

SPRING-FORD CHAMBER OF  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9th

- **Monthly Mixer  
at XPO Business Equipment  
BBQ 5pm-?**

June 11th

- **WIN Lunch at  
French Qtr Bistrot 12noon—  
1:30pm**

June 16th

- **Young Professional Network  
at Spring Hollow Golf  
Course 5pm-  
7pm**

June 24th

- **Multi-Chamber  
Mixer at the  
Foundry in  
Phoenixville,  
5pm-7:30pm**

June 25th

- **Breakfast at  
Bridge Street  
Deli 7:30am**

## Happy Fathers



Day!!!!



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# Chamber News JUNE 2009

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Just writing to keep in touch and let everyone know what's going on at the **French Quarter Bistro**. Starting this week thru Labor Day every Thursday from 6pm to 9pm we will be enjoying the acoustical music from Teachers Lounge a mixture of rock blues and random summer fun featuring Gene Sweeney and Jeremy Fox. I'd also like to mention a new addition to our menu. The upside down pizza. I've been working on this recipe for over a year now and finally have come up with the right mix of home made fresh dough topped with mozzarella cheese and finally covered with our sweet thick tomato sauce. Different varieties of the pizza are also available, such as the italian, smothered with italian braised pork and broccoli rabe and sharp provolone. Gumbo pizza fire cracker shrimp, or jambalaya pizza. I'd also like to mention that we are doing well at our other location, Satchmos sandwich shop in Colledgeville. Hopefully by the end of June, we will have finished our addition and added a small dinner menu with a small dinning room and outdoor seating, with an option to BYOB. Hope everyone is doing well and I will be in touch to let you know when are new dinning room is open.

Sincerely yours,  
Mark Van Horn



**(Limerick, Pennsylvania)**— **The Victory Bank** Chairman and CEO, Joseph W. Major, along with Saul S. Rivkin, Vice President, Banking Center Manager and Julie A. Jackson, Senior Customer Service Representative presented Gladys Miller with a bouquet of flowers, tiara and \$10,000 deposited into her new Victory Bank Fortress Savings account. Miller was the Grand Prize Winner at The Victory Bank's Grand

Opening Celebration held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 548 North Lewis Road in Limerick just off the Route 422 Limerick/Linfield exit. In addition, The Victory Bank donated \$1,000 in honor of Gladys Miller to the First Baptist Church in Pottstown. The First Prize Winner of the Victory Golf Clubs was Shirley Albert. The Second Prize Winner for dinner for four and tour at the Victory Brewing Company was Christopher J. Fox.

The Victory Bank is a locally owned and operated bank headquartered in Limerick, Pennsylvania. The bank was founded to optimize the financial lives of businesses, professionals, and consumers primarily in Montgomery, Chester and Berks Counties. For more information, call 610.948.9000 or visit [www.thevictorybank.com](http://www.thevictorybank.com).

**Photo:** [Pictured left to right – Saul S. Rivkin, Vice President-Banking Center Manager ; \$10,000 Grand Prize Winner, Gladys Miller; Julie A. Jackson, Senior Customer Service Representative; and Joseph W. Major Chairman and CEO]

## Quote of the Month

"It is literally true that you can succeed best and quickest by helping others to succeed".

Napoleon Hill

18th Annual Golf New Date is July 20th, 2009 Please get your RSVP back to Beth in the office ASAP.

Also it is that time of year again. You will soon be receiving your Limerick Community Day Packets in the mail. The date is September 26th, 2009. This is a great way to get your business name out in the community with over 4000 local and area residents that may want your service.

## Spring-Ford Chamber's Board of Directors

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## SpotLight Member !

**Friendship Ambulance** - What is now the southwesterly side of Royersford Borough and part of Upper Providence Township was once called "Springertown." Being somewhat isolated from the rest of the borough and at the same time in close proximity to many of the leading industries, the citizens of Springertown thought it necessary to establish a second fire company. Meetings were held in the J. Vincent Poley Hall on Second Avenue to discuss the formation of a fire company and the erection of a fire hall. As a result on September 8, 1897 a fire company was organized. On January 26, 1898 the Friendship Hook, Ladder, and Hose Company No.2 was incorporated. The following officers were elected: William T. Kerr-President, Samuel Walters-Vice President, J. Vincent Poley-Secretary and Treasurer, Joseph Lightcap, Mikel Walters, and Edward T. Lee – trustees. The first foreman was George Lee.

