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Chamber Memberships must be current in order to have your events listed in the Chamber Chatters.

** New items this week

RETIRE SENSE SEMINAR- Life comes at you fast, especially once you've retired. This information seminar will show you, in simple, everyday language, the primary financial risks you face living in retirement, and some of the most common mistakes people make when living off their investments. Join and arm yourself with critical knowledge. "Solving the Retirement Income Puzzle" will be held on Thursday, **May 12, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. at the LCCC Tamaqua Campus Scheller Center. RSVP by May 6 to (570) 668-6934 or (570) 668-1880.

LUNCH & LEARN – The Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce & Lehigh Carbon Community College Leadership & Workforce Development presents Lunch & Learn. First in a series of educational opportunities for you and your employees. \$35 per person, \$30 for Chamber Members for a series of 4 sessions – Internet Security, Time Management, Relaxation thru Music and Customer Service. Sessions run **May 11 & 18 and June 1 & 8**, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Materials included. Bring your own Brown Bag Lunch! Call (570) 668-1880 to reserve your spot now!

**** POOL PASSES-** Bungalow pool pass applications are now available at the Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce office, 114 West Broad Street.

**** FISHING RESTRICTIONS LIFTED-** The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, acting under authority of 98 pa. Code 65.25, the upper Owl Creek Reservoir is now open for fishing without any restriction of size, species, seasons or creel limits until the lake is drained. This is in preparation for the water draw down before the rehabilitation projects this summer. These temporary modifications are in effect until further notice, but in no event will they remain in place after January 1, 2012.

**** GRAND OPENING-** Join Care Net of Tamaqua for their Grand Opening on Saturday, **May 7** at 1 p.m. at 223 East Broad Street, in Tamaqua. The event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony and music by The Monday Knights, Care Net of Tamaqua, has recently opened a center, using the facilities of Bethany EC Church. Care Net provides pregnancy testing, parenting education, guidance, assistance, counseling and more. Currently the center is open each Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any questions about services, or if you would like to provide tax deductible financial support to the center, please contact Care Net of Tamaqua, at PO Box 216, Tamaqua or call (570) 624-7244.

**** TAMAQUA CHAMBER'S FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES-** Thursday, **June 2** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua featuring Fred Douglas and sponsored by **AAA Insurance Agency**. Reserve your table on the platform and enjoy a delicious dinner and drinks or just bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us for a relaxing evening of free musical entertainment. Check out our website at www.therestaurantatthestation.com or call (570) 668-5020. A full concert schedule is available on www.tamaqua.net or at 114 West Broad Street.

NIGHT AT THE RACES- The Tamaqua Elks will be holding a Night at the Races on Saturday, **May 7** from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the first race begins at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes 1 horse for 1 race, draft beer, soda, and food. Contact Donette Miller on Facebook or by calling the Elks if you would like to purchase a horse.

7TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK- The Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center is holding their 7th Annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, **May 7** at 9:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Tamaqua Area Adult Day Care Center. Pre-registration is \$15, day of race registration is \$20 from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. For registration forms stop by 300 West Broad Street, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or call (570) 668-6556.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE AT THE STATION- Saturday, **May 14** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street. Enjoy your favorite foods plus free live music outside in their Main Dining Room. Featured will be Sterling Koch, a nationally recognized lap steel guitarist. Call (570) 668-5020 for more information.

2ND ANNUAL JAMES J. RHOADES MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DECK PARTY- Tournament will be held at **Mountain Valley Golf Course** on Saturday, **May 14**. Registration and lunch at 11 a.m. 1 p.m. Shot gun "best ball" scramble. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. is the deck party which is all you can drink beer, music, and BBQ dinner on the deck! Cost is \$90 per golfer which includes putting and practice range, lunch, golf cart, golfer gift, raffles, on course contests, silent auction, awards ceremony, and deck party. Cost for deck party only is \$30. For more information on the tournament or for sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.rhoadesfoundation.com or email rhoadesfoundation@gmail.com. Please register for golf or by deck tickets by May 6. Deck party tickets are available at Mountain Valley Golf Course and Morris Drug Store in Mahanoy City.

