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**East Hills Business Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2010**

Attendees

Thirty-nine (39) 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 12:19pm by President Kathy DePra.

Kathy thanked Dave Horten of Nyko's Restaurant for hosting this month's meeting.

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

Kathy requested approval of the September minutes, which were made available on the EHBA website, and also distributed to members present at the meeting. Motion to approve made by John Ricilli; seconded by Barry Critchfield; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chris Fisher reported that the checking account balance is \$4,818.80. The organization brought in \$420.00 from the September luncheon, and \$50.00 in membership dues. A \$50.00 refund was received from the Chamber of Commerce for an overpayment to the Small Business Expo. The organization paid \$396.00 for the September luncheon; \$196.10 for signs at the Small Business Expo; and the \$850.00 user fee for our 501(c)6 tax exempt status.

The balance in the certificate of deposit is \$1,568.64; the CD is due on December 7, 2010.

Kathy requested approval of the September treasurer's report; motion to approve made by Matt DiFrancesco; seconded by Jennifer Hewitt; treasurer's report approved.

Secretary's Report

Dorene Miller reported that the organization now has 79 members.

Membership Chair's Report

Veronica Hordubay welcomed our new members, Gregg Persio, David Bowser, and Tony Persio from the Rosewood Inn; Tim Clark, Ahmad Pruitt, and Allen Andrews of the Johnstown Generals indoor football team; and Stacy Hickman of State Farm Insurance.

Veronica reminded members about the Fall Mixer on November 24th (5:00pm—7:00pm) at Nyko's Restaurant; the price is \$5.00 each for members and guests. Members were asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots." Musical entertainment by Walt Churchey and Jackie Kopko.

New Business

Kathy announced that the holiday party will be held on December 9th (5:30—8:00pm) at Ambrosia Fine Dining at the Rosewood Inn. The price is \$10.00 each for members and guests, which includes appetizers and two beverage tickets. Musical entertainment by Gordy Haluska. Tickets for a PPAC performance will be raffled. Other raffle donations from members, such as gift baskets, would be greatly appreciated; please contact Kathy as soon as possible. Members were asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for "Toys for Tots," if not attending the Fall Mixer.

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

- Richland Police Dept.: Safe "Trick-or-Treat" Night
 - \$100.00 or No Donation
- Rotary Club Dictionary Project
 - \$225.00, \$100.00, or No Donation
- Johnstown Generals
 - \$500.00 or No Donation

Vice-President's Report

Rodney reminded the members that there will not be a roundtable at the November meeting. A year-end recap will be presented by the officers, and officer nominations for 2011 will be accepted. There will not be a December meeting.

Rodney introduced our speaker, Cindy O'Connor, Goodwill Youth Mentorship Program Manager.

Ms. O'Connor's presentation highlighted the volunteer opportunities through the Goodwill® GoodGuidesSM Youth Mentoring Program. This is a national mentoring initiative designed to help youth between the ages of 12–17 to build career plans and skills as they prepare for school completion, postsecondary training, and productive work, by providing structured and supportive relationships with adult mentors. The mentor must pass an extensive background check, including clearances and fingerprinting, which is paid by Goodwill. He/She must also complete orientation and training.

Each mentor—who must commit to four hours per month for one year—is matched to a volunteer child through a structured and selective process. At this time, Goodwill has more than 30 mentors matched with children in the program.

The mentoring hours can take place at the child's school in the morning or at lunch, or after school during organized activities. Goodwill also provides a mentoring opportunity called "Super Saturday," which is held once a month from 10:00am to 3:00pm, to spend with your child.

Children are referred to the program by school districts, guidance counselors, agencies, as well as self-referrals.

Ms. O'Connor suggested other volunteer opportunities for those who are unable to mentor, such as giving a career talk, or offering a fundraiser ticket to a child in the program. GoodGuides will also arrange a group mentoring session with organizations such as EHBA, or conduct a staff meeting at a member's business location.

GoodGuide's partners include the Community Foundation, the Rotary Club of Johnstown, and the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra.

Brochures and reply postcards were distributed to EHBA members; a mentor application can be found at www.goodwillsouthcentralpa.org. Please contact Ms. O'Connor at 536-3536, ext. 304, or e-mail her at goodguides@goodwilljohnstown.org, for more information.

Upcoming Events

Rodney announced that the next EHBA meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18th at Anthony's Mediterranean Grill.

Give-Aways

- Winner of the free lunch was Bob Vamos, MetLife.
- Winners of four (4) Turkey Trotter tickets were Barb Fortunato, Kathy DePra, Kristi Cintron, and Barry Critchfield.
- Winners of four EHBA tote bags were Tom Chernisky, Ed Porada, John Ricilli, and Bob Vamos.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 1:05pm was made by Tom Chernisky; seconded by Jared Gorentz.

Minutes submitted by:

Dorene Miller, Secretary

Date: November 12, 2010

October Meeting Vote Summary

Richland Police Dept. Safe "Trick-or-Treat" Night:	\$100.00 (34 votes for \$100.00; 2 votes for no donation)
Rotary Club Dictionary Project:	\$225.00 (17 votes for \$225.00; 15 votes for \$100.00; 3 votes for no donation)
Johnstown Generals:	\$500.00 (23 votes for \$500.00; 14 votes for no donation)