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**A Message from the Executive Director**



There have been a number of articles in magazines and newspapers recently about the resurgence of manufacturing

in the United States. One such article appeared in the September 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Parade, the supplement in the Sunday edition of the Centre Daily Times each week. A number of American companies are bringing all or a portion of their manufacturing operations back to this country.

We are fortunate to have some excellent manufacturing companies located here in the Moshannon Valley region. Lee Industries, REICHdrill, PMG Pennsylvania Corporation, Drucker Company/QBC Diagnostics, Advanced Powder Products, Cutting Edge Machining Solutions, Custom Castings, Diamond-back Automotive Accessories and Grauch Enterprises are just a few of the manufacturers located here.

During a recent tour of Drucker Company/QBC Diagnostics with State Senator Jake Corman, it was amazing to see the products developed and made here at their plant here within our Enterprise Center. The technology is getting more and more sophisticated so a key issue going forward will be the availability of skilled workers that know how to operate and repair the machines of tomorrow.

We commend the Philipsburg Revitalization Corporation for their good work with the Business After Hours events. We attended a recent BAH at the Philipsburg Elks Lodge and Country Club and it was just fantastic. There are many folks

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**MVEDP Recertified by State of Pennsylvania**

In late July, the MVEDP received a letter from the Pennsylvania Economic Development Institute notifying us that we have been recertified for fiscal year 2013-2014. Since the Institute and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development first began the certification process approximately seven years ago, the MVEDP has continued to be a certified economic development organization.

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**Company Locates In Regional Business Center**

In June, the MVEDP welcomed a new business to our Regional Business Center: Nittany Laser Technologies. This company is owned by Andrew Nissley, a

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Certification and recertification is achieved when an organization's staff participates in continuing education and qualified training programs.

Throughout the year, MVEDP staff attends training that is related to finance, community and economic development, and management. A special number of annual credits must be in the area of finance.

The Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development certification approval letter will be received within the next few weeks. We are proud to be one of Pennsylvania's certified economic development organizations.

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## Message

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from outside the area that are making their way to the events to network and learn more about the businesses from our region.

It was very disappointing when South Hills School officials made their announcement to close the Philipsburg campus. The school had been a fixture in our community for almost seventeen (17) years. Many students attended the school who might otherwise not have attended school due to transportation or other issues. Our staff and board of directors have been working to find another school that would be interested in setting up a school facility here. Hopefully, we will have good news for you within the next few weeks.

Recently a reporter from the Pennsylvania Business Central interviewed six economic development and chamber of commerce officials that represent 11 counties in central-Pennsylvania. The reporter was trying to determine the condition of the economies within those eleven counties. General themes or statements made by those professionals included: "we are holding our own," and "there is some growth in manufacturing," and "the Marcellus Shale natural gas boom has leveled off," and finally, "we need a transportation bill approved in Harrisburg due to the great impact that transportation projects will have on the regional economy."

The above themes or statements can also be said of the Moshannon Valley region. We too are holding our own and there is growth in local manufacturing enterprises. Yes, the Marcellus Shale boom has subsided but we still have ten companies located here now that weren't here just six years ago. Job creation is difficult, and it is imperative that job seekers are drug-free and have skills that are in demand by area businesses.

One final note, I am increasingly alarmed by the drug problem that exists in this region. Many communities across the state and country have a problem and we are no exception. Tens and tens and tens of families have been hurt by this problem and it doesn't seem to be getting any better. We just lost another twenty-something year old, the seventh

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## State Senator Corman Tours Drucker Company/QBC Diagnostics



Senator Corman at the Philipsburg Elks Country Club on August 22nd.

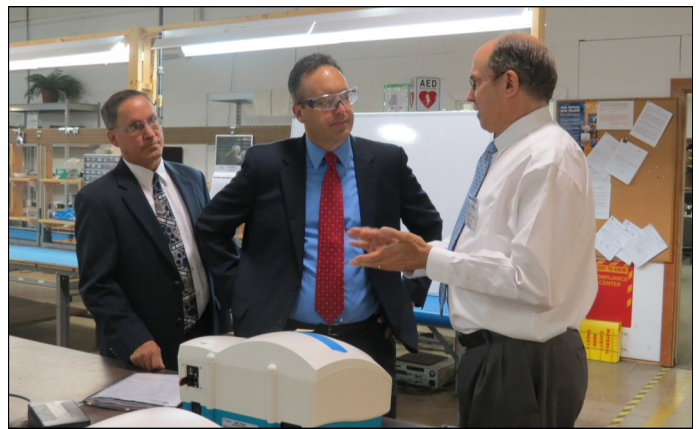
Sometime after January 1, 2014, State Senator Jake Corman of the Bellefonte area will add Philipsburg Borough and Rush Township to the list of communities that he represents. Senator John Wozniak will continue to represent the communities located in eastern Clearfield County that make up the balance of the Moshannon Valley region.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Senator Corman held a public forum at the Philipsburg Elks Country Club to give residents an opportunity to inform him of the issues that they must deal with in the Philipsburg/Moshannon Valley region. The MVEDP's executive director and a number of MVEDP board members attended the forum.

Following the community forum, Senator Corman was treated to a tour of the Drucker Company/QBC Diagnostics. This company is a terrific success story.

When Ken Moscone Sr. first brought the Drucker Company to the Moshannon Valley from Miami, Florida in 1996, there were six employees and the company occupied 4,000 square feet of space at the Enterprise Center. Now there are over 90 employees and the company occupies just over 74,000 square feet of space.

Drucker Company/QBC diagnostics is a manufacturer of centrifuges and other parts for the medical industry. The company uses CNC machines, plastic injection molding machines, and other equipment to produce their parts. The MVEDP is extremely pleased to have this company located at the Enterprise Center.



Senator Corman touring The Drucker Company/QBC Diagnostics located in the Moshannon Valley Enterprise Center on August 22nd.

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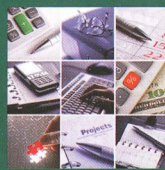
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death of the past five years. The drug problem is hurting our employers. Time and time again we hear from business owners who say that they are lucky to keep two new hires out of ten newly employed people. The community needs to come together and work with the state police and/or the county task forces that deal with this issue.

## Local Company Wins Governor's ImPact Award



Drucker Company/QBC Diagnostics was the winner of the 2013 Governor's Impact award under the category Jobs First, Central Region. Congratulations to Ken and his family and employees on winning this award from the governor and commonwealth.

## Company Locates

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mechanical engineer trained at Penn State University. This company provides a wide range of laser processing tools and services, from custom designed laser processing tools and turn-key systems, to in-house laser welding, cladding, and machining.



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