

## Member Notes

- Mainline Newspapers is pleased to announce several advertising opportunities to NCABA members. Please call your established ad rep at the newspaper at 472-4110. Advertising features include:  
February 19th Presidents' Day Tribute sponsorship ad in all papers for \$38; for the entire month of February a 2.5 columnx5-inch ad is only \$99 in all 6 papers and only an additional \$35 for color; February 26th there will be Health & Medical pages with advertising rates of \$12 per column inch which is a discounted rate. In March, Lenten pages will run for fish fries and specials for \$38 per block ad. A Home and Garden Special Edition will be inserted in all 6 papers for the discounted \$12 per column inch. Don't forget about the March Madness promotion, full color blocks are \$38 and you will be assigned a March Madness Team; if your team keeps winning, you have the potential to keep winning a free ad every week throughout March Madness. Lawn and Garden pages with all ad sizes will also be put together. Again, please call your individual ad rep.
- Gabby Persio is pleased to announce the re-opening of NCABA member Goodfellas Bar & Grille, Ebensburg. Gabby has added karaoke every Sunday night during

February and March. In addition, Gabby is offering NCABA members discounted ads on his placemats, \$30 for a business card size. The quantity will last approximately 3 months. If interested, Please email [franfilkins@verizon.net](mailto:franfilkins@verizon.net).

- Cassie Malloy, a local NC graduate and native of Northern Cambria and Ebensburg invites NCABA members to a special golf package at Chestnut Ridge Golf Course. She will set NCABA members up with \$99 for two days of play and a room during the month of April. Cassie would also like to have a special NCABA day at Chestnut Ridge. She is the marketing coordinator of the resort and can be reached at 724-459-7191, x111 or if you would be interested in an NCABA day at the resort, email [ncaba@live.com](mailto:ncaba@live.com). Remember, if you join the Johnstown Area/Cambria County Chamber of Commerce you can remove your \$50 NCABA dues from the Chamber dues. Please refer to the NCABA website or contact Tim Whited at 814-948-7880 or [ncaba@live.com](mailto:ncaba@live.com) for more information.
- Member Robert Paterno invites everyone to the City Hotel. He is having karaoke every Thursday night and live music on the weekends. Please call 951-0303 for more information.

### State of the County Address with the Cambria County Commissioners

Friday, February 20th  
7:30 a.m.

Sunnehanna Country Club  
Members of the Cambria County  
Chamber can RSVP to 536-5107.  
Another reason to be an NCABA  
Member and Chamber Member!

## 20/20 Vision

### Project underway

In the fall of 2008, the NCABA had asked everyone to participate in the online survey for a regional study. The purpose of the study was to determine what, if anything, is necessary to attract young people back to the region. The project is called the 20/20 Regional Vision Project. Live forums were set up in Ebensburg to help gather information about the central and northern area of Cambria County. Registrations for this location did not go well. Enough of people did not sign up for the medium. The group has set up an online discussion opportunity that focuses on the same issues discussed at the community forum. The link is <http://groups.google.com/group/2020regionalvision>.

At the re-organization meeting of the NCABA held January 21, the 2009 officers were installed. They include: Jeff Lantzy, President of Jeff Lantzy Insurance; Chuck Contres, Vice-President of Long-Contres Funeral Homes; Barb Kirby, Treasurer of First National Bank, Northern Cambria Branch and Christina Shoemaker, Secretary of Allegheny and Chesapeake Physical Therapy.

Christina is new to holding an officer position and Chuck has returned to fill an officer position. Chuck was previously the initial president of the NCABA. Barb Kirby and Jeff Lantzy have both retained their positions.

A special thanks to all of the officers for accepting their positions. There is a lot of work that they will need to perform and we thank them for stepping forward.

In addition, committee chairs were reorganized.

Tim Whited will retain his position as Membership Chair.

Fran Filkins will retain her position as Economic Development Chair.

The Education Chair committee chairperson still needs to be finalized. Gabby Persio and Erin Gabany currently sit on that committee.

