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Chamber to Hold Annual Membership Luncheon

SCRANTON, PA, October 2, 2007—The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Membership Luncheon is slated for Wednesday, November 7, 2007, from 11:45 AM to 1:30 PM at the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center. The Annual Membership Luncheon is sponsored by Fidelity Deposit & Discount Bank.

The cost of the luncheon is \$25. Tables of eight are available. All reservations must be paid in advance by check or credit card and can be made by registering on-line at www.scrantonchamber.com. The deadline for reservations is Friday, November 2.

At the event, MetroAction, Inc. will present "Micro-Grants" to area childcare providers. MetroAction's Micro-Grant program, funded by Opportunity Finance Network, Philadelphia, aims to increase the supply of quality, affordable childcare available to northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Annual Membership Luncheon will feature the 2007 Pride & Progress Awards. The Pride & Progress Awards are sponsored by Pennoni Associates Inc. Since 1975, the Chamber has recognized Lackawanna County's public and private sector operations for upgrading their establishments, improving the appearance of their respective neighborhoods, and beautifying the region.

The event will also feature the 2007 Hometown Star Award winner. The Hometown Star Award, sponsored by Pennstar Bank, recognizes an individual or organization for an event that has made a significant economic impact on the greater Scranton area. To be eligible for the Hometown Star Award, the organization must be located within Lackawanna County. The event must have taken place most recently within the previous year, and should have had a significant economic impact on Lackawanna County. The Nutcracker Ballet was presented with the fourth annual Hometown Star Award in 2006.

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The Chamber will announce the recipients of the Healthy Workplace Awards Program. The program will recognize companies that have adopted wellness practices in the workplace and is a collaboration of the Chamber, Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and Chamber*Choice*.

The Chamber will also announce the recipient of the ATHENA Award at the event. The ATHENA Award honors individuals who strive toward the highest levels of personal and professional accomplishment, who excel in their chosen field, devote time and energy to their community in a meaningful way, and forge paths of leadership for other women to follow. Local sponsorship is provided by Sun Buick Pontiac GMC in Moosic.

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