

# BMBA

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about 100 members. Membership is annual and mailers to renew membership for 2009 will be sent out October 31. The group works closely with the Greater Valley Independent Business Alliance (GVIBA), an umbrella group for local business associations.

"The benefit (of belonging to the BMBA) is the opportunity to know each other better and foster cooperation, a little bit of synergy," Goeringer said. "This is an effort to encourage the public to deal with independent business people," Goeringer said. "We also make an effort to give back to the community through social events."

BMBA members typically hold a lunch meeting the second Thursday of each month at different member restaurants. The members took a summer recess in July and August, but will reconvene in September with an after-work mixer instead of a lunch meeting, allowing members to become better acquainted with one another and to network. The people who are updating the organization's Web site will also be in attendance to introduce the new site.

Board members of the BMBA meet monthly with the exception of a break in July in the conference room at the Twin Stacks Center. Current board members are Goeringer, president; Sonia Seman, treasurer; Diane Dreier, secretary; Tony Shipula, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry representative; Liz Martin, Doug Burak, Jack Jones, Elva Valentine, Lynn Banta and Steve Skammer.

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President, Back Mountain Business Association

The vice-president position is presently vacant, although several board members are considering taking the post.

"The organization is very strong," Goeringer said. "We've got a great, strong board. That's what makes the association, good board members. They very firmly believe in the nature of the association, what our goals are and they understand the benefit of working with a group and making that group stronger."

The BMBA's Web site is currently under renovation and the new site is scheduled to be unveiled on September 11. Additions to the site consist of a membership list, recent activities, an events calendar and member biographies and photos.

As president, Goeringer hopes to increase membership, have more social opportunities for members, increase exposure to GVIBA and act as a voice for businesses in the Back Mountain.

"We always are looking to expand our membership," Goeringer said. "We will be participating in the Harvest Fest in Dallas to bring on new members."

An associate real estate broker and independent residential appraiser, Goeringer became a BMBA board member in 2000 when he developed a business relationship with Century 21 Smith-Hourigan. Before hooking up with Century 21, Goeringer

worked in his family business, Goeringer Real Estate, from 1973 to 2000. During that time, he was a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

Goeringer has been a resident of the Back Mountain since 1958 and is a 1969 graduate of Dallas High School. He obtained his real estate license in 1972 before graduating from Muhlenberg College in 1973. He received his real estate certification from King's College in 1977.

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he got involved. Taylor's first role was a soldier on the prosecution team at a Nuremberg Trials re-enactment.

"In that short time, I went from wanting to be in the audience to a contributor, I hope, of the program's success," Taylor said. "My experience comes from working on these programs and I didn't consider myself an actor by any means."

In order to prepare for Henry Ford's character, Taylor, a ninth-grade world history teacher at Hope Center Charter School in Philadelphia, is reading Ford's autobiography and the book, "The People's Tycoon," which is about Ford. He is using history books, literature and movies to develop scripts for the program.

David Callahan, also of Mountain Top, is another reg-



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Fred Walters, of Shavertown, stands with pride next to the Lindhill Institute's 1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster. The Lindhill Institute is an all volunteer organization that provides free, historical programs to the public.

ular participant in the Lindhill Institute's events.

Most recently, Lindhill acquired a 1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster as its official vehicle to carry the message of its programs into area communities.

The Lindhill Institute will also

hold a ceremony in November in honor of the 90th anniversary of the end of World War I.

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