



## News and notes from PA Chamber members

### People



#### **Saul Ewing LLP**

announced that managing partner Michael A. Finio hosted the Sixth Annual Derby Day fundraiser for Jump Street, a private nonprofit art organization

that supports community and economic progress through art, at his lakeside property in Harrisburg. The event raised more than \$200,000.

The company also announced that Joel R. Burcat, a partner and chairman of its Environmental Department, was the co-recipient of the 2007 Pennsylvania Bar Association's Environmental, Mineral and Natural Resources Law Section's Distinguished Service Award, the highest award bestowed by the PBA Environmental Law Section. Burcat helped implement a pilot pro bono program to provide legal services to financially underprivileged individuals in Environmental Hearing Board appeals.

**Wohlsen Construction Company** announced the graduation of six carpenters from the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors apprenticeship program. The following graduates completed 600 hours of classroom instruction and 8,000 hours of on-the-job training: Christopher Biechler, Andrew Brown, Bryan Chehi, Joseph Droegge, Michael Lippold and Chad Zimmerman. Steve Parks, a previous graduate of the program, received the Craft Instructor of the Year Award for 2006-07.



#### **Pepper Hamilton LLP**

announced that Senior Partner Barry M. Abelson received the Blair Thompson Lifetime Venture Award from the Mid-Atlantic Capital Alliance at

its 20th annual awards luncheon. Abelson has been dedicated to furthering the growth of the MAC Alliance by serving on its board of directors, co-chairing its 2005 conference and advancing its visibility through mentoring and public speeches.

The firm also announced that Joseph V. Del Raso, partner and head of the Investment Management Practice Group, was appointed to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

**Optical Image Technology** announced the addition of new staff members to multiple departments in its State College branch.

Elizabeth Gross, Chris Walter, Jason Myer and Ed Adams have expertise in technical writing and software development; Ricardo Rodriguez, Mike Douglass, Mark Stocku, Ray Patterson and Doug Hall are supplementing the professional service and sales team.

The company also announced the members of its voluntary 2007-08 Technical Advisory Panel. Customers and partners serving on the panel include Steve Mullins, Vijay Magon, Phil Nielsen, Holland Ferguson, Perry Kurlander, Deborah Tilly, Luis Torres, Jason Howard, Dan Hoover, Catherine Reid, Greg Cook and Art Meadows. Co-conveners are Shelley Butler and Steve Emrick.

#### **The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce**

announced that William Hlavacek was appointed vice president of chamber services. Hlavacek has more than 30 years of management experience and has volunteered for several community service organizations. His new duties include providing leadership in the administration of the Scranton Chamber and its day-to-day operations.

The chamber also announced that Lisa Fazio was appointed membership sales representative. Her duties include marketing chamber services, especially sales and retention of membership.



Additionally, the chamber announced that President Austin J. Burke participated in a White House Compassion in Action Roundtable entitled "Promoting Economic

*Development and Community Investment Through Public/Private Partnerships.*" The roundtable featured a range of business leaders, government officials and social entrepreneurs who are pioneering innovative models of public/private ventures.



#### **Buchart Horn Inc.**

announced that Gregory Roussey was appointed director of transportation construction management services. Roussey also serves the firm as assistant

manager of the Construction Management Division, a position he has held since 1990.

The firm also announced that the following people have joined its Pennsylvania team: Brian Hagy, senior operations specialist; Jason Snyder, P.E., project engineer and Sherry Wolfe, P.E., senior staff engineer.



#### **RETTEW**

announced the creation of its new associates program to recognize

employees who consistently contribute to the firm's growth, profitability and overall success. The firm's first associates are Clayton Bubeck, James Caldwell, Brian Engle, Timothy Falkenstein, Jeanette Keylor, Richard Orner, Michael Rielly, Quentin Rissler, John Schick, Timothy Staub and Joel Young.

The company also awarded its Associates Scholarship in Geology to Alexis Nawotka Jr., a Millersville University geology student. Awarded to an outstanding student majoring in geology or earth sciences with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, the scholarship is funded by interest earned from a \$10,000 endowment the firm made to Millersville University.



#### **Marshall, Dennehey, Warner Coleman & Goggin**

announced that Niki Ingram, Esq., was invited to give a presentation at the annual National Workers' Compensation

and Disability Conference & Expo in Chicago, IL.

**Liberty Environmental, Inc.** announced that Principal Gavin Biebuyck and Project Manager Michael Zeiders participated in the Air and Waste Management Association's annual

conference in Pittsburgh. Biebuyck served as an expert in a panel discussion on Fine Particulate Regulatory Development and Implementation Issues, and Zeiders presented a paper on Fine Particulate Matter Speciation.