Along with the four elected officers, the Membership, Economic and Education Chairs round out the executive committee.

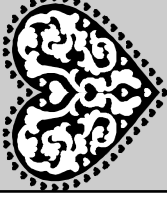
In addition to these leaders, there are several other small function committees that organize on an as-needed basis.

Tim Whited spears the Golf Committee as this is a membership event.



### FEBRUARY MEETING:

Wed., Feb. 18, 4 :15 p.m.  
Spangler American Legion  
Back Room



## Northern Cambria Area Business Alliance

### February 2009

## 2009 officers elected, committee members needed



**Pictured above are the 2009 Officers, from left to right, Secretary Christina Shoemaker, Vice-President Chuck Contres, Treasurer Barb Kirby and President Jeff Lantzy.**

Barb Kirby has agreed to be the committee leader for this year's Career and Job Fair. Assisting her are: Suzie McCombie, Fran Filkins, Jeff Lantzy, Sam Taranto, Tim Whited and Erin Gabany. Anyone interested in helping Barb is encouraged to call her at 948-8400. This is the first event for the year and it is creeping up fast.

We still need help with the Scholarship Committee.

Anyone with any ideas for a committee or who would like to have a specific duty is asked to please email the NCABA at [ncaba@live.com](mailto:ncaba@live.com). Specific duties can include set-up or clean up from an

event, decorating at events, stuffing newsletters, working an event even for a few hours, making telephone contacts, obtaining information for the newsletter.

Whatever you can offer, we are greatly appreciative.

### *Don't Forget!*

Prior Newsletters, Membership and Events can be found on the

[www.ncaba-pa.com](http://www.ncaba-pa.com)

website!

Email us at

[ncaba@live.com](mailto:ncaba@live.com)

## 2009 NCABA sponsored events in development

The NCABA is now entering a new year and with that, we are welcoming a large schedule of events.

To kick off the year, we will be working on a mixer along with the Johnstown Area Cambria County Chamber of Commerce for both of our members. The details of this will follow once we meet with Jennifer Tiffany of the Chamber. We are going to try and plan it at the City Hotel in Northern Cambria since "The City" is a member of both the Chamber and the NCABA.

"Meet the Candidates for Judge" will also be planned prior to the May primary. We have already met Timothy Burns who is running for Cambria County Judge and Candidate Fleming has requested to attend the February meeting. We have counted six candidates thus far and the rumor mill is indicating nine to ten candidates. The format will not be run like previous candidate events. This will be more of a "meet and greet" event where the judicial candidates will be given a few minutes to introduce themselves and then mingle with the group. It is possible that we may plan this with the mixer mentioned above.

The Career and Job Fair will be held on Thursday, April 23rd at the Contres-Greer Social Hall. Barb Kirby is spearheading the event. Please see additional details in this newsletter.

The golf outing, The Big Kahuna, will be changed from July 3rd to June 19th. With the 4th following on a Saturday, we thought too many people would have holiday plans. The Little Kahuna will still be played in September. Both tournaments will be run separately this year but advertising opportunities will stay the same—when you sponsor the Big Kahuna you get the Little Kahuna for free.

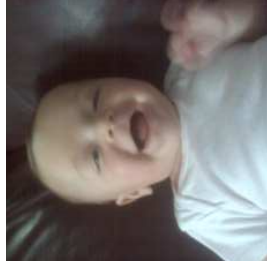
The NCABA scholarship will be getting underway soon. If you have a child who will be graduating from high school this year, please have them see their guidance counselor for details on the scholarship. The forms will also be available on line at our website.

assist young people and students learn the skills necessary to overcome obstacles in life including drugs and alcohol but also inclusive of challenges of coming from a single-parent home, abuse, neglect, poverty, peer pressure, etc.

As you can see, we have a lot on our plate this year. We need your help to get organized! If you can help with any of the projects, please email [ncaba@live.com](mailto:ncaba@live.com).

