

# Inside the Chamber

**Ellenville - Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce**  
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Like most non-profit organizations, volunteers are the life-blood of the *Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce*. Without the countless hours that our dedicated volunteers put in, many of our programs would not exist. From planting flowers to hanging flags to serving spaghetti, our volunteers give of themselves year in and year out, rain or shine.

So it is especially heartwarming when others recognize this dedication. And that is the case this month when two of our volunteers, Helen Goldsmith and Woodrow Jones, were recognized for their volunteerism.

Helen received her silver award from RSVP for 374.5 hours from March 2003 to March 2004.

Woodrow is being honored by the National Honor Society.

Two crowning achievements for two of our most dedicated volunteers. For those of you who may be new to the area, Helen is the morning voice of the *Chamber*. If you call the office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings, chances are you are speaking to Helen. Ask her a question and she will do her utmost to answer you. If she doesn't have the information readily at hand, you can be assured she will check it out and get back to you. We are truly fortunate to have someone like her working with us.

And Woodrow... what can I say about Woodrow? For someone so young, he has been volunteering (or maybe being volunteered by Grandma Jane Eck), for years. Whether it is serving spaghetti or hanging holiday ornaments, you can always count on Woodrow. He exemplifies everything that is right with youth today and we truly appreciate him (although we never let him sleep in on a Saturday, rain or shine).

To Woodrow and Helen, as well as the dozens of volunteers and board members alike, we thank you for your community spirit, for your hard work, and for caring so much about our community.

*Mary F. Sheeley*  
President

## Blueberry Festival Report

by Dianne E. Turner, "Mother Blueberry"

*The 2005 Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry and Huckleberry Festival*. To be held in the Village of Ellenville on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Sponsored by the *Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce*.

The next *Blueberry Festival Committee* meeting will be on **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** in the *Chamber* office. If there is something about the *Festival* you would like to discuss or you wish to attend, please call Mother Blueberry (Dianne Turner) at **845-888-0055**.

Community organizations, area church groups... we are waiting to hear from you. *The Blueberry Festival* is a fabulous opportunity to showcase your organization and/or raise funds for your projects.

As a non-profit organization, there is no charge for you to participate with a booth. Be creative! Have fun! Call **647-4620** or **888-0055** to have a vendor/exhibitor

### The 2005 Board of Directors of the Chamber:

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"It is the purpose of the *Chamber* to promote economic development, tourism, community betterment, legislative action, and an interest in public affairs, with programs designed to make the community a better place in which to live and make a living." (*Chamber* Bylaws, Article II-1)

application sent to you or download one from [www.ewcoc.info/blueberryapp.pdf](http://www.ewcoc.info/blueberryapp.pdf).

We would like to thank the following *Friends of the Festival* businesses and individuals that have donated at least \$100 toward the expenses of producing our Blueberry Festival 2005:

- ☺ 209 Sand & Gravel LLC
- ☺ James' General Store
- ☺ Stewart's Shops
- ☺ Ulster Heights Tavern
- ☺ Matthews Pharmacy
- ☺ B & H Garage/ Lighthouse Deli
- ☺ Craft Chiropractic Associates, PC
- ☺ Joe Tso
- ☺ The Nature Conservancy
- ☺ The Sunshine Burger Company
- ☺ Peter's Market
- ☺ Ed & Al's Barber Shop, Inc.
- ☺ Herbert Lonstein
- ☺ Optimum Window
- ☺ Ace Hardware
- ☺ Reed Systems
- ☺ Berger & Solomon

If you would like to make a donation and be listed in *Friends of the Festival*, please contact Red at **647-3497** or [grudis@hvc.rr.com](mailto:grudis@hvc.rr.com).

Do you have a blueberry recipe you would like to share with the readers of *Wawarsing.Net* and *Festival* goers? Perhaps something special that's been passed down through your family and has a bit of a story to go with it?

The *Blueberry Festival Committee* would like to put together a community recipe book that would be sold as a means of raising funds toward producing the *Festival* (Similar to the selling of the official *Festival* T-shirts). The recipes can be of any type – the more variety the better – and the book would be interspersed with blueberry trivia, history, and blueberry "memories."

If you have a recipe and/or story you would like to share, please send ASAP to **Blueberry Recipes, EWCoC, PO Box 227, Ellenville, NY 12428**. Please enclose your name, address, and the phone number and e-mail address where you may be reached.

Each year, the *Chamber of Commerce* and the *Blueberry Festival Committee* offer the dunking booth, and the proceeds garnered from this event, to a worthy community cause or organization. This year we would like to have the proceeds go to Marine Corporal Eddie Ryan who was seriously injured on April 12<sup>th</sup> while serving in Iraq. 