

You and Your Guests Are Cordially Invited to Attend

Meet the Candidates for

Cambria County

Judge

Guests of Honor:

DAVID BEYER
TIMOTHY BURNS
LINDA ROYDER-FLEMING
GARY JUBAS, PATRICK KINIRY
MARGARET O'MALLEY

Wednesday, April 29th

5:30 p.m.

City Hotel Bar & Grill,

Maple Avenue, Northern Cambria
Admission Tickets Are Free, limited number of tickets.
Light Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar.

This is event is sponsored by the Northern Cambria Area Business Alliance.

To obtain tickets, please email your request to: ncaba@live.com

You may also call Francine Filkins at 814-244-1159

Tickets may also be picked up at the following NCABA members:

Al's Tire, City Hotel and Jeff Lantzy Insurance in Northern Cambria
Hastings Bottling Works in Hastings
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Clinic in Ebensburg

County to elect 2 judges

Keeping in practice with our by-laws and tradition, the NCABA will be sponsoring a political "meet-and-greet" event. This year, Cambria County residents will be choosing two new judges.

The Alliance felt it was important to feature the candidates in a public forum. There will be two judges elected this year. There are six candidates running and all have cross-filed and will be on both Democrat and Republican ballots in the primary. One may ask, "Why meet the judges?" Voters need to keep in mind that those elected will be in office for ten years.

It is said that over 80% of the households will have someone who needs to utilize the court system and appear before a judge at some point in their life. In addition, a 10-year salary is a large commitment and you should at least take the chance to meet who YOU plan to employ.

The event is free and is open to the public with NCABA members having first chance at tickets.

The forum is going to be simple, each candidate will have a chance to introduce himself/herself and then individuals can meet with the judges on a 1:1 basis throughout the night. There will not be a public Q&A forum, due to the nature of the position, they are not permitted to give opinions on upcoming cases or even how they plan to judge hypothetical cases.

Please take the time and reserve your tickets today. Please pass the word.

NCABA

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Northern Cambria, PA 15714

The next meeting of the NCABA will be held Wed., April 29th , 4:30 p.m., City Hotel Prior to Meet the Candidates



April Meeting:

Wed., April 29th—4:30 p.m.

City Hotel Bar & Grill

Prior to Meet the Candidates

Northern Cambria Area Business Alliance

April 2009

Job and Career Fair planned this Thursday

help bus some of the students to the event.

Says Barb Kirby, "There is really something for everyone. If you're looking for a job we have employers from every field. Or maybe, you need help with your existing business."

If you know of someone losing their job, they should come too. **A l t o o n a U n e m p l o y m e n t** Compensation will be attending and can give you guidance on what to do in the event you lose your job. Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield will have information on low to no cost health insurance for individuals and families including the CHIP program.

The inclusive list of vendors is:

- Adecco Employment Services
- Aerofab
- Aflac
- Alleghenies SCORE
- Alleghenies United Cerebral Palsy
- Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy
- American General Life & Accident Insurance Co.
- AsceraCare Hospice
- At Work Personnel
- Cambria-Rowe Business College
- Capital Nursing Solutions
- David Stanley Consultants
- First National Bank
- Golden Living Center - HAIDA
- Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Home Instead Senior Care
- Home Nursing Agency
- Homestead Unlimited
- IRG Customer Solutions

Congratulations and thank you to Barb Kirby of First National Bank who is the prime organizer of this year's Job and Career Fair.

As you recall, the 2008 expo was canceled due to lack of interest, manpower and some unforeseen circumstances that arose in the organizing process.

This year, Barb has dedicated much of her time, if not all of her free time, into organizing this spring's venue.

40 vendors have been secured including some new employers we have not seen before: 2010 Census Bureau, Parkwood Resources (who operate coal mines), Pennsylvania Career Link, and more!

This year's event will also see some additional services and education institutions. Cambria Rowe Business College along with Pennsylvania Highlands Community College will be attending. The Alleghenies SCORE will be present to assist current businesses with development or with individuals considering starting a business.

The U.S. armed forces will be represented by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force for those seeking careers in this area.

Several employment services will be showcasing as well. These organizations are often the hiring vehicle for many companies who prefer a professional organization to screen potential employees first. These organizations include Atwork Personnel, Adecco Employment, The Sargents, David Stanley Consultants and more.

A special thanks goes out to Goodwill Industries who is assisting the schools with transportation to

- James E. Van Zandt Medical Center
- Laurel Crest Rehabilitation & Special Care Center
- Lia Sophia Jewelry
- Lifestyle Support Services
- Manpower
- MaryKay Cosmetics
- Med-Van Transport
- Miners Medical Center
- P.A.I.D. (PA Assn. for Individuals with Disabilities)
- Parkwood Resources, Inc.
- Pennsylvania CareerLink
- Cambria County
- Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
- Rebekah Manor
- The Sargent's
- Skills of Central Pennsylvania Inc.
- State Correctional Institution-Cresson
- Unemployment Compensation Services
- United States Air Force
- United States Navy
- U.S. Census Bureau
- And More Being Accepted!

