

The Chamber News

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Historic First Meeting is January 12

Please join us for the historic inaugural meeting of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, January 12,

The meeting will begin at 12 noon on the first floor of the Purple Onion restaurant on North 1st Street in Central City.

Our January meal is sponsored by a trio of fantastic Chamber members – **The Courtyard**; **Donnie Johnson CPA**; and the **Malone Lumber Do-It Center**. We offer our sincere thanks to Bonnie Richey, Donnie Johnson, Paul Gabbard and their staffs for their dedication to the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber and its mission.

Our first meeting is obviously a special one as we orient members to our new organization and our goals in 2006; conduct the installation ceremony for our 2006 officer slate; unveil the new Chamber logo; present membership materials; and other things not to be missed.

Don't miss this important, historic first meeting. We'll see you there!

Message from the President

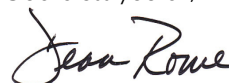
Welcome to the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce! It is truly a pleasure to share those words with you in this newsletter as the day that many thought could never come is now upon us and with it comes great hope and expectation.

Your Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has been hard at work since October – laying the ground work for our new organization, which is now up and running. We are committed to taking the very best aspects of the Central City and Greenville – Muhlenberg County Chambers of Commerce and building on them to nurture a new, dynamic organization that we believe will be a catalyst for great economic progress for Muhlenberg County.

Together – as **charter members** of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce – we can make an impact on our community far beyond what any individual or business can do alone.

I am honored to serve this organization as president in 2006. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously. However, the job of running the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce goes far beyond what any one man or woman can do. We – each of us – are the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce. We all bring something unique to the table and I look forward to seeing the impact that we can make in our communities, county and state.

God bless you all,



*"It just felt right in
Kentucky and
Muhlenberg County."*

- Dr. Lesley Shure



**The Character Counts
Pillar for January is
FAIRNESS!**

Play by the rules.

**Be open-minded and
willing to listen.**

Be just and impartial.

Welcome to Muhlenberg County

Dr. Lesley Shure, a native of Richmond, VA, has opened her practice at 211 South Cherry Street in Greenville, KY. She is an orthopedic surgeon and chose Muhlenberg County for her practice after 14 other interviews and other job offers. "It just felt right in Kentucky and Muhlenberg County," she recently said. Welcome Dr. Shure and thank you for choosing our community. For appointments with Dr. Shure, just call 270-377-0111.

Community Events, Meetings, Reminders

Recycle Phone Book Contest with the Muhlenberg County schools will run January 9-13. If you have phone books for pick up or want more information please call 338-3124.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Second Baptist Church in Greenville from noon till 6:00 p.m. January 10. There will be free giveaways for participants.

Volleyball league begins on January 8 at the old Central City High School gym. A record number of 24 teams will be competing this year. Twelve games will be played each Sunday through February 26 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tournament dates are March 5 and March 12.

Educational Opportunities

Free Basic Computer Classes are being offered in Muhlenberg County at the Career Advancement Center in Powderly, KY. Classes begin January 19-February 9 and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Classes will cover Microsoft Windows, Word, Excel, Internet, and Email. Call 338-2257 to register.

American Red Cross offerings: **Babysitting training class** January 28. Fee: \$35. **CPR training** will take place on January 21. **CPR/AED class for the professional rescuer** will be offered January 7 for health professionals or those training to be in the health field. A **CPR Instructors class** takes place on January 12-14. This class is for anyone wishing to teach others about CPR. Call 270-821-6784 for more information about the above offerings.

Entertainment Happenings

Juggernaut Jug Band will be appearing at the Glema Mahr Center in Madisonville on January 14 at 7:30 p.m. The band is back by popular request. Each performance is a challenge to the audience to have as much fun as the band. Tickets: \$16.00 Call 270-821-ARTS

Jazz at the Symphony with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra: The evening at the Glema Mahr Center will feature guest singers as well as traditional jazz standards. Mark your calendars for January 21, 7:30 p.m. for this musical filled evening. Tickets: \$25/\$20 Call 270-821-ARTS

"Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck directed by Karen Willis (Muhlenberg County native) takes the Glema Mahr Center stage on February 10 at 7:30 p.m and February 12 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets: \$12.00 Call 270-821-ARTS

Congratulations Judge Kirtley

The Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association elected officers at its General Membership Meeting on November 15, 2005 at the Marriott Louisville Downtown.

The officers were sworn-in at the Quarterly Executive Board Meeting at the Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort on December 1, 2005.

Muhlenberg County Judge/Executive Rodney Kirtley was chosen by his peers to serve as president. Judge/Executive Kirtley has been very active within the Association for many years and has served as Muhlenberg County Judge/Executive since 1994.

The remaining officers elected to serve on the Executive Board for the 2006 term were: Judge/Executive Tony Wilder, Boyle County - First Vice-President; Judge/Executive N. E. Reed, Edmonson County - Second Vice-president; Judge/Executive James L. Gallenstein, Mason County - Third Vice-President; Judge/Executive Darrell BeShears, Pulaski County - Secretary; Judge/Executive Darrell Link, Grant County - Treasurer; Judge/Executive Steve Tribble, Christain County - Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Kentucky County Judge/Executive Association was formed in 1980 and incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1982. The purpose of the Association is to act as a liaison between county judge/executives and state and federal government entities. The Association strives to inform and educate local officials in issues vital to county government in Kentucky.



Muhlenberg County Judge Executive Rodney Kirtley was sworn in as president of the KCJEA on Dec. 1 by Lt. Governor Steve Pence.

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. We are strengthening our relationship with the Kentucky Chamber, which is a strong ally in pushing a business-friendly legislative agenda. We will make every effort to keep you up-to-date on the activities of the Kentucky Chamber, including the report below on the Policy Committees which **steer the Kentucky Chamber's Advocacy Efforts**. The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Policy Committees are actively involved in developing the yearly Kentucky Business Agenda, the Chamber's roadmap for its yearly legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts.

- **Economic Development** - Promotes business and employment opportunities that improve the quality of life for Kentuckians. *Dave Beckman, Jr., Co-chair, Frost Brown Todd LLC. and Craig Guess, Co-chair, Vanguard Contractors, Inc.*
- **Education** - Focuses on lifelong learning to ensure that Kentucky businesses have a prepared workforce. *Wayne Martin, Chair, Gray Kentucky Television, Inc.*
- **Environment** - Promotes policies based on objective research in order to provide for environmental protection without unnecessarily hindering economic development and business growth. *Carolyn Brown, Chair, Greenebaum Doll & McDonald PLLC*
- **Fiscal Policy** - Promotes sound state revenue policies based on their ability to promote long-term economic development in Kentucky. *Dan Bork, Chair, Lexmark International, Inc.*
- **Health Care** - Promotes slowing the increasing costs of health care and allowing more Kentuckians access to affordable health insurance. *Bill Tatum, Chair, Angell Manufacturing*
- **Human Resources and Labor** - Promotes streamlining areas of Kentucky employment law that inhibit the development of productive employer/employee relationships. *Carl Lay, Chair, Ambrake Corporation*
- **Small Business** - Focuses on issues important to small business owners. *Lee Hall, Farmers Feed Mill, Inc.*
- **Political Education** - Works to ensure Kentucky's legislature is business-friendly. *Steve Loyal, Chair, Atmos Energy*

Don't forget. The historic first meeting of the Greater Muhlenberg Chamber of Commerce is Thursday, January 12, 2006, at the Purple Onion restaurant in Central City.

Thanks again to our January meeting sponsors -

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