



“Take 10” in 2010

Marty Chapman, President

“Take 10 in 2010” and participate in the Census!

Taking 10 minutes to complete and mail a census form is the easiest and most efficient method of participation in the 2010 Census. Additionally, mailing back a census form reduces overall costs of conducting the census. For each census form returned by mail, the Census Bureau saves \$60-\$70, or about \$85 million for every one percent increase in mail participation.

Why Participate in the Census?

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, everyone in the United States must be counted in the census. This includes people of all ages, races, and ethnic groups; citizens and noncitizens. Conducted every 10 years since 1790, the census is more than just a population count. The 2010 Census will present a new portrait of America, showing us how our nation has changed in the past decade and helping to determine what our communities need for the next 10 years.

Census data is used by many sectors of society. Governments use census data to draw legislative boundaries, establish voting districts, allocate federal and state funding, and locate facilities like libraries, fire stations, and schools. Private industry uses census data to calculate market share, forecast product demand, locate new business markets, and establish distributorships. Institutions use census data to conduct market research, evaluate the success of public programs, and implement a host of services like job training, English language, and veteran’s support. Individuals use census data to make better choices about home buying, job relocation, or starting a small business.

Timing

Census forms will be mailed or delivered to all households in March 2010. Complete the form on behalf of every person living in the residence, both relatives and nonrelatives. Every household should complete their census form upon receipt and return it in the postage-paid envelope. Census workers will visit households that do not return the forms to take the count in person.

Job Opportunity

The Census also means something else in an economically strained time - jobs. The Census offers jobs to unemployed workers to help through our current economic downturn. They may only be part time, however they are reasonably well paying. There are a variety of different types of jobs available with a good availability. You can go to www.2010censusjobs.gov or call 1-866-861-2010 for information on Census jobs.

Welcome New Members!

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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!

Thank you to **Hampton Inn, Suzanne Ball; and McKee & Associates, James McKee** for hosting a well-attended and lively **Business After Hours in February!** The lobby of the Hampton Inn was filled with guests networking and socializing as they enjoyed delicious food prepared by The Greenhouse of Teays Valley. Tours of newly renovated rooms featuring themed guest packages were conducted by the Hampton Inn staff. Door prizes were awarded to Karen Young (Hampton Inn Romantic Room Package), Drema Croson (Olive Garden Gift Certificate courtesy of McKee & Associates), John Fowler (Red Lobster Gift Certificate courtesy of McKee & Associates), Troy Dunn (Chicken Roaster courtesy of The Greenhouse of Teays Valley) and David Gross (Greenhouse Gift Basket courtesy of Hampton Inn). The winner of the **BB&T** Sponsored drawing valued at **\$200** was **Sherry Hayes, Putnam County Assessor, had she been present!**

Jenkins Fenstermaker, PLLC, recently donated \$2,500 to United Way of the River Cities. The donation toward the current United Way campaign was made in recognition of Jenkins Fenstermaker's clients and friends in 2009.

"Jenkins Fenstermaker chose to make this pledge to recognize our clients and friends who helped make 2009 such a great success for us" said Jenkins Fenstermaker CEO, Barry Taylor. "The United Way does such tremendous work in our local communities. Our members want to support that endeavor, while investing in Huntington's future and acknowledging those around us who have made our growth and their growth possible." Jenkins Fenstermaker recently relocated to their new offices at 325 8th Street in downtown Huntington.

Kanawha Valley Community & Technical College, formerly West Virginia State Community and Technical College, is offering SHRM Essentials of Human Resource Management: Designed for new human resource professionals, this cost-effective course covers real-life HR issues, however anyone involved with hiring or managing employees will benefit from the course. Provides an overview of the human resource function and today's most vital and timely topics, including employment law, selecting qualified employees,

compensation, the employee performance process and much more. All materials provided. Receive a SHRM certificate of completion. Instructor: Betty McHale; April 5 & 6; 9:00-5:00; \$475. To register on-line go to www.wvsectc.edu/ContEd.htm and select *Workshops & Seminars*. For information call 304-766-5113 or e-mail nielsenL@kvctc.edu.

Pray Construction Company was selected as the winner of the CAWV 2009 Safety Award for the Greater than 100,000 Manhour Building Division category. Our logo *Creating a Tradition of Building Excellence* continues in many ways a Pray Construction.

