* Completes Successful Annual Dinner

Major General Allen B. Tackett was the Keynote Speaker at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner where he addressed a crowd of approximately 400 business leaders from throughout the region. General Tackett shared his views on the importance that the National Guard plays in economic development and cited several projects in WV where economic growth has occurred because of the Guard.

During the evening, Wade Linger, 2009 Chamber Chair, announced the winner's of this year's Chamber awards in addition to honoring Mr. Frank Pulice for his continued service to the chamber. Frank has been the man behind the scenes at each Annual Dinner for more than 50 years.

Other award recipients honored for the evening were:

**George Levitsky/Fairmont-Marion Transit Authority -**  
*Community Service Award*

**Nick Fantasia/  
Vintage Holding LLC –**  
*Developer of the Year*

**Becka Smith Efaw/  
Signs & More –**  
*Small Business of the Year*

**Fairmont Federal  
Credit Union –**  
*Education Award*

**Guy Baroni –**  
*Chairman's Award*

**Fairmont General Hospital –**  
*Presidents Award*

**Richard Pizatella –**  
*Rev. Donal "Jack" Squires Lifetime Achievement Award*

At the conclusion of the evening, guests were presented with the Annual Tab highlighting the key events of the year and the award winners. The tab was designed and printed by the Times WV.

## *MCCC* Unveils New Website at Annual Dinner

A new chamber website will be up and running by September 30<sup>th</sup> and guests at the Annual Dinner were given a sneak peek at the new features.

Designed by The PRstore, the new site has taken a new, updated look and has become much more interactive. By adding a blog and links to the Chamber's Facebook and LinkedIn sites brings the website into the new concept of social media. "Every conference I attend, I learn how important social media is becoming and how crucial it is to the success of a business," said Tina Shaw, President of the *MCCC*.

"The whole purpose of the website is to provide the community with an online area for community and business based events," said Angela Reedy, owner of The PRstore.

Along with Angela Reddy, Lindsey Wiles, Marketing Consultant for The PRstore has been actively involved in the design of the site.

"Working with both Angela and Lindsey has been a very positive experience," said Maggie Toothman. "They have walked us through the steps and have created a cutting edge design and a user friendly site for our chamber."

Members and guest can visit the new site at [www.marionchamber.com](http://www.marionchamber.com). We ask for your patience through this month as all information and new features are uploaded to the site.

## MCCC Welcomes New Leadership Team

Summer can be a very relaxing time for some of us. However, summer was ANYTHING but relaxing at the MCCC. We kicked it in full gear and not only welcomed two new leaders to Marion County, but also were very pleased that two current leaders were promoted into executive positions.

Dr. Thomas Krepel, the new President of Fairmont State University, was honored on July 30<sup>th</sup> at a "Welcome Reception" sponsored by the FS Alumni Association and the Marion County Chamber. Held at the Erickson Alumni Center, Dr. Krepel and his wife Carol spent the evening meeting and greeting numerous chamber members and faculty.

"It was a great opportunity for the Fairmont State Alumni Association and the Marion County Chamber of Commerce to jointly host a welcome reception at the Erickson Alumni Center for FSU's new President Dr. Thomas Krepel and his wife, Carol," said Mary Jo Thomas, President of the Fairmont State Alumni Association. "The well-attended event was very successful. From our perspective, we look forward to many more partnership activities with the MCCC."

In addition, Fairmont General Hospital welcomed a new CEO in mid July. Mr. Bob Marquardt has taken over the reigns at FGH and this Chamber is very happy to welcome him to Marion County. FGH and the Chamber have partnered on several important issues centering on healthcare and we congratulate the current senior management, especially Mike Sengewalt, for leading one of our largest employers through the 2<sup>nd</sup> transition in four years.

On the local front, the MCCC is proud to congratulate both Mr. Jay Rogers and Mr. Tom Deadrick. Jay was named Fairmont's newest City Manager on August 11, 2009 and Tom moved into the role of Marion County Superintendent of Schools on June 1, 2009. Jay serves on the MCCC Board of Directors and Executive Committee and has been a long-time supporter and partner of the Chamber. Tom has worked with the Chamber's student leadership programs and has helped us grow each program so that students throughout the county are being given leadership opportunity outside of the classroom.

We are very proud of both men and are looking forward to working with them in their new roles.

### *It Was A Great Night For A Tailgate*

As we have said many times, the success of any community is the partnerships that are created. On the evening of August 27<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber and the Marion Regional Development Corp. partnered with Fairmont State and held the first Business Tailgate Party at Fairmont State's opening football game. With cooperation from numerous chamber members, the evening was a huge success. Grilling hamburgers and hot dogs, Jay Rogers and Dave Shaw, set up their grills early and started the party. By 6:00 pm, an hour prior to the kickoff, the tents were filled with chamber members and guests enjoying the food and fun atmosphere.

