Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce

Winter Newsletter

- **Annual Chamber meeting, Thursday, March 27, 2014, Opera House in Marlinton, 6:00. p.m. Program to be presented by Delegate Bill Hartman—How Does Small Business Affect Communities?**

- **Chamber Board Members:**

  Mike Holstine

  Paula Garretson

  Anita Watson

  Selina King

  Kevin Fraser

  Barbara Lay

  Sarah Irvine

  Andrew Dean

  Ben Wilfong

  David Cain

  Marcia Laska

  Stephanie Dilley

Pocahontas County Annual Meeting, Thursday, March 27, 2014, Pocahontas County Opera House, 6:00 p.m.

The Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting will be held Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Pocahontas County Opera House. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m.; welcome and invocation at 7:00 with dinner from 7:10-8:00 p.m. The election of the Chamber Board of Directors will be held at 8:00 followed by the presentation of the Community Involvement Awards. The guest speaker will be Delegate Bill Hartman of the West Virginia Legislature and Vice-Chair of the Small Business/Entrepreneurship/ Economic Development Committee.

DELEGATE

BILL HARTMAN

Our new website is up and running.

Please visit the site at :

pccocwv.com

A hearty thanks to Drew Tanner !!!!!

<u>Proposed Board Members for 2014</u>

<u>3 year term ending December 2016</u>:

Barbara Lay, Andrew Dean, Roger Trusler, Bill Jordan

<u>2 year term ending December 2015</u>: Paula Garretson, Selina King, Marcia Laska, Ben Wilfong

<u>1 year term ending December 2014</u>: Kevin Fraser, Stephanie Dilley, Sarah Irvine, Michael Holstine

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Linda Simmons - Chamber Liaison

Linda began working for The Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce in September 2013. She works up to 20 hours per week. Please feel free to call her to assist you with your business and/or community needs.

Prior to joining The Chamber of Commerce, she worked for The West Virginia University Extension Service for 34 years and served in Pocahontas, Marion and Greenbrier Counties.

Some of her Chamber duties performed to date have included: updating the membership, sending e-mail blasts about events and activities happening in Pocahontas County, Career/Mentorship Fair evaluation, compiling a list of potential members, prepared a fall newsletter, recruited some volunteers for the 2013 Road-Kill Event, and general public relations. She will have an active role in activities involved with The 2014 Annual Autumn Harvest Festival featuring The West Virginia Road Kill Cook-Off.

Since she joined The Chamber, one educational breakfast meeting has been held featuring "The Blueprint Communities Program," a program that will feature activities over a 12 month period. Activities may include: Community meetings for merchant and consumers around the county, last Friday of the month special event to promote our merchants and service providers all around the county, advertising campaign showcasing merchants and service providers, a business fair and a buy local challenge. Marvina Irvine, Blueprint Team Member, presented the program to 18 attendees.

Additional educational meetings will be planned in the future and anyone with suggestions for topics, please contact the Chamber. The next session will occur in the spring and will feature the topic of Small Business.

The Pocahontas County Chamber of Commerce Board meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.