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**A Message from the
Executive Director**



Recently, a reporter for the Progress newspaper interviewed five people and asked them what they

thought was the most important issue in the 74th legislative district. All five respondents said that the need for good-paying jobs is the most important issue in this region. We agree. This need is not new to the Moshannon Valley as it has been difficult for folks without marketable skills to find living wage jobs in this area for quite some time. We are still dealing with the very negative effects of the Great Recession that began in 2007. Continued on Page 2

**A New Business Locates to
the Regional Business
Center**

A new business has located to the Moshannon Valley and has begun renting building space at the MVEDP's Regional Business Center: Nittany Laser Technologies. This company is owned by Andrew Nissley from the State College area.

Nittany Laser Technologies 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.

**MVEDP Compiles
Demographic Census Data**

The MVEDP recently spent time compiling a demographic profile of the municipalities that are a part of the Philipsburg-Osceola Area School District. This data can be very important to efforts to put together applications for

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**MVEDP Recognizes
25-Year Board Members**

The MVEDP recently recognized three board members who have been on the board since the creation of the MVEDP 25 years ago. Bill Jones, Jim Pollock, and Tom Scott were first elected to the MVEDP board in 1988, the year that the MVEDP was formed from the merger of the Philipsburg Chamber of Commerce and the Philipsburg Association of Commerce.

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Hats Off to Long-Time Philipsburg Area Businesses

A number of MVEDP members are celebrating special business anniversaries this year and the MVEDP's hat is off to those businesses! Using multiples of five as a guide, the following businesses have hit milestones:

The Progress	100 years
Central Insurers Group/Chas. Jones Agency	75 years
Saupp Signs	70 years
Realty World Reiter Agency	50 years
Ricotta Jewelry	45 years
Philipsburg True Value	40 years
Coleman's Asphalt	30 years

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We have never seen a slower industrial/commercial real estate market. Be aware that we continue to pursue business recruitment strategies such as: making contacts with Penn State officials, enrollment in LoopNet which is an Internet based real estate marketing tool, contacting state agencies and the Governor's Action Team for leads, and working with commercial/industrial real estate professionals.

Kerry Webster of the Journal recently wrote a piece about the need for organizations in this area to consider consolidating. Look at what is happening all across this country: schools are consolidating into fewer buildings, and hospitals are merging in order to stay competitive. Our municipalities and fire companies should be exploring the positives and negatives of consolidation and then move forward if consolidation makes sense.

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It was not until 2011 that the MVEDP's bylaws were amended to provide for term limits. The bylaws now specify that no director shall serve more than three consecutive three-year terms. Board members are able to serve three-year terms and must then run for re-election if they are interested in continuing to serve on the board. The membership of the MVEDP are the voters and the election is held in October each year.

"Bill, Jim, and Tom are to be saluted for winning re-election to the board eight times," said John Shimko, President of the MVEDP board of directors. "They have continued to be very important contributors to the board as their experience and knowledge of the area is most valuable to the MVEDP," he said.



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Census

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There are seven municipalities that comprise the Philipsburg-Osceola Area School District: the boroughs of Philipsburg, Chester Hill, Osceola Mills, and Wallaceton, and the townships of Rush, Decatur and Boggs.

Sharon Yingling of the MVEDP’s staff examined such demographics as: population, age distribution, housing, and incomes. The report is available to any MVEDP member that would like a copy of it. Contact Sharon at 342-2260 to receive a copy.

Change in Senatorial Leadership in Philipsburg/Moshannon Valley Region

The MVEDP has worked well with State Senator John Wozniak since he became the senator for this region approximately twenty years ago. It was terrific that John established an office in downtown Philipsburg. We have recently learned that the courts have approved the redistricting which will result in the Philipsburg area being represented by State Senator Jake Corman rather than John.

We are pleased to know that our representation will be strong having Senator Corman step in for John.

MVEDP Recognizes 25-Year Members

The MVEDP celebrated its 25 year anniversary this year and we are proud to say that many area businesses have been members since 1988 when the Partnership was first formed. We would like to acknowledge and thank those 25-year members once again:

- Adler’s Market
- American HomePatient
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- Hrenko Insurance Agency
- Kephart Hardware

Housing Rehabilitation Program



Staff of the MVEDP is currently taking applications from homeowners interested in participating in the Phase

III Eastern Clearfield County housing rehabilitation program. The project targets the communities of Chester Hill, Osceola Mills, Wallaceton, Decatur Township, Morris and Cooper Townships.

The MVEDP’s housing rehabilitation program provides grant assistance to homeowners to bring their homes up to code. Improvements may include new furnaces, electrical, plumbing, roof, foundations and new windows and doors.

Homeowners must be income eligible to participate in the program. Eligibility guidelines can be secured by contacting Sherrie Beals of the MVEDP at 342-2260 or applications can be downloaded from our website www.mvedp.org.

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