31ST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BANQUET & PRESENTATION
OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS &
THE MCCRACKEN LEGACY AWARD

OCTOBER 20, 2018
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PROGRAM

5:00-6:00 p.m.
Reception and Hors d’oeuvres

5:00-7:00 p.m.
Entertainment – Flute by Mandi Lawrence

5:00-7:00 p.m.
Chinese Auction to benefit the Scholarship Fund

6:00-7:00 p.m.
Welcome, Invocation and Dinner

7:00-7:45 p.m.
Annual Meeting and Award Presentations

7:45-8:00 p.m.
Auction Winners

Distinguished Service Award

Is awarded based on contribution to community welfare and betterment; participation in all-around community activities and civic enterprises; evidence of lasting contribution to community welfare; evidence of leadership ability; success in vocation, personal and business progress; cooperation with individuals and organizations.

McCracken Legacy Award

Is awarded to a business or organization, having an operating presence in Greene County who has demonstrated ambition, profitability, growth, sound business planning, customer satisfaction and management of people; a commitment to social responsibility and exemplary community involvement; demonstrated a positive social and/or economic impact on the community and exemplary civic community leadership.
Sister Audrey Quinn, joined the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh in 1959 and taught for 25 years in Catholic schools in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh and Greensburg. In 1989, Sister Quinn came to Greene County to live and minister. From humble beginnings in a sparsely furnished old farmhouse, she began addressing unmet needs of those around her.

In 1990 she came across a poster seeking foster parents. Shortly after she became a “Foster Mom” through Greene County Children & Youth services nurturing over 160 foster children, ages 3 days through 16 years. So vested in the mission, she served as President of Greene County’s CYS Foster Parent Association. Raising the children also inspired her to do more for the wider community.

A regular volunteer with Greene County Habitat for Humanity; Meals on Wheels; St. Ann Soup Kitchen; United Way Appeals and Greene County Mothers Against Drunk Driving, she has also held board positions with Catholic Charities; Corner Cupboard...
Food Bank; Greene County Children & Youth; Greene County Human Services; Greene County CASSP and the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh. She coordinates the Produce to People program and handles the recruiting of volunteers for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank’s monthly program to distribute free food to more than 500 needy families in Greene County.

On her 10th anniversary of arriving in Greene County, along with fellow Benedictine Sister Sue Fazzini, the pair founded “Heart ‘n Sole”, a program to make sure every child in Greene County has a good pair of shoes to start the school year. The program has provided thousands of new school shoes. The sisters handle the solicitation, donation collections and distribution of shoes each year.

Presently, as the Director of The Salvation Army Greene County Service Center, she continues to serve by maintaining a free clothing/household good warehouse and coordinates with Emergency Disaster Services for those in dire need of immediate assistance. She assists clients with basic needs such as food, clothing, utility and rent assistance. Under her direction the Service Center provides a free summer camp and facilitates programs with other social service agencies throughout the County by coordinating fund-raising efforts, public relations and volunteer recruitment.

Her work has not gone unnoticed. In 2008 she was chosen from 3,000 nominees from across the country as one of the “100 Extraordinary Women” sponsored by Kraft Foods. In 2009 she was selected as a top ten finalist from among 3,500 nominees in the CVS Pharmacy “For All The Ways You Care” program and earned an appearance on Good Morning America. 2010 brought the “John McGrady Award” and 2016 the Jack McCracken Award, both for Outstanding Service to Community.
Glenn William Gensler, “Bill”, was a life-long resident of Greene County. Bill began his service to others at an early age: shoveling snow in the winter, mowing lawns in the summer, delivering daily newspapers and assisting his mother in the care of his grandparents.

Bill was a Waynesburg Central High School graduate. Following high school, Bill earned an Accounting degree from Robert Morris University, and subsequently an Elementary Education degree from Waynesburg College.

Bill student taught at Amity School where he met his wife of 45 years, Joy. Bill then began his teaching career at Whiteley School in Greene County. He then transitioned to East Ward Elementary School in Waynesburg Borough. In Bill’s twenty-five years of teaching in the Central Greene School District, he had a positive impact on the lives
of many children. During his career, he bestowed his generosity to many children and their families that were in need.

Bill was a faithful and humble servant of God. He was a life-long member of the First United Methodist Church of Waynesburg, where he served on the Board of Trustees and as the Sunday School Treasurer for nearly thirty years.

Bill was also a dedicated member of the Waynesburg Lions Club, where he actively participated within the community. He enjoyed events such as the annual Halloween Parade, 4th of July celebration and driving a local queen or honoree in his antique Nash in the Christmas Parade.

Most importantly, Bill adored and was devoted to his family. Bill has a strong bond with his mother, and cared for her through her years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. If you had the privilege of running into Bill out and about, you would hear how proud he was of his daughter Ann and his granddaughters Madeline and Emily. He never met at stranger, and enjoyed telling stories.
For EQT Corporation, the nation’s top producer of natural gas, Greene County is one of its most prolific and successful operational areas. EQT plays a key role in developing the region’s abundant source of natural gas to meet the country’s demand for clean-burning energy, and Greene County is an essential part of that. But it’s not just about ‘doing business.’ Many of EQT’s employees live here or grew up here, and have profound respect for our Greene County neighbors.

With more than 130 years of experience and a long-standing history of good corporate citizenship in southwestern Pennsylvania, EQT strives to provide a rewarding workplace and enrich the communities where they work. Economically and philanthropically, EQT has made exciting and substantial investments in the wellbeing of Greene County residents and is proud to be a part of this community.

In addition to generating millions of dollars in state and local tax revenues, and supporting tens of thousands of jobs, EQT has donated millions to groups and programs focused on arts and culture, community and economic development, education, diversity, and the environment through corporate giving and its charitable arm, the EQT Foundation.