Prestige Park Professional Office Complex has office space available. Building 500-A-Suite 2, First Floor 3,861 sq. ft.; Building 300-C Second Floor, 1,140 sq. ft.; Building 200-First Floor, 1,200 sq. ft.; Building 200- Second Floor, 683 sq. ft.; Building 600-B- Suite 1, Second Floor 360 sq. ft.; Call Keniman Belcher for more information at 304-757-0092.

The **West Virginia Symphony Orchestra** will perform a special concert in *Putnam County* on Friday, March 26, 2010 at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church. This concert features some of Mozart's best loved works including his famous Overture to *Lucio Silla*, his Symphony No. 36 in C Major (*The Linz*) and his Violin Concerto No. 5 in A Major performed by WVSO audience favorite Corey Cerovsek. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children and are available through the Clay Center Box Office at 304-561-3570. Tickets may also be ordered online at www.wvsymphony.org. Maestro Grant Cooper, Artistic Director & Conductor of the WVSO, will conduct this concert, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church at 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, WV 25526.

Congratulations to "Primp Salon" Chamber Business of the Month for March!

Owner Michelle Carver and her family moved from North Carolina in 2007, choosing Putnam County as their new home. Michelle began working at a local salon in the Valley and after only a year, had built a substantial client base. It was time to spread her wings and open Primp Salon. Michelle started preparing in April of 2009 for Primp to become a reality. Grand Opening was on June 1, 2009; just 26 days after having her second daughter!

Michelle brings over 14 years of experience in the salon industry and has trained and worked at some of the best schools and salons that North Carolina had to offer. She wanted to bring something different to the area. "I believe Teays Valley needed and up-scale, professional salon. Residents shouldn't have to travel to Barboursville or Charleston to get quality service," Michelle says. "I want to offer Putnam County and surrounding areas a welcoming, fun environment and where they can get quality services from experienced stylists." Personalized consultations are always given to meet your individual needs.

Joining Michelle since opening is James "Jimbo" White. He brings 5 years experience to the salon. He has added education through Pravana Naturceuticals to his credentials. "I want to make sure you have the look you want and that you leave happy," Jimbo states. Jenn Schoolcraft is the newest addition to the salon. She began in September 2009 and adds spice to the salon. Her short style haircuts and colors are her trademark. "I feel I have a great talent to offer the Valley, that's why I chose to work in an up and coming salon." Jenn says. In the

upcoming months, Michelle hopes to add more talent to her creative team, including massage therapy.

Primp Salon hopes to bring a little something different to the Valley. By attending the latest classes available to the stylists, our goal is to keep Putnam County looking wonderful; even if this means traveling across the country to see how things are done on the West coast. This includes an upcoming Salon Education Class in Las Vegas, NV in October 2010. We hope to see you in the near future. If you haven't found the personal touch you are looking for, or you are just ready to try something different, please give us a call at 304- 760- 8298. We will be more than happy to exceed your needs!

COMING SOON!

2010 Putnam County Consumer & Relocation Guide

The new 2010 Putnam County Consumer & Relocation Guide will be available later this month! This top-quality, full-glossy guide is published by your Putnam County Chamber and 100% member-supported. We are very proud of this guide and we're sure you'll like it too.

The guide is designed and produced by Chamber member Jeff Beary of The Printing Press, Ltd. Three thousand copies of this first-class promotional piece will be distributed to current, new and potential businesses and residents of the region. Copies of the guide are also placed in local bank lobbies, government offices, post offices, and real estate offices and also available to the general public at the Chamber office.

Over \$34,000 in ads were purchased by 63 leading member businesses and organizations in continued support of this important annual publication. Please do business with Chamber members first for their contribution to the area's economic health and prosperity.

March Business After Hours

Sponsored by
Professional Floor & Wall Covering
4010 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot

Thursday, March 18, 2010
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 **\$300**;

You must be present to win!
RSVP to 304.757.6510 or chamber@putnamcounty.org

Leadership Putnam County 2010

“Leadership and Learning are indispensable to each other.”
~John F. Kennedy

This nine-week course is intended to provide participants with a thorough understanding of county operations. Classes meet on location with representatives from law enforcement, government, education, community service organizations, utility suppliers, health care providers, manufacturers and business people. Offered by the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce since 1989 this program is highly recommended for civic-minded individuals interested in learning more about community assets and services.