This is a great opportunity to look for that second job as well.

If you would like to still get into the expo, please call Barb as soon as possible as there will be one or two tables available for those who did not hear about the fair or are new to the area. Barb can be reached at 948-8400. You can also contact her if you are available to help the day of the fair.

Our email is ncaba@live.com. Watch the local papers for news as well.

Minutes from February NCABA meeting

February 18th 2009
NCABA Meeting Minutes
The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Those in attendance: Suzie McCombie (Mainline Newspapers), Karen Kemmer (Pennsylvania Highlands Community College), Barbara Novelli (Homestead Unlimited), Nancy Holtz (GAP Federal Credit Union), Gene Zanella (Stiffler-McGraw), Chuck Contres (Long-Contres Funeral Homes), Tim Whited (Al's Tire), John Rouse (Rouse's Flower & Garden Center), Jeff Lantzy (Jeff Lantzy Insurance), Geri Checkon (Rebekah Manor), Fran Filkins (HealthSouth). Guests: Linda Fleming and Esther Swerbinsky.

John Rouse made a motion to accept the minutes; Tim Whited seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed and noted. No one had any questions.

Communications:

A thank you was received from Tim Burns, judicial candidate for Cambria County.

The Pennsylvania Highlands Community College will be having a Spring Gala dinner fundraiser on Saturday, March 28. This is a fundraiser for the college. The benefactor donation is \$250 and includes two tickets and event signage. A motion was made by John Rouse to be a benefactor; Suzie McCombie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Greater Johnstown Cambria County Chamber of Commerce is having their annual dinner. We are encouraging members of the NCABA to attend the dinner and are hoping that individuals will step forward. If a member is interested in going, the cost is \$45 and you should forward your name to ncaba@live.com.

Committees:

Membership: Tim Whited reported that we have 75 members to date. Tim will be sending out a follow up letter.

Economic: Fran Filkins reported.

RODP will be continuing in March.

The NCABA Career & Economic Fair will be held on April 23rd. Fran requested a budget of \$1500 on top of the \$500 for the hall. Jeff made a motion to approve the \$1500; the motion was seconded by Karen Kemmer; all were in favor; motion carried.

Cool Communities – Fran spoke with Mike Artrim and we will be receiving information that pertains specifically to our region from the surveys.

Golf - Tim Whited reported that the golf tournament will be a 9-hole tournament on Friday, June 19th at Cambrian Hills. This year we will be having Clem's BBQ for the meal. Brochures will be sent out soon.

Scholarship Committee - Gabby Persio is chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Gerry Checkon has agreed to assist him. Gerry was in charge of the scholarship and is returning to the NCABA. She will contact Gabby to make plans for initiating the scholarship process.

Chamber Mixer – Tim Whited and Fran Filkins will be working on a membership mixer with The Greater Johnstown Chamber of Commerce. Jennifer suggested at Thursday in April. We will see if April 16th is available and the mixer will be held at the City Hotel. More details will be forthcoming once we have the mixer date.

Remembering Adam/Street Smart – Megan Bursky replied and would like to do the presentations on June 10th in Northern Cambria and June 17th in the Cambria Heights region from 6-8 p.m. Jeff Lantzy will inquire about using the schools in both of these districts and will also contact Joe Harties of "Beating the Odds" to see if we can incorporate this project and do a series.

Guests:

Linda Fleming, candidate for Judge was a guest at the meeting. Ms. Fleming introduced herself. She oriented the group to the Cambria County judicial race process.

With no further business a motion

was made by Chuck Contres to adjourn; seconded by Tim Whited.

The next meeting will be held at 4:15 p.m. at the City Hotel, Wednesday, March 18th.

Minutes compiled by Fran Filkins for Christina Shoemaker, Secretary.

Minutes will be approved at meeting on Wed., March 18th.

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Note: Due to the March meeting being canceled, several votes were taken by the executive committee on pressing issues. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Happenings

- The 2009 Scholarship award recipient has been picked. The NCABA will award a \$500 scholarship to a student attending the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. The student selection was done anonymously by Penn Highlands officials. They chose a student from those attending high school at one of the schools in our service area. The recipient's name will be revealed at graduation ceremonies or an award's ceremony.

- Membership. Thank you to everyone for renewing your membership. Those who have not done so received a postcard in the mail. If you have misplaced your forms, you can find them on our website at www.ncaba-pa.com or by calling Tim Whited at 948-7800

- The Cambria County Commissioners recently appointed Tim Whited to the CamTran Board of Directors. Tim has accepted the position and also sits on the finance and rural route committees of the board. Tim was contacted through the NCABA. Looks like the NCABA is being recognized again! Tim will have more info to report on the progress of this region's only public transportation system.

