

Annual Dinner Meeting

Marty Chapman, President

The Chamber Annual Dinner, held January 29 at Wellingtons, was a wonderful way to kick off the new year with nearly 300 Chamber members and guests coming together to socialize and celebrate. I would like to thank the following sponsors for making this evening possible.

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Secretary of State Natalie Tennant was our keynote speaker. The tradition of the Mayo Lester Award was continued with the selection of John Wilson, Jr. of the Putnam County Bank for his efforts to help pass the bond issue for the school board this past August. The Chamber also elected our new board representatives for 2010.

The Annual Dinner committee, working with Chamber staff, organized a very professional and enjoyable evening. Finally, and very importantly, my sincere gratitude to all of you that supported this evening through donations of time and/or materials, funding or attendance. Your support of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce is *Good for Business!*

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Thank you to our Renewing Members for your continued support of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce! Your investment proves your willingness to support and build a better business climate to live, work and play in Putnam County!

Member News!

Hunter Hoffman, owner, announces the opening of **Tri-State Building Inspections LLC** in Poca, W.Va. As a certified national home inspector, Hoffman takes buyers and sellers step by step through the inspection process. He also provides a thorough report that illustrates the condition of their property at the time of the inspection. Thirty years in the residential and commercial construction industry allows Hoffman to offer quality control inspections for people who are having a new home built and want confidence in the quality of its construction. As an additional service, he develops promotional materials commonly used by real estate agents or residential and commercial property owners. For more information, visit www.tri-statebuildinginspectionsllc.com or call (304) 553-4399.

Kanawha Valley Community & Technical College, formerly West Virginia State Community and Technical College, is offering training for Microsoft Access 2007, Microsoft Excel 2007, and Microsoft Word 2007, in beginning, intermediate and advanced classes. To register on-line go to www.wvsctc.edu/ContEd.htm and select *Workshops & Seminars*. For information call 304-766-5113 or e-mail nielsenL@kvctc.edu.

Congratulations to "Randolph Engineering" Chamber Business of the Month for February!

Randolph Engineering is a multi-disciplined, full service consulting engineering firm headquartered in Teays Valley, West Virginia. The company recently celebrated 34 years of providing innovative engineering solutions to a variety of clients ranging from municipalities and government agencies to private land developers. Our success is the result of outstanding client service and satisfaction. Founded in 1976, we have grown into an award-winning regional engineering firm. Our attention to detail and commitment to client satisfaction have generated repeat and referral clients, some of whom have been with us since our inception.

Randolph Engineering is situated in one of West Virginia's fastest-growing areas – a location that has afforded the opportunity to diversify into a full-service engineering firm. We offer an array of services including transportation engineering; municipal engineering; land development and surveying; structural engineering; building engineering; and construction engineering.

Some of our notable projects include the award-winning Jackson's Mill Bridge for the West Virginia Division of Highways; site improvements and plant expansions for Toyota Motor Manufacturing; complete renovation and expansion of the City of Hurricane wastewater treatment plant; site designs for some of the largest retailers in the United States; and site designs for large, single- and multi-family residential subdivisions, townhouses and apartment complexes, including a 250-unit gated community near Charleston, W.Va.

February Business After Hours
Co-Sponsored by
Hampton Inn &
McKee & Associates, LLC



Hampton Inn
4190 State Route 34, Hurricane
Thursday, February 18, 2010
Catered by The Greenhouse of Teays Valley
5 pm–7 pm, Cost \$15

RSVPs are required; pre-payment is appreciated.

