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From the President's Desk

Welcome to your final edition of The Slippery Rock Business Association newsletter for 2015! The Slipperv Rock Business Association had a busy year! In addition to our regular monthly meetings, we also hosted a successful Friends and Family Picnic on September 16th in Downtown Slippery Rock. Thank you to all of the members who attended and to those who donated door prizes, it was a great event. We look forward to our Holiday Dinner which will take place on Wednesday December 16th at 6pm at the SRU Alumni house (please see insert to this newsletter for invitation). This will be another opportunity for you to network with the business community while enjoying an evening of good food and entertainment. We hope to see you there!

As we wrap up the year and get ready to enter the Holiday Season, I wanted to express my gratitude to the SRBA board for their service. Long term board member Stacey Glenn will be stepping down as Vice President at the end of the year and I wanted to thank her for her years of service and invaluable contributions to the Association. The SRBA Board has voted for the following board positions for 2016. Lara Wozniak (President), Audrianna Bly (Vice President), Caitlin Schiebel (Secretary) and Lacey Richardson (Treasurer). This group is excited to work together to continue to grow our organization and focus on a thriving business community here in Slippery Rock.

Also, a very special thank you goes to our members. It is because of you that SRBA is entering its 12th year with a common goal of strengthening existing business, encouraging the development of new business to the area, and connecting as a community. Thank you for your loyalty.

Also, thank you to Stan Kosciuszko and The Butler County Chamber of Commerce Board for their ongoing support and fellowship to the Slippery Rock Business Association members and board.

I look forward to a successful and prosperous 2016. I encourage you to visit goslipperyrock.com to review the benefits of your membership and please feel free to contact me with any feedback, questions or suggestions. Thank you again and Happy Holidays!

LARA Lara Wozniak

October 21st. Membership Meeting Notes

SRBA General Membership Meeting October 21st 2015: 11:45-1pm Hosted by Fox's Pizza Lara welcomed everyone and introduced/thanked our host and speaker: Host: Fox's Pizza

Speaker: Dick Musko from R.P. Musko & Associates.

 R.P. Musko and Associates was started in 1975. Dick discussed the process of financial planning and all the faces that go with it, including; retirement planning, investment planning, insurance planning, education planning, tax planning, estate planning, business planning, succession planning, budgeting and money management.

 Questions were opened up and Dick was asked when the best time for looking at your financial future was. He explained the best time for it in his opinion was tax time because taxes already bring up the discussion of your finances and tax drives a lot of what is included in financial planning.

 If anyone has any other questions about Financial Planning feel free to call Dick, your first meeting is free.

Member Introductions were completed. Announcements included:

• NexTier Bank (Lara) - Hartland payment systems are no longer doing Rock Dollars, if you have the terminals let Lara know, she has other options available.

• Butler County Tourism (Debbie) - The farm tour was great and featured 30 farms and agricultural businesses. The tour was brought to a close by an excellent dinner offered by Freedom Farms. There will be a Christmas light show at the Farm Show grounds this year that is 2 miles long. It will run from November 2nd to January and WISR is doing the music for it. The new calendar of events is available if anyone needs it. Lastly, the Tough Mudder brought 9,000 people to town this year! • GB Tree (Garrett and Russ) - Russ is a friend from Washington that has previously worked with Garrett here to help him get caught up with work.

• Slippery Rock Development (Tom) - They are working on the historical signs for businesses along with Christmas banners. They are also going to be planting new trees and plants and are looking for as many volunteers as possible; all you need to do is show up.

• Slippery Rock Lions Club (Keith) - They are selling \$5 raffle tickets for a chance to win 4 tickets to a Pen's game. They will be selling brooms at Giant Eagle on October 31st. They also are sponsors with the fire dept. for the parade on October 31st starting at 6:00 pm: line up begins at 5:00 pm.

• CW Howard Insurance (Larry) - Getting ready for the 2016 tax season.

 Body Beautiful (April) - Now is the time to get anything done since you're not tan. • Fairfield Inn Butler (Emily) - Right now they are promoting their holiday package that includes breakfast with Santa. • New York Life Insurance (Scott) - Invited anyone to sit down and take a look at the options they have because 99% of people

need a plan and a process.

• Play Things Etc. (Alan) - He asked for any feedback on if there was one thing that they could do better. He also had 4 anonymous questionnaires for people to fill out that included a \$10 gift card. • Slippery Rock University Book Store (Beth) - There will be a Spaghetti Dinner November 15th at the Alumni House to benefit her coworker who was diagnosed with cancer. If anyone can post a sign in their store front please contact Beth. Also, there is an account set up at First National that anyone can donate to for her. Schneider's One Hour Heating and Air (Caitlin) - Promotion right now to receive a free gas/co2 detector with your tune up. Must mention promotion when booking.

· Edward Jones (Kara) - Call for any financial planning needs. • R.P Musko & Associates (Dick)- He is involved with an event this February on Main Street in Butler that is going to include ice carving, a chili cook off and possibly an ice skating rink. The event will be February 19th, 20th, and 21st. If you would like to be a sponsor and get an ice carving or set up a booth next to your ice carving contact Dick. • Berkshire Hathaway (Debbie) - If anyone is looking into property investment please call Debbie because there are plenty of non-student residents looking for places to rent in the Slippery Rock area. It would be a great investment for retirement.

SRBA Chair Reports

Treasurers Report- we paid for newsletters, picnic fees and admin fees for the chamber last month. Lacey delivered the balance before and after all fees were paid.

Secretaries Report- Audrianna was not present

Membership- Fairfield Inn Butler and the Robert M Smith Student Center were our new members for the month Newsletter- One more is left for this year, it will be coming out right around the holidays so please get any info to Lara or Tracey. Website- Jeremy was not present

Meeting Facilitator- November 18th will be the last meeting before the holiday party on December 16th (more info to follow). Dick Musko will be hosting and Butler County Tourism will be the speaker. We will be booking for 2016 meetings soon, if you would like to sign up to host or speak please see Kara.

Social Media- If you have a Facebook page and the Slippery Rock Business Association hasn't liked it yet please contact Caitlin. Events/Closing Notes-

• Lara thanked everyone who attended the Annual Membership Picnic along with everyone who donated baskets and giveaways.

Any feedback on how the picnic was set up is greatly appreciated. • Tom announced that VillageFest was rainy yet successful this year and is set for September 24th 2016 back on Main Street. If you would like to be a vendor don't wait to get your forms turned in because spots fill fast.

Upcoming Membership Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for January 20, 2016!

General membership meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every month with meetings taking place at the Nextier Bank meeting room unless otherwise noted.



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SRBA 2015 Christmas Party

- SRBA Members, Employees, and Family are invited to celebrate the holiday season together on:
- Wednesday, December 16, 2015 6:00pm-8:00pm Slippery Rock University Alumni House \$15.00 per person

*Non-perishable food donations are being accepted for the Slippery Rock Feed *My Sheep Food Cupboard**

Please RSVP to lwozniak@nextierbank.com no later than Wednesday, December 9th 2015

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Thank you for another great year!

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