PA ONE BOOK, EVERY YOUNG CHILD- In keeping with the state-wide initiative for promoting early literacy, **The Tamaqua Public Library**, will be participating in the PA One Book, Every Young Child Program for 2011. The book this year is *Whose Shoes: A Shoe for Every Job* by Stephen R. Swineburn. Children will learn about different professions through read-a-louds and will later enjoy a snack provided by the library. The craft this year will involve making a two-dimensional sneaker with real laces for practicing the lost art of tying. Children participating in the program will receive a free soft-cover copy of the book, while supplies last. The program will be held on Saturday **May, 14**. The first two sessions are for ages 2-5 and will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11:30-12:30 a.m. The last session is for ages 6-10 and will be held from 1:30-2:30. Please call (570) 668-4660 for more information and to register. Additional information can be obtained at www.paonebook.org.

PHILADELPHIA ART MUSEUM BUS TRIP- **The Tamaqua Art Gallery** is sponsoring a trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum on **May 21**, 2011. Visitors will get to see the special exhibit "Paris through the Window, Marc Chagall and His Circle." The bus will leave at 8 a.m. from the Tamaqua Public Library and will return at 7 p.m. Cost is \$48.00 per person and includes transportation, special guided tour of the Chagall exhibit, and admission into the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Perleman Building. For more information or to reserve your seat please call the Chamber at (570) 668-1880.

TAMAQUA ELKS BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT- Proceeds benefit **Tamaqua Elks** scholarships to Tamaqua, Marian, Panther Valley and Lehighon students. Tournament will be held on Saturday, **May 28** at White Birch Golf Course. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Tee off is 10 a.m. followed by food and beverages at 2 p.m. and awards at 2:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$60 and includes greens fee, cart, food, drinks and prizes. For more information contact Dan Evans at (570) 668-4919. Reservation deadline is May 21.

HUNGRY? CHECK OUT THESE SPECIALS!

MC DONALDS COUPON BOOKS - **The Tamaqua Rotary Club** is selling \$5 McDonald's Coupon booklets. A \$25 value this book is packed with discounts on all your favorite McDonalds foods. Also contains coupons for FREE items. Booklets are available from any Rotary Club member or stop by the Chamber office and purchase yours today!

STEAK & ALE NIGHT – Every Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua. Featuring a 10 oz. Delmonico Steak with 2 sides and a Pint of Chesterfield Ale for just \$12.99. Call (570) 668-5020.

The Restaurant at the Station, 18 North Railroad Street, is introducing a new expanded menu featuring many of your everyday favorites at new everyday prices.

MARTINI'S & MANICURES- Every other Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street. Ladies, get ready for the weekend or gather your friends together for a night of fun and pampering. Just \$10 each to treat yourself to both a yummy martini of your choice and a mini-manicure by Lola! Reservations are required for this event because it always sells out. Call to reserve your spot with a credit card. Your \$10 gift card will be available for you when you arrive. Use it and enjoy your martinis and a manicure. You can order with a group of friends on one credit card or have each friend call individually. (570) 668-5020.

SHRIMP NIGHT- Every Friday at **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, features shrimp, served golden or in your choices of sauce with hand cut fries and coleslaw for just \$9.99.

2ND SUNDAY TEA - Enjoy the finer things in life amidst the ambiance of our beautiful Victorian Train Station on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Indulge in a leisurely afternoon with a delightful 5 Course High Tea which includes: Salad, Scones and Tea Cakes with Cream & Jam, trio of Tea Sandwiches, Soup and Dessert complete with a selected Tea of the Month. \$15.99 per person (Pre-paid reservations are required) **The Restaurant at the Station**, 18 North Railroad Street, Tamaqua (570) 668-5020.

GOLDEN SPIKE INN – Golden Spike Inn on Center Street in Tamaqua has a vast railroad heritage! Friday and Saturdays the Spike serves tasty meals, including mouth-watering crab cakes, steaks, unique chicken specialties, plus freshly made burgers, homemade soups and desserts! And don't forget to stop by weekday evenings and watch their large screen TV's while enjoying exclusive ice-cold beers on tap, including Sam Adams, Franziskaner and Leinakugel. (570) 668-4959.

SKIPPER DIPPERS- Located on Route 309 North in Hometown offers great weekly specials. Check them out online by going to www.skipperdippers.com. **Skipper Dippers** is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Stop by for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Their wonderful ice cream is always on the menu. Join them on Facebook for the most up to date information at www.facebook.com/skipperdippers.

QUILTING CLASS – Every Wednesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. or every Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Carolyn's Quilt Shop**, 109-2 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. Don't know how to machine quilt? Here is your chance to learn. For more information call Carolyn at (570) 668-3090.

QUILTS OF VALOR ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED AT CAROLYN'S QUILT SHOP – Drop off your handmade quilts (larger than a lap quilt) at 109-2 East Broad Street, Tamaqua and we will send them to the troops for you. Call Carolyn at (570) 668-3090 for details.

