Legislative Luncheon Tackles Tough Issues

Nearly 100 chamber members discussed business and community issues with local legislators during the chamber’s annual State Legislative Luncheon on Friday, March 24, at the Gettysburg Hotel.

Moderated by Pennsylvania Chamber Executive Gene Barr, Senator Rich Alloway and Representatives Dan Moul and Will Tallman fielded questions from the audience ranging from potential mandated minimum wage increases to medical marijuana dispensaries.

Here are highlights:

**Electronics Recycling**

Senator Alloway is working to overhaul Pennsylvania’s electronics-recycling program. The law says you must properly recycle electronics, but there are no recycling facilities willing to take electronics because of the cost of proper disposal.

“The system is broken and not adequately serving the state’s residents,” he said.

Alloway has been working with manufacturers, recyclers, retailers and other parties to develop a solution to the problem and hopes to announce legislation soon.

**Medical Marijuana**

Legislators discussed medical marijuana, including a facility slated to come to Adams County, pending approval. Last year, Pennsylvania became the 24th state to pass a bill to legalize medical marijuana to address the suffering of people with 17 serious medical conditions with doctor approval.

All legislators agreed the legal use of medical marijuana would not automatically lead to the legal use of recreational marijuana.

“I do not support legalizing marijuana for recreational use,” said Representative Moul. “I have studied the issue of medical cannabis oil and have met with families of chronically ill children who regard it as a miracle cure. I can’t deny any parent the right to help their child.”

**Pension Reform**

All legislators were in agreement that Pennsylvania’s public employee pension systems are in dire need of an overhaul. While it is critical to ensure the retirement benefits already earned by current employees and retirees are fully protected, the current system is unsustainable.

**Libre’s Law**

Senator Alloway says Senate Bill 298, known as “Libre’s Law,” will help prevent animal cruelty and neglect by holding animal abusers accountable for harming animals. The bill, sponsored by Alloway, would make it easier to prosecute a person who knowingly mistreats, abuses or neglects an animal. It also adds a new classification for offenders who cause the death or serious bodily injury of an animal. Violators could be found guilty of a third-degree felony.

The legislation was inspired by the story of Libre, a 4-month-old Boston terrier rescued in July from a Lancaster County farm after suffering from weeks of neglect. While it was introduced during the last legislative session, House leaders refused to bring the bill up for final vote.

“I’m thankful we were able to build on the momentum we generated last year and am confident Libre’s Law will pass this year.”

The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce is Adams County’s largest and oldest business organization and supports the local business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. Nearly 540 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information, visit gettysburg-chamber.org.
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ACNB Bank recently presented the inaugural 2017 Volunteer of the Year Award to employees Barbara D. Guise, assistant vice president/residential mortgage loan originator, and Nancy M. Shelleman, North Gettysburg Office teller, in recognition of their community involvement. Guise received the award in recognition of her dedicated volunteer service as a “blanketeer” with the Gettysburg/Adams County Chapter of Project Linus. She crocheted 46 blankets for Project Linus as gifts for seriously ill and traumatized children in 2016. Shelleman dedicated more than 330 hours of service in 2016 to the Cashtown Community Fire Department and Auxiliary. The organizations supported by these staff members received a $1,000 contribution from ACNB.

The Gettysburg Foundation Recruits planted an apple orchard at the George Spangler Farm Civil War field hospital site. The group, made up of young people aged 18-38, raised $8,000 for the project on giving Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016. Apples harvested from the trees are sent to a local cider producer to be fermented, bottled and sold to raise funds for the National Park Service as part of the Seedling to Cider Project.

Gettysburg Tours Inc. has partnered with the expert guides of Historic Leadership Training to offer a new tour showcasing a different side of Gettysburg military history. The tour takes riders to two prisoner-of-war camps hidden from public view -- one an interrogation camp and another serving as a work factory -- and covers a map making operation, the scrap drive that almost took some of the Gettysburg National Military Park's monuments and an intelligence camp that trained troops for psychological warfare. Tour dates are May 13, June 3, Aug. 19 and Sept. 17. Call 717.334.6296 for details.

With more than 74% of its fleet past its useful life, rabbittransit welcomes the addition of 60 new vehicles in the coming weeks ahead. Forty-eight black-and-white Paratransit, or Shared Ride, vehicles were deployed into service on April 3. The vehicles were dispersed into Adams, Columbia, Franklin, Northumberland and York counties as part of the rabbittransit 10-county service area. This brings the fleet total to 270 vehicles across the 10-county region including 213 Paratransit vehicles, 44 fixed route buses and 13 vehicles for the rabbitEXPRESS commuter service.

Smith Elliott Kearns & Company LLC has been named one of Accounting Today’s Regional Leaders for 2017. SEK&Co was listed among 18 leading firms in the capital region, which includes Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. The ranking includes the most successful public accounting firms in the country based on revenue and growth.

The Wyndham Gettysburg has been awarded the annual “Best of Wyndham,” which recognizes the brand’s top performing hotels and their staffs. Of the nearly 100 Wyndham Hotels located in the Americas, the Wyndham Gettysburg was one of only six hotels awarded. “This is a great honor for our hotel and is a direct result of the hard work of our wonderful staff,” said Pete Doggett, general manager. “We’re in the business of creating lasting memories for all our guests, and this starts with high quality service and unforgettable hotel experiences.”

The YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County recently honored five outstanding women with Callie Awards. Recognized were: Sharon Mcgraw, community service; Laura Geesaman, advocacy; Wendy Bream Stoner, education; Pat Crowner, racial justice; and Indira Rucic, exceptional young woman.
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Member Appreciation Month kicks off with a lunch program in partnership with the Rotary Club of Gettysburg. Hear from Congressman Scott Perry on issues of national importance.

AWARDS BREAKFAST
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 7 A.M.
DOBBIN HOUSE, GETTYSBURG
$17 MEMBERS/$25 NON-MEMBERS

The chamber will provide an update on activities and recognize award winners as part of May Member Appreciation Month.

STEINWEHR AVENUE BLOCK PARTY
MEMBERSHIP MIXER
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 5-7 P.M.
GETTYSBURG HERITAGE CENTER
FREE!

Join the Gettysburg Heritage Center, NEW Best Western Gettysburg Hotel and Appalachian Brewing Company for a Steinwehr Avenue Block Party Membership Mixer. Mix and mingle with the business community over refreshments and discover how the businesses of Steinwehr Avenue are investing in the area’s future.

MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
ADAMS ELECTRIC PAVILION, GETTYSBURG
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Enjoy lunch on us! Your board of directors will grill up hamburgers and hot dogs plus great sides and drinks. Plus, we’ll have plenty of games and prizes, including a FREE Membership (valued up to $500).
Member Spotlight

Mason Dixon Distillery

Eating local and drinking local all in one place is now easier than ever before. The creation of a father and son team, Mason Dixon Distillery is a distillery-restaurant combination that focuses on sourcing locally and creating big flavor all while you get to talk with both new and old friends.

While many new distilleries source their spirits from other distilleries when they are first getting started, Mason Dixon is committed to making everything from scratch on site. This means that clear spirits like vodka and rum are regularly available, while aged spirit releases are of limited availability right now. All of the raw grains needed come from within a few miles of the distillery -- including the historic Gettysburg battlefield -- making their spirits a distinctly Adams County product.

The restaurant portion of Mason Dixon features a constantly changing menu with modern takes on comfort food. There is something for every taste. Try a cheeseburger that features all locally raised meat or fried brussel sprouts that have a light drizzle of local honey. Or sample poutine, a dish made of french fries with slow braised short rib, cheese curds and gravy.

The food and cocktail menus change seasonally and weekly specials are available. For those who don’t drink liquor, there is always a selection of Pennsylvania beer, wine and cider available. For those who don’t drink at all, it is worth a trip for the food alone.

Mason Dixon Distillery is housed a little off of the normal beaten path in a meticulously restored 100-year-old warehouse and has a large parking lot that has enough space for all of its patrons.
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017

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*Includes greens fee, cart, putting contest, group photo, snacks/beverages on the course, prizes and buffet dinner by Biggerstaff’s Catering. In honor of Flag Day, veterans are eligible for a 10% discount.

SCHEDULE:

Registration 11 a.m.*
Tee Time 12:30 p.m.
Dinner 5:30/6 p.m.
Awards Following Dinner

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Destination Gettysburg Announces New Meetings Market Manager

Destination Gettysburg is excited to announce the addition of Amy Sites as the organization’s new Meetings Market Manager. Amy brings with her 13 years of experience in meetings and event planning, most recently as Senior Project Manager at EventPower Inc.

At Destination Gettysburg, Amy will work with businesses to grow the destination’s meetings market – highlighting both traditional and unique meeting and event venues, the growing leadership development programs as well as the variety of amenities that Adams County has to offer meeting and event planners.

“We are excited to bring Amy Sites on board with Destination Gettysburg,” said Norris Flowers, President of Destination Gettysburg. “Amy brings a wealth of experience as a meeting planner and someone who understands the industry from both sides. We look forward to her leadership in growing the meetings market in the Gettysburg area.”

In recent years, Gettysburg and the surrounding countryside have carved its niche in the meetings market through leadership development – using the backdrop of the Civil War battlefield as well as Presidents Lincoln and Eisenhower to provide poignant examples of leadership that can be used in today’s corporate board rooms and throughout organizations of varying sizes.

Amy can assist businesses throughout Adams County in planning meetings locally. She can be contacted at amy@destinationgettysburg.com.

Freedom Transit Extends Route, Announces Summer/Fall Schedules

Freedom Transit extended the Blue Line to connect with the new Adams County Human Services building at 525 Boyds School Road, Gettysburg. Currently, the Blue Line makes three additional trips to this location including 7:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Other locations available along the route include Misty Ridge Terrace, HACC and Weis, all in Gettysburg.

Beginning Sunday, May 7, running thru Dec. 2, 2017, Freedom Transit’s Summer/Fall Schedule will go into effect. The Gray and Lincoln (Red) Lines will extend service until 10 p.m. The Lincoln (Red) Line will continue to run outbound and inbound via Steinwehr Avenue to the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center alternating trips to The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg and Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center. Schedules will be distributed to area businesses in the last week of April.

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