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**ALL4 Inc.** announced that John F. Slade recently joined its team as a senior consultant. Slade previously served as the chief of the Division of Permits in the Bureau of Air Quality for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

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**KU Resources, Inc.** announced that Melissa Besselman joined the civil and geotechnical engineering team in its Duquesne office. Her duties include site inspections, environmental site assessment activities and supporting field work.

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**Carlisle Events** announced that Fran Kachnoskie Smith has been hired as event and marketing manager for the Carlisle Expo Center. Kachnoskie Smith's focus will be the marketing and promotion of the center, in addition to working closely with event and meeting planners to ensure all details are in place for a successful affair.

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**Pepper Hamilton LLP** announced that two commercial litigators, Jan P. Levine and Robin P. Sumner, joined as partners in the Philadelphia office. Levine is a leader in health care and related litigation; Sumner's concentration is on antitrust.

The firm also announced that partner Steven G. Harvey co-moderated a program focusing on sub-prime lending at the American Bar Association's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. The program was entitled "Sub-prime Shift—Crisis or Market Correction: Discussion of Legal, Regulatory and Policy Implications."

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**RETTEW** announced that Clayton E. Bubeck, PE, and Mary Ellen Eshelman, SPHR, were named shareholders of the firm. In addition to an individual's work performance and professional contribution to the firm, RETTEW invites employees to become shareholders based on their demonstrated leadership; support of the firm's vision, mission and core values; and entrepreneurial spirit.

The company also announced its hiring/promoting of six people who will play a key role in strengthening its land development operations: Shawn E. Fabian, CPESC, CET; Melissa A. Kelly, RLA; Linda R.

Layer, PE; Debora S. Mengoni, RLA; John D. Snyder; and Joel E. Young, RLA.

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**Marshall, Dennehey, Warner Coleman & Goggin** announced that William Z. Scott Jr., Esq., was elected president of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute for a one-year term. Scott is a shareholder and managing attorney of the firm's Bethlehem office. He is also a member of the firm's Workers' Compensation Department and devotes his practice to defending insureds and self-insureds in PA with workers' compensation matters.

The firm also announced that Anrew W. Davitt, Esq., was a keynote speaker at Berthel Fisher and Company Financial Services Inc.'s annual conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Davitt, who is a shareholder and chairman of the firm's Securities & Investments Practice Group, spoke on the topic of "Best Practices in the Investment Industry."

The firm also announced that Joshua L. Kirsch, Esq., joined its Professional Liability Department in the Philadelphia office. Kirsch graduated summa cum laude and valedictorian from Albany Law School of Union University, where he was a member of the Albany Law Review. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New York.

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**Neiman Group** announced that Dan Hughes and Chris Reif were hired to lead the agency's expansion of its interactive work. Hughes and Reif are both industry veterans who have worked with high profile clients and have over 10 years of experience in the interactive field.

The company also announced that Hutson Kovanda joined their creative shop as senior art director. Kovanda brings a wealth of experience from working with several big name accounts throughout Pennsylvania and the nation.

The company also announced that Steve Willis joined their creative shop as an art director. Willis is a recipient of "Best in Show" and "Bronze International" Addy awards for his work on Geek Squad and Smart Car campaigns.

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**Herbert, Rowland & Grubic** announced that the following employees were named associates of the firm: Mark Garlicki, P.E.; Shannon Williams, P.E.; Robert Shenk, R.L.A.; Chad Hanley, P.E.; Angela Clough; and Keith

Persing. HRG's Associate Program recognizes employees who are vital to the continued success and growth of the company and who have excelled in promoting and implementing the fundamentals of HRG's mission statement and annual strategic business plan.

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**Skelly and Loy, Inc.** announced the hiring of four new professionals to join its consulting firm: Michael Anthony, III, P.L.S., Matthew L. Nowlin, Al Budinsky, and Rick J. Ristau, II.

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**Computer Support Services, Inc.** announced the addition of three new employees: Timothy White, technology specialist; Marion Fisher, accounting associated; and Brian Pauling-Kotch, technology specialist. The company also announced the promotion of Justin Walgran to technical projects supervisor. Walgran began as a technical specialist at CSSI in 2001, and was instrumental in the design and development of its premier GPx documentManager software.

## Noteworthy



### **Buchart Horn, Inc.**

announced that it raised more than \$3,000 for Olivia's House, an organization of care-giving professionals focused on supporting grieving children, at its annual Benefit Bash in York. Benefit Bash included a dunk tank, several games for employees and a foot race. All contributions were matched by the Russell E. & Eleanor Horn Foundation.

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**Optical Image Technology and Town & Country Computer Services, LLC** announced the implementation of software solutions for four Pennsylvania-based property and casualty insurance companies: Friend's Cove Mutual Insurance, Lehigh Mutual Insurance, Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance of McCandless, and Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Marble.