EQT proudly sponsors the Washington and Greene Counties Covered Bridge Festival, Greene County Envirothon, Rices Landing Riverfest, and Waynesburg’s annual Rain Day and Holiday Open House. They also provide Operation Warm coats for Greene County children; consistently contribute to civic projects and first responders; employees regularly help with Produce to People; and in 2017 the EQT REC Center opened to Greene County residents who didn’t have anything like it before in the area. The EQT REC Center will serve Greene County families for decades into the future, reminding all of us that great things can be accomplished when a community comes together.
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Distinguished Service Award Winners – Individual & Posthumous

1988 Jack McCracken
1989 Harry S. Anderson
1990 Dennis J. Mattei
1991 Victor Carlson
1992 Mary Parkinson
1993 Richard V. Morgan
1994 Juanita Thompson
1995 Ken Stillwell
1996 James Sokoloff
1997 Bonnie Smouse
1998 G. Wayne Smith
1999 Rev. Dr. David L. Barrett
2000 Arthur Tennant
2001 Audrey Greenlee
2002 Rev. Dr. Richard and Carol Visser
2003 Robert W. Fox
2004 John H. Humble
2005 Ewing B. Pollock
2006 Charles Berryhill
2007 Dr. Nancy Davis
2008 Ivan H. and Adelaide Guesman
2009 Judge H. Terry Grimes
2010 James “Fuzzy” Randolph
2011 John E. Mariner
2012 Jeff McCracken
2013 Timothy Hawfield
2014 Rev. Dr. Donald P. Wilson
2015 Judge William R. Nalitz
2016 Gene and Judy Rush
2017 Chuck Baily

Posthumous
2002 Richard T. “Dick” Walton
2007 John R. Gardner
2008 William R. and Kathleen Hamilton Davis
2009 Samuel A. Milliken
2010 Stanley E. L. Falor, M.D.
2011 Dr. Thomas W. Mering
2012 Charles “Joe” Behm
2013 John McCracken
2015 Donald K. Lindsay
2016 David Cumberledge

Special Award
2012 Elissa McCracken, Miss Ohio 2012
2014 Ed and Sandy Zeglen
McCracken Legacy Award Winners

2016 First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Greene County
2017 Waynesburg University

Organizational Distinguished Service Award Winners 2004-2015

2004 Social Service League of Waynesburg
2005 Company C, 1/110th Infantry Mechanized, National Guard
2006 Waynesburg College Bonner Scholars
2007 Waynesburg/Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company
2008 Auxiliary of Southwest Regional Medical Center
2009 Rotary Club of Waynesburg
2010 Greene County United Way
2011 Waynesburg Lions Club
2012 Corner Cupboard Food Bank
2013 Greene Community Church
2014 Patriots Dream Riding Association
2015 Waynesburg Moose Lodge #461 & Family Center

*Retired in 2016
2018 Year in Review

• Received the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals Accredited Chamber designation which ensures the Chamber has met a standard of organizational competency through an objective set of criteria for assessment. Achievement of standards was determined by an examining committee at the state level seeking excellence in; Organization; Mission Focus; Professional Administration; Financial Management and Communications.

• Served a membership of 365 members. Welcomed 18 new members.

• Named as one of the “25 Largest Chambers of Commerce in Southwestern Pennsylvania” by the Pittsburgh Business Times for the 13th year in a row.

• Awarded the 28th annual Educational Fund Scholarship to Aubree Ferek of Carmichaels.

• Awarded the 1st Dr. Nancy I. Davis Memorial Leadership Scholarship to Matthew P. Komula of Rices Landing.

• Awarded the 1st Dr. Nancy I Davis Memorial Scholarship for Educational Support to Shelly Rogers, a teacher in the Jefferson Morgan School District for her Family Consumer Science Program.

• Hosted Ribbon Cuttings and Business After Hours for It’s About Time Antiques, High Street Hair and The Dapper Doughnut

• Worked with the Small Business Development Center on the “Problem Solvers” series to aid small businesses overcome operational challenges.

• Coordinated the “Rural Roundtable and Road Trip with the U.S. Small Business Administration. The event included a private, invitation-only, interactive roundtable with chamber member small business owners providing area small business owners the opportunity to meet with senior-level SBA management at both the federal and state levels.

• Offered General Membership Networking Luncheons in March, May, June, July, August and September.

• Hosted the Waynesburg Rotary Club at a special Networking Luncheon in June.

• Supported the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education’s Pennsylvania Business Adventure Week for high school students.
2018 Year in Review

- Organized and coordinated the Annual Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade as our largest community service project.
- Hosted the Chamber After Hours Series with three unique events throughout the year to offer fellowship and networking to members.
- Presented these annual events: 34th Annual Golf Outing, 14th Administrative Professionals Day Luncheon, 2nd Annual Women in Business Breakfast, 5th Annual Motor Madness Benefit Car Show and 31st Annual Membership Banquet. In conjunction with Waynesburg Borough, presented the 11th Annual Halloween Spooktacular.
- Published a 88 page full-color Community/Business Resource Guide and Member Directory which was distributed to all members and is provided to new members and residents.
- Maintains and publishes a monthly newsletter, weekly eBlast and Facebook page.
To provide services and programs that will increase the success of member businesses and organizations and enhance the economy and quality of life in the Greene County Area. To remain a politically unbiased and enthusiastic resource to our members and the community at large.

**Goals are to:**

1. Represent member businesses, agricultural, professional, industrial, educational, and community interests that enhance economic and civil wellbeing.

2. Promote business development in conjunction with other appropriate entities through the coordination, not duplication, of efforts.

3. Provide value-added programs and benefits to promote membership and to help members achieve success.

4. Maintain a positive, productive alliance with other Chambers of Commerce.