Welcome to Friendship Hook Ladder Hose and Ambulance Inc. We are located at 269 Green Street in Royersford Borough, Montgomery County. We currently operate five fire apparatus and two Advanced Life Support Ambulances. We provide primary fire response coverage to the citizens of Royersford Borough and a section of Upper Providence Township. Our ambulance service provides primary care to the residence of Royersford Borough and sections of Limerick and Upper Providence Township.

**Friendship Ambulance** holds a golf outing annually at Linfield National Golf Course to help support training of the crews and the purchase of new equipment. The outing this year will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Each golfer receives: Lunch, Dinner, Beverages, and a welcome kit. It is the support of the local businesses that make this event a success and we look forward to your continued support in the future. Friendship Ambulance has been providing pre-hospital care to the residents of Royersford Borough, Limerick Twp, Upper Providence Twp and surrounding communities since 1948. The ambulance is staffed 24 hours a day year round with a Paramedic and E.M.T. Currently Friendship Ambulance has two Advanced Life Support ambulances that are fully equipped with the latest life saving equipment.

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## More about our Members



### Bruster's Real Ice Cream and Man's Best Friend

Bruster's in Limerick is a family owned and operated business. From their opening on Father's day in 2006, Dave and Sheelagh Straub had a vision to make each person's visit special. This vision, almost from the start, included offering on-site parties that would be special. Late in 2007 the Straubs added to their Limerick location a large patio and a sand volleyball court. Their focus was to offer families in the area a unique alternative choice for birthday parties and events. Developing the back of the property to include a large patio and a sand volleyball court was a wonderful addition. The Straub's wanted to offer something unique and special. They decided to train

their dog Tugger, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog to pull a cart. In Switzerland the breed is called "the poor man's horse". Daughter Ashleigh Straub spent many hours training Tugger to pull a red wagon with the intent that he would be one of the main party center attractions. They even came up with the name of "Tugger's Run" for the party center. Every thing was set, Tugger was ready, 5,000 post cards were printed and new paper ads were run. Sadly fate struck. In May of 2008 Tugger had a stroke. Tugger is part of the Straub family and thus the decision was made to work with him to see what type of recovery was possible.

With Tugger side lined the party center has taken on a different focus. Today the standard party package includes: full use of the private party center for 2 hours, the party center has a large patio, large moon bounce with an obstacle course, barbeque grill, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pit and more.

Sadly Tugger's condition has not changed since his stroke. Although, he has no use of his back legs, his spirit and personality have not changed.

Dave decided early on to adapt Tugger's cart so he could pull it with two legs. "I studied specialty carts for handicapped dogs. Several trips to a hardware store and three or four design attempts and I finally got the measurement right for a custom fit handicap cart for Tugger. The fact that Tugger was already trained and was used to pulling a cart made his use and acceptance of the new version easy. We know Tugger is strong and wants to work." Dave tells us. Tugger has learned to pull his cart with just two legs. Recently, Tugger completed a two mile walk. This Spring the Straubs will once again introduce Tugger to the public. If all goes as planned Tugger will once again be pulling kids around the Bruster's building in Limerick."

At the same time that the party center was being opened the Straubs opened a second Bruster's site in Audubon on Egypt Road. This location also offers the famous Nathan's hot dogs. In addition to the retail locations and the party center Bruster's has three mobile ice cream carts. Every week and every weekend the carts are busy serving ice cream at corporate and community events. Please call the store if you would like to learn more.

**Special offer to all Chamber members and readers of this news letter.** If you book your 2009 party before June 30<sup>th</sup> you will receive a 45%+ discount. You can book an outdoor party at Brusters for \$150. Because we host just one party at a time it is best to book early to insure you get the date and time you desire. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer simply call Sheelagh at the Limerick location: 610 489-8880. The focus of this article has been on Tugger and the party center. Additional facts: Brusters is known for their freshly made ice cream- 160 different flavors and counting, Bruster's offers sundaes, milk shakes, parfaits, banana splits, smoothies, blasts, ice coffees, free baby cones, free doggie sundaes, freshly made ice cream cakes & pies and everything for the love of ice cream. . Treat yourself at a Bruster's and never wonder again what freshly made ice cream tastes like. Our Limerick location is located on W. Ridge Pike next to Waltz's Golf Farm (610 489-8880)

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