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Peter Martin Named Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year

GETTYSBURG, Pa. – Peter Martin, owner of PJ Martin Engineering, Gettysburg, is the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year, recognized for his work to advance the mission of the chamber and support of the local business community.

Martin will be honored during the chamber's General Membership Breakfast Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the Abigail Adams Ballroom of the Dobbin House in Gettysburg.

"Pete gives his time and talents to further the mission of the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce and strengthen our local businesses," said Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce President Carrie Stuart. "He is a tremendous asset not only to the chamber, but also to the entire Adams County community, and we thank him for his service."

Martin is currently a member of the chamber's Board of Directors, where he serves on the Executive Council and chairs the Legislative Team.

Leading the Legislative Team, he helps coordinate the annual Legislative Luncheon, which annually draws nearly 100 business leaders and legislators. The luncheon provides a forum for chamber members to get the latest legislative updates and ask questions of legislative leaders. Martin also led his team to create a process by which the chamber may take positions on issues of local, state and national significance. Most recently, he spearheaded a survey for Adams County commissioner candidates, crafting a set of questions important to the local business community. The survey was sent to eight commissioner candidates and all chamber membership, and the responses were pooled together, analyzed and published in the chamber's newsletter.

“In his time working with the chamber, Pete has showed outstanding commitment to its mission and demonstrated his support of chamber goals time and time again,” said Darlene Brown, chamber board member and legislative team member. “He has shown great initiative and creativity and has worked tirelessly to enhance the stability and growth of chamber activities.”

For the past three years, Martin has provided professional services free-of-charge to the chamber’s Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival, central Pennsylvania’s premier wine event. He has helped layout the site including space for more than 75 vendors, created an expansion plan for future festivals and drafted a land use topography map, in addition to helping with site set-up.

“The Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival is reliant on nearly 300 community volunteers to run smoothly, and Pete is a standout,” said Stacey Green, festival chair. “In a world where everyone is so busy, Pete continues to find time to help with this great event, and we are sincerely grateful.”

Martin has also served as liaison between the chamber and Straban Township with regard to the chamber’s Route 30 sign space. For years, the space reserved for a welcome sign, across from GIANT Food Stores in Gettysburg, has been empty. He worked with township officials and attended multiple meetings on behalf of the chamber to successfully finalize a sign permit.

The past five honorees include: Matthew Sheads, Hockley & O'Donnell Insurance Agency; Charlie Bennett, Knouse Foods Cooperative Inc.; David Laughman, DL3 Systems LLC; Debra Sites, ACNB Bank; and Carl and Susie Frantz, Carl E. Frantz Inc.

The chamber supports the Adams County business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. More than 500 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information, visit www.gettysburg-chamber.org.

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