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**Broadview Networks** announced its acquisition of InfoHighway Communications, a New York-based provider of hosted and managed communications solutions serving customers in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions of the United States.

### **Broadview Networks and ATX**

**Communications** announced the extension of its ATX Frontline Suite of managed security services to markets including New York, Boston and Rhode Island.

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### **The Greater Scranton Chamber of**

**Commerce** announced that its award-winning youth leadership development initiative, **Tomorrow's Leaders Today**, established a summer lunch program in which thousands of less fortunate children received a healthy lunch. TLT also awarded \$15,000 in grant money to three nonprofit organizations that deal with hunger, and drug and alcohol addiction: The Boys and Girls Club of Northeastern PA, Safety Net and United Neighborhood Centers.

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**Pepper Hamilton LLP** hosted its Second Annual "Celebrate Diversity" reception at the African American Museum in Philadelphia. The event highlighted the diverse backgrounds of its firm's leadership, as well as the many minority and women lawyers in positions of leadership in the bar.

The firm also announced that Associate Daniel Anders was unanimously confirmed by the Pennsylvania State Senate as a judge on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Anders was nominated by Gov. Ed Rendell to fill the vacancy left by Justice James J. Fitzgerald III, who was elevated to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

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**Skelly and Loy, Inc.** announced that it was officially certified as a Technical Service Provider (TPS) for the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service in the wildlife and wetlands category. The firm anticipates becoming certified in additional categories in the near future.

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**Neiman Group** announced that Herr Foods, Inc., a recognized leader in the snack food industry headquartered in Nottingham, PA and distributing snacks in 15 states, hired the agency to provide advertising and public relations support. To formally announce the hiring, Herr's delivered a truck full of its snacks to the Neiman Group agency.

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**GGG Information Services** announced its new partnership agreement with AI Publications LLC of New Bern, NC. The partnership is part of the company's ongoing effort to broaden its contact with major manufacturers, particularly capital goods manufacturers located in the growing Carolinas region. The partnership will also bring professional-grade linguistic services under the broader umbrella of technical service offerings available through GGS and integrate many aspects of GGS' quality program into its deliverables to customers.

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**High Associates, Ltd.** announced that it will begin construction on a 121,000-square-foot flex building on 15.9 acres of land at the Rossmoyne Business Center in Upper Allen Township, Cumberland County, in the fall. A popular product type nationwide, flex space is currently in limited supply in the Greater Harrisburg area. The new facility will be energy-efficient and feature an abundance of parking as well as office spaces designed and built to tenants' exact specifications.

## **Recognitions**



**RETTEW** announced its 2007 ranking among Engineering News Record's list of top 500 design firms in the country. Rankings are determined by companies' previous calendar year revenues for design services.

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### **The Schuylkill Conservation District**

announced that it won the 2007 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for its creation of an innovative mine drainage treatment system that has restored aquatic life to the Catawissa Creek in Schuylkill County. The system neutralizes toxic discharge flowing into the creek from the Audenreid Mine Tunnel and promises to revitalize ecotourism opportunities.

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### **Optical Image Technology and Unitrin**

**Direct** announced that they won the 2007 IASA Technology Achievement Award. The award was given for a joint project between the two companies that implemented digital organization of their corporate information, as well as their business processes.

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### **Wohlsen Construction Company**

announced that it received a National Pyramid Award from Associated Builders and Contractors at the association's legislative conference in Washington, DC. The company was recognized in the Health-care \$5-10 Million Category for its James Street Entrance and Façade project at the Lancaster General Hospital, the facility's main entrance.

The company also announced that it received seven awards from the Keystone Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors at the association's 18th Annual Excellence in Construction Awards Gala.

Additionally, the company announced that it was the recipient of the American Public Works Association's Public Works Projects of the Year Award in the Historical Restoration/ Preservation \$10-\$100 million category. The Administrative Center for York County consisted of 133,000 square feet of adaptive reuse and historic rehabilitation as well as 3,000 square feet of new construction. Ed LeFevre served as project manager; Charlie Ryan and James Weiler served as superintendents.

**ATX Communications**, part of **Broadview Networks**, announced that it won the 2007 American Business Award for Best Sales Team. These awards are the only national, all-encompassing business awards program honoring great performances in the workplace.

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**The High Companies** announced that two of its publications, *Real Estate Matters* and *Constructive Advice*, received APEX Awards of Excellence from Communications Concepts Inc. for the seventh consecutive year. *Real Estate Matters* provides information on topics such as development, architecture, construction and sales; *Constructive Advice* provides information specific to facility planners and business owners.

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*Does your business have news you'd like to share with other PA Chamber members? Email [ismith@pachamber.org](mailto:ismith@pachamber.org) for consideration.*