



Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Committee

February 2010 Newsletter

Letter from the Chair....

Members of the YPC;

What can I say besides, wow?! I want to thank each of you for making our first meeting of the year a success and again tell you that big things are in store for our group this year. What a great start to our year! Once again, I invite each of you to get involved, send us comments and suggestions any-time and most of all, know that your leadership team is approachable. We want all of you to feel you are part of this organization!

With that being said, I'd also like to thank Marshall Offensive Coordinator Tony Petersen for addressing our group about teamwork and discipline. His message is one that I'm sure we can all take something away from and use it in our daily lives. Additionally, I'd like to thank Director of Athletics, Mike Hamrick, for hosting our meeting as well as talking to us about the importance of "stepping up" to be the next generation of leaders. That is what this group is about and our new A.D. is in touch with what we are trying to do. I am ecstatic to call him a friend of the YPC. Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to thank Chief Judge Dan O'Hanlon for his inspiring talk about "the bees", the importance of leaving behind a legacy, and laying the ground-work for the generation behind us. (If you did not hear these speakers, you missed out!) All three of these men understand the importance of teamwork, dedication and the concept of no "I" in team. Great speeches and great lessons from three top shelf individuals.

Thanks again to each of you for your enthusiasm for our first meeting. I only hope this carries on into upcoming meetings, projects and social events the YPC is able to organize this year. Remember you could be the key that unlocks another door for our group! I invite all of you to join us Tuesday March 2nd, 2010, beginning promptly at 11:30am at the Barboursville Community Center located at 721 Central Avenue in downtown Barboursville. This will be our second meeting of the year and I hope you'll to come hear what is going on within sub-committees and to get a look at our new rules of order!

See ya soon! - Chris

MARCH MEETING

WHEN: Tuesday, March 2nd at 11:30am

WHERE: Barboursville Community Center
(721 Central Avenue, Barboursville, WV)

LUNCH: Lasagna, Salad and Garlic Bread
Cost \$8

OTHER: Business Meeting

MAKING YPC YOUR "OWN"

Being a member of YPC is much more than just attending the monthly meetings. Let's be real, some of us are unable to make some of those mid-day meetings; does that mean we can't be part of the group? Of course not, there are daytime meetings, after-hours meetings and events, recreation events and volunteer opportunities. And if you don't see an activity or volunteering opportunity that interests you, contact someone on the leadership committee or a subcommittee chair and share your ideas of what you would like to see YPC to do as a group. We, as members, can truly make this our "own" committee just by getting involved. We can decide how much it benefits us just by deciding how much we want to put into it.

Now ask yourself these four questions:

1. What do you hope to achieve as a member of YPC?
2. Do you feel as if you are an active member?
3. How can you get the most out of YPC?
4. What would make the monthly meetings more productive for you?

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT



Joe Stanton is the vice president of the Thornburg Insurance Agency, Huntington office. Joe and his wife, Shonda (Marshall University Head Softball Coach), have lived in Huntington since 1999. They both love living in Huntington because of the people. “The relationships we have formed with the Marshall / Huntington Family are like no other.”

Joe has been in the insurance industry since 2000, serving in multiple roles including Underwriter, Underwriter Field Supervisor, Project Manager and Agent with expertise in Workers' Compensation Insurance. He earned his Certified Professional Insurance Agent (CPIA) designation and his focus is on building customer relationships and new account sales. Joe's undergraduate degree is from UNC Greensboro where he had a stellar Division I wrestling career. Joe was a three-time Conference Champion and three-time National Tournament Qualifier. Joe's athletic success and dedication have carried over into his career evidenced by his relentless desire to be the best for his clients. Joe also obtained a graduate certificate in Business Management Foundations from Marshall University. Joe serves as the President of the Huntington Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Joe and Shonda reside in Huntington with their two daughters, Shayla and Gianna.



WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS....

Be sure to say hello when you see them!!



NEW MEMBERS

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GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED





Future YPC'ers enjoy the Marshall basketball game.
From Left to Right: Grant Shumaker, Riley Bowden,
and Jack Shumaker

CALENDAR

FEB 26 - NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

MAR 2 - YPC MARCH MEETING

MAR 10-12 - LEADERSHIP RETREAT TO D.C.

MAR 31 - BROWN BAG SERIES

CARDIO TENNIS

Weekly drop-in clinic at Ritter Park Tennis Center

All levels, \$12 per person

Wednesdays 6-7pm

For more information contact jennifer@wvvisit.org

BROWN BAG SERIES

We are getting 'Back to Basics' with topics arranging from Leadership and Mentoring to Dressing for Success and Social Networking. We look forward to hosting several speakers throughout the year during our Monthly Meetings as well as introducing an informal Brown Bag series of workshops. We would love to hear from you regarding special requested topics, if you know a phenomenal speaker that would enhance the YPC membership or if you would like to be a part of developing this series. Please contact Jennifer Brooks jennifer@parissigns.com or Heather Marrs hmarrs@goodwillhunting.org.

YPC WEBSITE

One of the goals of the 2010 leadership is to create and maintain a YPC website! The website will be a place where members and potential members can go to get the latest updates and news to stay in the loop. The website will be designed with many helpful features. The development of the website is now in it's beginning stages and should be up and running in the next few months! If anyone is interested in working on the development of the website please contact Elizabeth Ayers at elizabeth.a.ayers@wv.gov.

Brown Bag Series Workshop Kick-off - Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at noon

Crashing Through the Barriers:

What is it like to be the only black CEO of one of the largest and most well-respected not-for-profits in the United States? The speaker will share how she, a black woman from the south, overcame prejudice on various levels to reach and excel in the national leadership arena. This presentation is designed for developing or aspiring leaders who may face various forces of prejudice based on their race, gender or age. Participants will conduct a "personal SWOT analysis" to help them to rise above misconceived notions of their abilities.

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