Over 6000 people attended the game and because of the success of the evening, Fairmont Federal Credit Union will be sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> tailgate on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Chamber members and their families are, once again, invited to the event which will begin at 5:00 pm.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sept 22nd** **12:00 PM**

Ribbon Cutting  
*Aspire Uniqueness Boutique*

**Oct 9th**

Community First Clay Shoot  
*Nemacolin Woodlands*

**Oct 14th - 15th**

Teaming to Win  
*I-79 Technology Park Research Center*

**Oct 22nd**

**5:00 –7:00 PM**

*Business After Hours*  
*Appalachian Spring Dermatology*  
*100 Village Drive, Fairmont*

**Oct 20th**

**8:00 AM**

MCCC Executive Committee  
*Chamber Conference Room*

**Nov 10th**

Mad City Money  
*North Marion High School*

**Nov 17th**

Mad City Money  
*East Fairmont High School*

**Nov 17th**

**8:00 AM**

MCCC Executive Committee  
*Chamber Conference Room*

**Nov 19th**

Mad City Money  
*Fairmont Senior High School*

**Nov 20th**

**6:30 PM**

Monte Carlo Night  
*The Elks Lodge in Fairmont*



The Chamber would like to thank both Jay Rogers and Dave Shaw for their grilling skills. In addition, we would like to thank Freedom Bank, Kevin Rogers, FFCU, FGH, and everyone who brought food and drink for the evening.

## The MCCC Welcomes Newest Members

*We look forward to working with you!*

### **Alasky's Inc.**

*Mr. PJ Alasky*  
3369 Husky Highway  
Farmington, WV 26571 304-825-6113

### **Allstate Insurance – Morgan Agency**

*Mr. Larry Paul Morgan*  
1543 Fairmont Ave., Suite 204  
Fairmont, WV 26554 304-363-8100

### **A.S.K. Financial Services LLC**

*Mr. Bryan K. Wilson*  
Rt 1 Box 537-E  
Mt. Clare, WV 26408 304-626-0999

### **Aspire Uniqueness Boutique**

*Ms. Neshia Bridges*  
89 Fairmont Ave.  
Fairmont, WV 26554 304-363-7860

### **Comcast**

*Mr. Julie Gatian*  
15 Summer School Rd.  
Morgantown, WV 26508 412-606-2878

### **Diana K's Massage**

*Ms. Diana L. Kanosky*  
4991 Husky Highway  
Mannington, WV 26582 304-986-2601

### **Doctors Foot Center**

*Rusty L. Cain, DPM*  
1228 Country Club Road  
Fairmont, WV 26554 304-363-3338

### **Five 15 Creative**

*Ms. Nora Morris*  
510 Davis St.  
Elkins, WV 26241 304-635-7744

### **Hawkeye Aerial Photo**

*Mr. Anthony Dorsch*  
2100 Old Behrman Road  
Cranberry Township, PA 724-776-4666

### **Jackson Hewitt Tax Service**

*Ms. Carey Lewis*  
P.O. Box 93  
Munhall, PA 15120  
412-287-2822

### **Ladies of The Elks**

*Ms. Nancy Bickerstaff*  
419 Adams Street  
Fairmont, WV 26554

### **Manchin Clinic & Manchin Clinic South**

*John Manchin, II D.O.*  
100 Main Street  
Farmington, WV 26571 304-825-6554

### **Pierpont Center at Fairmont Campus**

*Ms. Beth Harris*  
1543 Country Club Rd.  
Fairmont, WV 26554 304-366-8414

### **Pufferbelly's Ice Cream Station**

*Ms. Jennifer Staud*  
1024 Fairmont Ave.  
Fairmont, WV 26554 304-366-2411

### **Reliable Systems, Inc.**

*Mr. Rob Linger*  
2050 Winners Drive  
Fairmont, WV 26554 419-606-2618

### **ServiceMaster Plus**

*Ms. Debbie Wotring*  
P.O. Box 1377  
Dellslow, WV 26531 304-296-2532

### **TGG Brand Marketing & Design**

*Ms. Cheryl Ferreebe*  
140 Gross Street, Box 315  
Marietta, Ohio 800-628-8521

### **The Op Shop**

*Ms. Jan Smith*  
316 Columbia Street  
Fairmont, WV 26554 304-366-5737

### **Tygart Center at Fairmont Campus**

*Ms. Cathy Fleece*  
1539 Country Club Rd.  
Fairmont, WV 26554 304-366-8414

### **The Cooke Company, LLC**

*Mr. Roy Lee Cooke*  
125 Lakeview Drive  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313 304-776-2525