NEW WEBSITE – ETA Benefits Group is proud to announce the launch of their brand-new website. This new "online office" has a whole new look and a host of new features designed to meet customers' insurance needs. Log on today and receive FREE quotes on your auto, home, boat, ATV, business or commercial insurance package 24/7, customer service forms and product and insurance information. **ETA Benefits Group** is an independent insurance agency located at 242 East Broad Street, Tamaqua. For more information, log on to www.etabenefits.com or call (570) 668-6800. Visit us on Facebook and stay informed on the latest news from our agency.

LIBERTY TAX SERVICE- 111 East Broad Street, Liberty Tax would also love to help you with your fundraising needs. No out of pocket money to spend and 100% of the proceeds go to your organization. Ask Celena how.

THE BALLIET AGENCY- As life changes, your insurance needs to change with it. Make sure your protection is up to date. Balliet Insurance Agency offers auto insurances, homeowner's, business owners, worker's compensation, motorcycle, snowmobile, ATV, and boat insurance. For more information call (570) 669-9373.

FREE QUOTES FROM AAA- For a free, no-obligation quote on Home, Auto or Life insurance please call Kristine Llewellyn or Sue Smyrl at **AAA Insurance Agency** (570) 668-1003 or you can email them at kllewellyn@aaaschuykill.net or ssmyrl@aaaschuykill.net. They deal with several different companies, some of which offer discounts to AAA members.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS - Create a lasting memory for your Son or Daughter and your family. **Flexer Photography**, 20 Field Road, Tamaqua (570) 467-3125. Packages starting @ \$49.95.

FREE BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING-The Senior-Training-Seniors Program offers one-on-one computer instruction. The general public can also be served on a space available basis. The program is being offered at the **Tamaqua Public Library**, 30 South Railroad Street, Monday through Thursday during normal operating hours. Please call Bill at (570) 668-0401 or (570) 668-4660 for further information.

KICKBOXING CLASS- USA Martial Arts, 118 East Broad Street, is now having high energy kickboxing workouts every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fitness kickboxing takes the music, excitement, and energy of an aerobics workout and does it one better. Class includes free bag gloves or hand wraps. Fees are \$35 monthly for unlimited classes or \$20 monthly for once a week classes. Call (570) 668-0565 for information on your free trial class.

REMEMBER WHEN VIDEO – Need to turn those old 8 mm movies to DVD's? Need Photo, Video & DJ Service? Call Frank Fabrizio at **Remember When Video** (570) 668-2444. Frank also specializes in Videos for all of your special occasions – weddings, anniversaries, graduation, birthdays, homecomings, etc.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS- Carolyn's Quilt Shop, 109-2 East Broad Street, Tamaqua has patterns for crochet and knits scarves and helmet liners to be sent to our troops. For more information call (570) 668-3090.

OWL CREEK RESERVOIR PAVILION RENTAL - Planning a party or picnic and need an outdoor space? The **Owl Creek Reservoir Commission** offers a large pavilion rental. Water, electricity and toilet facilities. Also offering catering services and a disc jockey. Alcoholic beverages prohibited. For more information call Georgine Wentz at (570) 668-5608.

ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISTS – The **Tamaqua Public Library** would like to display the artwork of local artists. There is wall space in the Reading lounge for approximately 8 pieces of art. Interested artists can display their work for a one-month period and leave business cards to help promote his/her artwork. For more information call (570) 668-4660.

ONLINE VEHICLE REGISTRATION - **AAA** now offers instant online vehicle registration renewals, duplicate registration cards and/or stickers and title transfers. State and service fees apply for online service products. For more information contact (570) 668-1003 or email ssmyrl@aaaschuylkill.net

TAMAQUA COMMUNITY CENTER – Available for your private party, wedding, social event, Non-profit organization functions or group meetings. Seating capacity of 175. Reasonable rates. Handicap accessible. For details and a fee schedule call (570) 668-0300.

SPEAKER AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHURCH, CLUB, COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION – Call **Judy Hoppes, Carbon/Tamaqua American Cancer Society**, at (888) 227-5445, Option 3, for more information.

CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR AT TAMAQUAAREA.COM FOR EVEN MORE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA

“Now, more than ever, it pays to belong to the Tamaqua Chamber”.

PLEASE NOTE: Chamber members are encouraged to submit their announcements, news and events by email to taccamanda@verizon.net or call 668-1880 before Thursday of each week to insure publication.