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PCDA PERSPECTIVE

SEDC Annual Conference 2000

All of the visitors I talked with from the 17 states that make up the Southern Economic Development Council (SEDC) were impressed with West Virginia's first opportunity to host the SEDC Annual Conference. I heard nothing but good comments about the conference, the activities and the speakers.

Welcome speaker on Monday was West Virginia Governor Cecil H. Underwood.

One of the featured speakers was Dr. Jeffrey Rosenzweig, Associate Dean for Corporate Relations at the Goizueta Business School



Senator Jay Rockefeller accepts a certificate from incoming SEDC President John Smolak. The certificate acknowledges legislators that "have consistently supported legislation that ensures the economic prosperity of our territory."



of Emory University. Dr. Rosenzweig is pictured at left with guests from Hurricane High School prior to his talk. The students are from Louis Goode's math class at HHS.

Many thanks to all the West Virginia representatives who made the almost 400 participants to the 2000 SEDC conference an overwhelming success.

Congratulations to SEDC's 2001 President, John Smolak. John also currently serves as Vice President of the Putnam County De-

Automotive Aftermarket Trade Show

The final quarter of 2000 has seen a definite increase in industrial prospect activity and we have been contacted by companies from Germany, Japan and the U.S.

Sometimes, it is necessary to go "industry hunting." That was the intent as representatives from the West Virginia Development Office, BIDCO, PCDA, and 4-C Development traveled to Las Vegas to attend the Automotive Aftermarket Products Expo at the Sands Expo Center.

Many thanks to Dan Massey, WVDO for an excellent job of organizing the West Virginia effort. Representing West Virginia at the Expo were: Gary Walton, PCDA; Dan Massey, WVDO, Dick Jennings, WVDO; Skip Lineberg, BIDCO, Judy Radford, 4-C Economic

Economic Development Authority.

Participation in trade shows gives us the opportunity to get exposure for West Virginia and participating communities.



Skip Lineberg, BIDCO & Gary Walton at the AAPEX trade show in Las Vegas 10/31/00

Annual Chamber/PCDA Dinner Meeting

A record crowd attended the annual Putnam County Chamber and Development Authority at Wellington's of Scarlet Oaks. The annual dinner was held Friday evening, November 10th.

Volunteer of the Year

Tom McKean was presented the **Volunteer of the Year** Award for 2000. Tom has served on a number of boards over the years, including: PCDA and Chamber. He also served as Chairman of the Pipes for Putnam and Pipes for Putnam II committees and gave a tremendous amount of time to the effort to assure that water and sewer service is available to unserved areas of Putnam County.



2000 Volunteer of the Year Tom McKean presents the Pipers for Putnam II report at the roll-out ceremonies earlier this year.

The Volunteer award is given in recognition of an individual's volunteer efforts to the Putnam County Development Authority and towards the completion of economic development projects in the county. Past volunteer award winners include: John Smolak, Duane Phelgar, Virginia King, Wayne Bennett & Bob Ellis and John Romano. Tom is president of Terradon and has been in that position for the past 4 years.

PCDA Community Development Award

The 2000 **Community Development Award** was presented to the Putnam County Commission (Clinton "Bud" Beaver, James H. Caruthers, Jr. and James Withrow). Bud Beaver was unable

to attend the ceremonies and the award was accepted by Commissioners Withrow and Caruthers.

The community development award is given in recognition of efforts to improve the quality of life for citizens of Putnam County by providing services that have assisted in the completion of economic development projects, setting an example of good corporate citizenship by providing services or positive economic/community development efforts, and recognizing members of the organization who have actively worked to promote economic and community development.



PCDA's Director (R) Presents Community Development Award to Jim Withrow (L) and Jim Caruthers (Center)

Past Community Service Award winners have included Putnam County Bank, The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, American Electric Power, Lanham O'Dell & Company, The Town of Buffalo, and Toyota Motor Manufacturing WV.

Happy Holidays



PCDA October Board Meeting Held at Diamond Electric

PCDA Board Member Wayne Bennett, with the assistance of the Eleanor Park Maintenance Association, arranged for our October board meeting that was held at Diamond Electric Mfg. Co. at the Eleanor Industrial Park.

In the photo at right, Board President David Kimberling conducts the meeting in the board room of Diamond Electric Mfg. Co. After the board meeting, members had the opportunity to tour the Diamond Electric facility. Diamond's Human Resources Manager, Kathy Davis led the tour and explained the company's manufacturing process.



In addition to the Diamond Electric tour, board members were

treated to a tour of the Parkline, Inc. facility in the Eleanor Industrial Park.