Changes to "Big Kahuna" golf tournament

prizes on every hole. One plus this year, we WILL NOT BE USING STRING!

We still need volunteers to help that day flip hot dogs, be hole watchers and help with registration.

If you can help, please email the NCABA at ncaba@live.com.

The BBQ this year will feature Clem's BBQ from Port Matilda.

We have one NCABA member who has already stepped forward to sponsor: Hastings Bottling Works, owned and operated by Joe Pizur will once again assist as a tournament sponsor.

Chairman Whited explains, "There are so many golf tournaments being held and we really wanted to hold a tournament that gave you a lot for your money. \$40 is a little easier on the pocket, the tournament is a blast and we try to incorporate all the members. A day of golf with friends, entertainment, food and refreshments isn't a bad deal at all." Whited explains about the 9-hole theory, "Some people don't understand why we went to nine holes last year and this year. In the past, it was taking 7 hours plus to play 18 holes. Some people left early and never got to finish the game. Some left and didn't get to eat because they were running late for other events. Also, a lot of people had a hard time teeing off at noon if they got held at work; some tried to work a half a day. All in all, we thought this was best for everyone. We're hoping that the people who have to work a half a day won't be rushed getting to the course and those that have the time can come around noon and practice putting, have a hot dog and a drink and be ready to go."

Tim reminds everyone to dig out those clam diggers and Hawaiian shirts. "The Big Kahuna holds a tropical theme. We have a Tiki Tontem Trophy and will try to make it festive. Eva usually has some special tropical drinks. It's just an overall fun day. This year we may even have a limbo contest afterward. You never know, you may even see our President Jeff Lantzy doing the hula—we got a skirt for him!"

Tim Whited, chairman of the annual golf tournament has announced the tourney date and the changes.

Due to the July 4th holiday being on a Saturday, and many people having July 3rd off as a holiday, the committee felt that it would not be feasible to have the tournament on July 3rd. Instead, the tournament will be played at Cambrian Hills on Friday, June 19th. All members will be receiving a brochure in the mail.

The Big Kahuna Tournament will once again be a 9-hole tournament. It will be \$40 per golfer and will include golf, refreshments, BBQ, and live entertainment following the tournament. Last year, the 9-hole tourney took close to four hours to complete—mostly due to the rain.

This year, we asked for no rain. The tournament is our biggest fundraiser of the year. This year, due to the economic situation that all of our members are facing, we are not asking members to pay for any event we are holding (other than the golf). The Job/Career Fair is funded entirely from our bank account, likewise, our \$500 scholarship is sponsored by the NCABA. Events such as Meet the Candidates, public and business seminars and the like are totally funded by the Alliance. This is why support of the golf tournament is so crucial.

If you don't golf, there are still opportunities for you to have a great time.

Come during the tournament and hang out on the beautiful patio at Cambrian Hills. Following the tournament, invite your colleagues and friends to come for the BBQ and entertainment.

The sponsorships for the tournament are unique. In the fall we will have a 2nd tournament and play another 9 holes. If you sponsor the first tournament, your signage will be put out for the 2nd tournament as well.

Sponsorship names will receive signage and listings in the program. Different levels of sponsorship can be found inside the brochure you will be receiving in the mail.

This year, we once again will have

Fran Filkins, committee member and behind the scenes organizer encourages everyone to sponsor if they can.

"This is a great opportunity for advertising. Your sponsorship provides you with signage and you will receive an invoice/receipt for advertising. Not only does your name go on the sign or banner of your sponsorship level, you are also listed in the newsletter and prize program. Your signage will be hung out twice for the year."

For more information on the tournament, contact Tim Whited at 948-7880 or email, ncaba@live.com.

NCABA to discuss meeting changes

The executive committee of the NCABA has been contemplating changing the monthly meetings for the organization.

Last month, the meeting was canceled due to many people calling at the last minute stating they couldn't make it due to work reasons; this is totally understandable.

Some people said that they preferred early morning meetings but when they were held at 8 a.m. few people showed or had to leave early. Many of the members on committees feel they are "over-attending" meetings. They are meeting for individual events then meeting again for the monthly meeting.

One suggestion is to have quarterly meetings right before a quarterly function and have the executive committee meet monthly to review the bills and problems as they arise.

Any important info or member info will be distributed via email, snail mail, fax or in the newsletter.

If you have an opinion on this, please attend the next meeting: Thursday, April 29th 4:30 p.m. prior to "Meet the Candidates for Cambria County Judge" at the City Hotel in Northern Cambria. The meeting will be held first. Or, as always please email us at ncaba@live.com.