Leadership Putnam County classes are held every Wednesday from 8:30 am – 11:30 am (see schedule below). Attendance at one public meeting is a requirement of graduation. Participation is open to both Chamber and non-Chamber members. Cost for Chamber members is \$225 per person; non-Chamber member cost is \$285.

Class Date, Location & Topic

Wednesday, April 14

Putnam County Library
Library Services, Leadership Styles

Wednesday, April 21

County Judicial Building
Criminal Justice System

Wednesday, April 28

Winfield Courthouse
County Government & Agencies

Wednesday, May 5

Putnam PSD, Bio-Chem Testing
Water plant history & operations

Wednesday, May 12

Board of Education
County Schools & higher education resources

Wednesday, May 19

AEP John Amos Plant
Power production & the environment

Wednesday, May 26

Toyota
Manufacturing & Economic Development

Wednesday, June 2

CAMC TV Hospital, Family Care, Teays Physical Therapy
Health Care Facilities

Wednesday, June 9

Tri-County YMCA; Valley Park
Recreation & Physical Fitness

Friday, June 18

Sleepy Hollow Golf Club
Graduation & Guest Speaker

Register now! Make your mark in Putnam County!

Classes start Wednesday, April 14

Call or email Gretchen White at the Chamber office
304.757.6510 ~ gwhite@putnamcounty.org

**Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Welcomes
Disney Institute to
Huntington, W.VA on March 23, 2010**

It doesn't take any training to recognize that the world's economy has taken a significant downturn. It does take effective and proven professional development training to guide impacted organizations back to the summit.

A one-day local workshop, Disney's Approach to Business Excellence program is a rare and affordable opportunity to learn best business practices from Disney insiders. Organizations from across the nation have learned proven philosophies and implemented effective processes to reap the rewards of improvements in leadership, management, service, and brand loyalty.

IMPORTANT: Please use promotional code PCCMNE to receive \$50 OFF PER GUEST when registering. TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER GO TO: www.KeysHuntington.com

No prerequisite training required.

Community News

John Wilson, Jr. Receives 2009 Mayo Lester Award

John Wilson, Jr. was awarded the 2009 Mayo Lester Award for Outstanding Community Service in front of nearly 275 guests at the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting held Friday, January 29 at Wellington's in Poca.

The Mayo Lester Community Service Award was named after the Chamber's founder and first Board Chairman, Mayo Lester, who was the first recipient of the award in 1979. The criteria used in choosing the recipient includes the positive impact made because of action taken, an extraordinary amount of uncompensated time devoted to a project or projects,

creativity and initiative displayed beyond what is expected, and a high degree of personal sacrifice. It is much more than being a good citizen or a good friend.

This is the thirty-first year that the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce has awarded the Mayo Lester Community Service Award. As the 2009 recipient, John Wilson, Jr. exemplifies the standard of the award criteria.

John's many volunteer efforts with Putnam County youth include Winfield High School athletic booster, involvement with the 4-H livestock program at Putnam County Fair and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Even with his busy work schedule at Putnam County Bank, John finds time to provide professional assistance for students participating in the High School Business Symposium, Junior Achievement and the High School Portfolio Exposition.

It is perhaps John's desire to see that the children of Putnam County have every opportunity to succeed that led him to work for the successful passage of the School Bond in fall of 2009. His efforts to promote the school bond resulted in the County passing the first bond issue since the 1970's. Thanks to John's leadership Putnam County students will now have facilities to match their blue ribbon academic performance efforts.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce proudly acknowledges John Wilson Jr., 2009 recipient of the Mayo Lester Community Service Award.

Calendar of Events for March 2010

Monday, March 1

Membership Committee; 4:00 PM, Chamber Office

Wednesday, March 10

Education Committee; Noon, Chamber Office

Thursday, March 18

Putnam County NOW (Network of Women); 8:00 AM; Chamber Office

Thursday, March 18

Business After Hours ~ 5pm-7pm

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Cost \$15 per person

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