Many thanks to Keith Noffsinger of Parkline and to Cathy Davis of Diamond Electric for allowing our board members to see the excellent work being done at the Eleanor Industrial Park.

We really appreciate the opportunity to visit the Eleanor park. The park was developed by the development authority beginning in 1982 and many of the members serving on the board of directors then are still working to bring new jobs to Putnam County as members of our current board of directors.

Construction Continues on Charter Regional Facility



It is actually fun to drive around the county and watch the construction activity take place. In the last issue, we had a picture showing the groundbreaking for the new Charter Communications regional office in Scott Depot.

The photo, at right, shows that the building's exterior is nearly complete. Once the steel superstructure went up, it appeared the building would be finished quickly.

Plans are for the company to occupy the building in March 2001. At the current rate of progress, the March occupancy date should be no problem.

*"After all is said and done,"
More is SAID than DONE*



Charter's new facility takes shape (12/04/00)

Putnam Leadership Class Has Aerial View of Business Park

Class members of Putnam County's Leadership Class were treated to a helicopter ride to view the county. Riders were given a brief tour of the county and flew over the Toyota Motor Manufacturing plant and the 205 acre Putnam Business Park.

Class members were also given an update by Marjorie Ryan, Director of the Office of Planning & Infrastructure about the corridor management plan being developed for the new 4-lane U.S. 35 from near Point Pleasant to Interstate Highway 64.



PCDA Director Gary Walton explains the development plans for Phase I of the Putnam Business Park to members of Putnam County's Leadership Class.

PCDA Executive Director Gary Walton explained to class members about the work of the Development Authority and the steps taken since the purchase of property began in 1997. The class had many questions about the various activities such as archeological, wetlands mitigation and other aspects of preparation for development of the county's newest business park.

Walton told the class that we expect to receive U.S. Army Corps

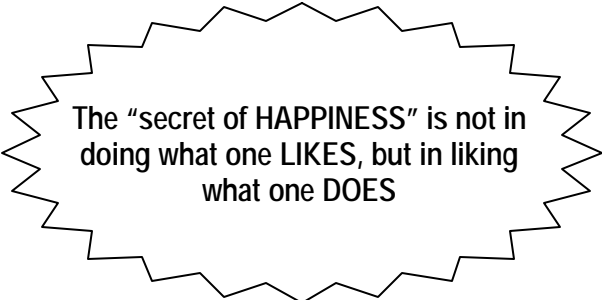
of Engineers approval soon and will begin construction of replacement wetlands on the site. About 14 acres of replacement wetlands will need to be constructed in order to develop the approximately 62 acres included in Phase I of the park.

An Archeological Phase I study was recently completed for the property also. Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. was employed to complete the Phase I Archeological. Phase II study has been recommended for three areas on the property. The development authority has been very careful to assure that adequate investigation is done and that native American groups are kept informed about the archeological progress.

One of the activities that the authority is investigating is to apply for grant funds to construct walking trails in the wetlands area for the benefit of employees at the business park and also for the public.

The Authority is also taking steps to acquire engineering services necessary for construction inspection, design of the industrial access road and utility extensions into the park.

Construction of the new wetlands will be the first activity undertaken on the property. Soon after, construction of a new industrial access road is expected.





The Holidays

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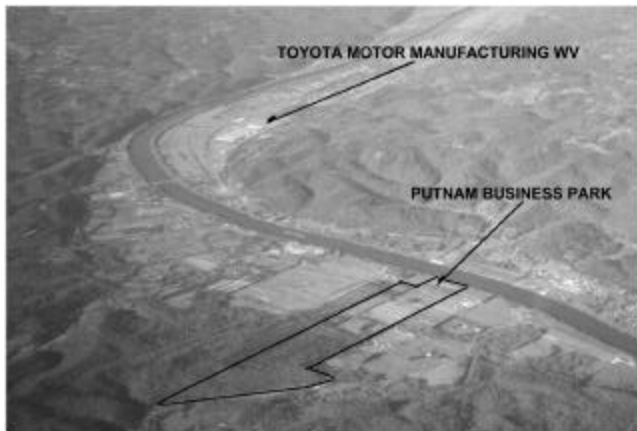
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Whatever the language, may peace, joy, health and happiness be with you and your family this holiday season. The Board of Directors and staff of the Putnam County Development Authority, wish you a joyous season.

May the new year bring you continued prosperity and the good health to enjoy your family and friends and the wisdom to realize how very lucky you are.



Aerial View



Just thought you might like to see an aerial photograph (photo at left) I took on November 1, 2000 from the airplane as we were approaching Charleston. On the way back from the AAPEX show in Las Vegas it was a clear day and a great "photo op." I've shown where the Toyota plant and the Putnam Business Park is located.

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