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**East Hills Business Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2010 – Anthony’s**

Attendees

Twenty-six (26) East Hills Business Association members and guests were present.

Opening Remarks

The regular monthly meeting of the East Hills Business Association was called to order at 12:23 p.m. by the President Kathy DePra.

Kathy thanked Anthony’s for hosting this month’s meeting.

The introduction of all members and guests took place, with the opportunity for brief announcements.

Kathy requested approval of the March meeting minutes, which were distributed at the meeting. Motion was made by Bob Bassett, seconded by Veronica Hordubay. The April meeting minutes will be made available at the June meeting and on the EHBA website.

Treasurer’s Report

Chris Fisher reported that the checking account balance is \$7,255.30, as of April 30th. The organization brought in \$361.00 from the April luncheon, and \$1,295.00 in dues and Golf Outing fees and sponsorships. The organization paid \$344.00 for the April luncheon, \$1,694.90 for the website, and a \$100.00 donation for the Walk for Life relay team. The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,557.00. Kathy requested approval of the April treasurer’s report; motion was made by Ed Porada, seconded by Scott Gilmore.

Secretary’s Report

Dorene Miller reported that the organization has 71 paid members. She informed members that winners of the free lunch must see her for a lunch certificate, which must be turned in when the free lunch is used.

Membership Chair’s Report

Veronica Hordubay welcomed three new members:

- Anthony’s
- C. Gil’s Shoes
- Tonic Grille

The Kick-Off Summer Mixer will be held on Friday, June 18th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Tonic Grille (The Galleria). Dress will be summer casual!

Old Business

Kathy thanked the organization for the \$100.00 donation for the Relay for Life Team "Walkin' On Empty" (team members include Kathy DePra, Rodney Hatfield, and Jared Gorentz).

In regard to registering for the monthly luncheons, members were advised to enter their own names first, exit the website, and then go back to the website to enter their guest(s) names. If the guest's address is not known, then the member will need to enter a "fake" address (e.g., 123 Main St., Anywhere, PA 15000).

Members were reminded to confirm their subscription to the EHBA website by responding to the e-mail from FeedBurner. Please look in your spam or junk mail folder for the FeedBurner e-mail. ***If you do not confirm your subscription, you will not receive meeting notices or other EHBA correspondence.***

Members' e-mail addresses and website URLs did not transfer to the new EHBA website; this information will be added to the new website. If any corrections need to be made, please notify Kathy DePra or Dorene Miller.

Members were reminded that the Golf Outing will be held on July 12th; the fee is \$125.00. Donations of gift baskets and other prizes are needed; donors' names will be announced at the event. Please contact Joe Ponchione for more information and entry/sponsorship forms.

Ed Porada reported that only 15 EHBA members are interested in the banner project; a minimum of 50 businesses and organizations are needed. Mr. Porada would like to form a five-member committee consisting of two EHBA members, and representatives from Geistown Borough (Ed Porada), Richland Township, and Stoneycreek Township. Interested members should contact Mr. Porada.

New Business

The following donation solicitations were presented to the members for a vote:

- The Chamber Foundation: Roosevelt Boulevard water tank restoration project by *Lift Johnstown*.
 - \$100.00, \$50.00, or No Donation

- The Learning Lamp, Inc.: Giant inflatable globe classroom (cost is \$67,000).
 - \$100.00, \$50.00, or No Donation

Upcoming Events

Vice-President Rodney Hatfield announced that the next EHBA meeting will be **June 17th at Anthony's**.

The presenter will be **Mike Oliver, Community Services Director, Alleghenies United Cerebral Palsy**.

The mission of Alleghenies United Cerebral Palsy is to assist children, youth, and adults with ANY physical disability in meeting their basic needs. Disabilities include, but are not limited to: spinal cord injury, autism, multiple sclerosis, quadriplegia, traumatic brain injury (TBI), diabetes, and stroke. Alleghenies UCP encourages consumers to be an active participant in decision making and direction of services. The services we provide on a daily basis are designed to keep you or your loved one in the comfort of your own home by promoting greater independence and an enhanced quality of life.

- **July 15th** meeting will be held at **Anthony's**; the presenter will be **Jim Miliauskas, Executive Director, East Hills Recreation Commission.**

The mission of the East Hills Recreation Commission is to establish and maintain educational and recreational programming that preserves, develops, and enhances the lives of all Richland/Geistown community members while operating sites and leisure activities with the most qualified staff.

- **August 19th** meeting location and presenter to be determined.

Rodney introduced today's presenter, **Bill Gething, President of the Rotary Club of Richland Township.**

Bill spoke about the history of the Rotary Club, and informed members that the club meets every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., at Nyko's on Scalp Avenue. Highlights of his presentation are as follows:

The Rotary Club was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, an attorney in Chicago, to foster friendship and networking for businessmen. The meetings rotated between members' officers, hence the name "Rotary Club." There are now 33,000 clubs in the United States and abroad, with 1.2 million members.

Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto *Service Above Self*. Bill Gates is a longtime member, and has donated \$250 million to the polio eradication project.

The Rotary Club of Richland Township chartered in 2009 with 22 members; their projects include the establishment of a scholarship for Richland High School seniors, assisting Highland Community Library with fundraising events and children's programs, and volunteering for Richland Community Days.

Give-Aways

Winner of the 50/50 drawing (\$13.00) was one of our guests, Fred Kline, CPA, of Kline & Kimlin.

Lunch

Winner of the free lunch was Anthony Rizzo, Somerset Trust.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m. was made by John Ricilli and seconded by Kathy DePra.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary Date: May 24, 2010

May Meeting Vote Summary

- The Chamber Foundation: \$100.00 donation (11 votes for \$100.00; 10 votes for \$50.00)
- The Learning Lamp, Inc.: \$100.00 donation (14 votes for \$100.00; 8 votes for \$50.00).