Business After Hours is open to members and their guests. The cash drawing sponsored by **BB&T** is valued at **\$200**; *you must be present to win!*
RSVP to 304.757.6510 or chamber@putnamcounty.org

2010 COMMITTEES BEGIN MEETING IN FEBRUARY

Now is the time to sign up for a Chamber committee. During the February meeting, each committee chairman typically sets the agenda for the remainder of the year making this a great opportunity to get involved on a team; some committees are seasonal and may be for a specific period of time, not the full year. Committees include Ambassadors, Annual Dinner, Putnam County NOW (Network of Women), Chamber Champions, Education, Generation

Putnam, Golf Tournament, Insurance Task Force, Membership, and Public Policy. Be sure to watch the calendar of events for monthly meetings. For a detailed list, please call the Chamber at 304.757.6510, or sign up on our website at www.putnamchamber.org and complete your form.

Putnam Chamber NOW! Announces 2nd Annual Blood Drive

Putnam Chamber NOW! (Network of Women) is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, February 26 from 1 pm to 7 pm at Hurricane City Hall.

Did you know that every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs a blood transfusion? Or that to meet total demand for blood and blood products, more than 38,000 donors are needed daily? And that there is a 97% chance that you or someone you know will need a blood transfusion in your lifetime? It all adds up – Blood Donors Needed!



Basic Donor Guidelines:

- ♥You must be at least 17 years of age
- ♥You must weight at least 110 pounds
- ♥You must be in generally good health
- ♥Provide photo ID, or two other forms of ID

Donors will be treated to Girl Scout cookies, provided by local Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council! If you're unable to donate blood, you can donate your time by volunteering at this special community service event. You can register to be a donor or a volunteer – just go to www.redcrosslife.org or call the Chamber office at 304.757.6510.

Putnam County NOW! (Network of Women) meets the third Thursday of every month at 8 am at the Chamber office; meeting participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for local food pantries. With a mission “to be a resource for women in the business community”, meetings are open to all women employed by members of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce.

21st Annual Leadership Putnam County

Mark your calendars and make plans to participate in Leadership Putnam County 2010, scheduled to begin on April 14. This nine week course, which will meet on Wednesdays, is designed to help participants understand community issues and to provide information as to how decisions are made in our county. By completing the course, members will be better equipped to be a more informed leader in the county. Classes are conducted from 8:30-11:30 am. Attendance at a minimum of one outside public meeting is a

requirement for graduation. A graduation ceremony will be held in June. For additional information please call 304-757-6510.

Community News

Business Symposium a Success

The Business Symposium, a culminating experience for students who have completed an entrepreneurship course and sponsored by local banks through the Putnam Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, included teams from Buffalo, Hurricane, Poca, and Winfield High Schools. The program emphasized leadership skills, and students learned to identify a businesses' values, vision, and mission before selecting a product to market and sell with the goal of making a profit. The event was held at the Putnam County Board of Education on January 11, 2010.

John Wilson, Jr., of Putnam County Bank, Craig Young of City National Bank, Kay Roberts of Poca Valley Bank and Brian Trippett of Fifth Third Bank provided a realistic experience for students enrolled in Entrepreneurship classes at the four high schools. The teachers participating were Rhonda Null, Hurricane High; Patty Igo, Poca High; Laura McCloud, Buffalo High; and Diana Painter, Winfield High. Throughout the first term of the school year, the bankers visited the classes weekly and shared their business and entrepreneurial skills to teach students how to start and run a business.

Calendar of Events for February 2010

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| Wednesday, February 4 | Putnam County NOW (Network of Women)
Blood Drive Planning Meeting
8:00 AM, Chamber office |
| Monday, February 8 | Membership Committee
4:00 PM, Chamber Office |
| Wednesday, February 10 | Education Committee
Noon, Chamber Office |
| Thursday, February 18 | Putnam County NOW (Network of Women)
8:00 AM, Chamber Office |
| Thursday, February 18 | Business After Hours ~ 5pm-7pm
Co-Sponsored by: Hampton Inn & McKee & Associates
4190 St RT 34, Hurricane
Cost \$15 per person
RSVP required to chamber@putnamcounty.org
or call 304.757.6510 |

Friday, February 26

Blood Drive - Putnam County NOW
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Hurricane City Hall Building

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