## Welcome back

The NCABA would like to welcome back Erin Gabany of South Fork Welcome Home. Erin has been an active member with the NCABA since she joined. She worked career fairs, golf tournaments, and was



secretary. Erin had to drop out of the NCABA last year due to a complicated pregnancy. Erin emailed us to say she is back and also emailed us the very good reason why she couldn't join us for a while. You judge, but I bet you'll say her reason was well worth it!

## News from A&C

Dr. Julie Sheehan, Physical Therapist has recently taken a position at Allegheny Chesapeake Physical Therapy as the Physical Therapist in the Northern Cambria office. Dr. Sheehan is a graduate of Saint Francis University where she received her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Everyone at Allegheny Chesapeake is excited to have Dr. Sheehan join our team. Welcome to the community Dr. Sheehan!



## Career/Job Fair slated for April 23

Barb Kirby, Committee Chair, is pleased to announce that the NCABA will be holding the return of the "Career and Job Fair" on Thursday, April 23rd at Contres-Greer Social Hall.

The event will over hours during the day and into the evening for all job seekers and career change seekers. Vendors will include those hiring and those offering education for career changes.

If you are hiring in your business or you foresee that you will be hiring, please consider attending the expo. Barb is requesting that you register soon and you can find a registration flyer inside the newsletter.

There is no cost to attend the fair and you will be provided with a table. The hall will be decorated and heavily advertised.

You do not need to be an NCABA member to be a vendor so please

## New NCABA member has national tie

the Miss America Pageant held this past January in one of the dresses that Ronnie assisted with. In addition to this contestant, Ronnie also assisted with wardrobe Miss Pennsylvania Kendria Perry, Miss Maryland Louise Schlegel, and Miss West Virginia Kayla Lynam.

On the local level, Ronnie was responsible for the first Miss Merry Christmas Pageant held in the northern area of Cambria County this past holiday season. Over 33 local girls participated in the pageant and all received a crown. Ronnie also secured appearances by several regional pageant title holders as well as appearances from Miss Pennsylvania and Miss Maryland to the delight of the Miss Merry Christmas contestants.

The NCABA would like to welcome Ronnie and the Miss Cambria County Scholarship Pageant to the NCABA.

I think everyone is pleasantly stunned to realize that we have a hometown tie in the Miss American Pageant. Ronnie is quite accomplished in her profession and we look forward to working with her.



The NCABA would like to welcome aboard, Ronnie Weaver of the Miss Cambria County Scholarship Pageant as a new member. Ronnie is also a manager of the Bridal Suite in Johnstown and she is personally involved in "wardrobe" contestants for the Miss America Pageant. Pictured above, is Miss Delaware Galen Giaccone during the talent portion of

## Student program receives support

At the regular monthly meeting in January, Deacon Ann Staples of the Coal County Hangout youth center approached the NCABA to support a local school project for Northern Cambria High School. The district is responsible for assisting the students in a work program. As Deacon Ann explained, the students need to learn job skills and she is assisting the students and the district with a grant to fund this endeavor.

Staples attended the meeting to ask for support from the NCABA. The local business community is being asked to be "on board" with this program. Students will need to work at actual businesses to learn job skills—getting to work on time, dressing appropriately, speaking to customers professionally, managing business related tasks and other duties normally performed on the job. Businesses who agree to assist in the program would accept the student(s) into their workplace and actually have the students perform work duties. The students will be paid through a grant. The only set-back may be that the students will only be available on Saturdays.

Deacon Ann did not ask for any donation from the NCABA, just support that we would help get the word out to the businesses when the time comes to launch the course and that we would encourage businesses to take part.

All at the meeting thought this was a wonderful curriculum. In fact, the NCABA may be able to hold a "work day" on a Saturday to help with the management needs of the organization—filing, telephone contacts, material management and other public relations duties.

We are asking all members to think ahead to determine if they might need a student a few hours on a Saturday. Please keep in mind that the work experience must be meaningful and a learning experience for the students.

This will be a wonderful lesson for both students and employers.