

Projects.....Committees.....Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce...at a Glance

- Revival of the original Bluefield Coal Show...1976
- Membership drive with 100 volunteers and 168 new members in 1976 – through the chamber reorganization
- Open House for members at chamber office became the holiday reception for members and guests
- Transportation committee for upgrading #52
- Nature's air-conditioned city– free lemonade 90°

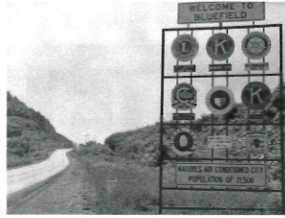


- Legislative committee organized to support Concord and Bluefield State College
- Worked on the masters degree program for Mercer County
- Supported the cogs program
- Job fair started for colleges
- Neighborhood watch communities
- Small business incubator/McQuail building
- MADD – organized
- Bluefield area foundation – organized
- “Get It Open” – Community Center
- Christmas lights - \$50,000 – collected funds/committee



- Baseball improvements
- \$190,000 BBBBBB – Bluefield Baby Birds Benefit Bash
- East River Mountain Overlook – Annual Clean Up Campaign – Grants for Improvements and Started Bricks – Concept
- I-73 – 74 – King Coal Highway

- Welcome to the Bluefields Sign with Civic Club Signs



- Organized Two-County and Four Chambers Golf Scramble
- Established the Robert F. Hamilton Award
- Armory Upgrading – Electrical Services and Parking Lot Paving – Fund for Curtains, Paint, Light, etc.
- Make the Bluefields Beautiful Committee
- Mountain Festival – Pageant and Leah Lasker, Miss WV
- Celebrated 50 Years of Free Lemonade with Exposure on the Today Show with Scott Willard
- Organized the MCPAC – County/Mercer
- Bland Memorial Tree Project
- Leadership for Adults and Youth
- High School Business Symposium for Mercer/Tazewell Schools
- Business Visitation for Mercer/Tazewell Counties Students
- Legislative Receptions in Charleston and Richmond
- All WV Cities Award – with State Chamber
- Athena Award – Annette E. Osborne, First Recipient
- Business After Hours
- Business of the Year Awards
- Produce City Maps/Quality of Life Publication/Statistical Brochure
- Sponsors the Student Government Day
- Annual Dinner Membership Dinner with Keynote Speaker Ronald Regan; George Gallup; Jack Anderson; Dr. Joyce Brothers; Morgan Massey; John Nash
- Better Living Show
- Bluefield Coal Rally
- Bluefield All-American City
- Bluestone Convention and Visitors Center (MCCVB)
- Coal in the Classroom

- Retirement Committee Task Force
- Small Business Seminars
- Four Seasons Women's Conference
- Point of View Breakfast Meeting
- Bland County Fair
- Ambassador's Club
- Past President's Council
- Christmas Parade with Jr. Civitans
- Proposed I-77 Information Center – Supported the Princeton Location for I-77 & #460
- Ribbon Cuttings/Groundbreakings
- Worked with Organizing Main Street Bluefield
- Bus Tours – Worked with Convention and Visitors Center
- National Secretaries Day
- Project Teach – School to Work
- Sponsored with BRMC Wellness Center The Well-City
- Statistical Profile
- Manufacturers Association
- “Up with People” Concert
- Speakers Bureau
- Feasibility Study for Convention Center
- Literacy Committee
- Reading Bee Program
- Compiled Brochure with All Agencies
- Conducted Celebration in Chicory Square
- Organized a Committee to Establish the AAA – Bluestone Auto Club
- Mercer County Airport
- Meet the Candidates
- School Bond Issues
- Update and Expand the Wage, Rate, Fringe Benefits and Personnel Policy Brochure
- Junior Achievement Program
- Executive Office Skills Contest
- Adopt-A-Pot Program
- Worked with Organizing Appalachian Hardwood Expo
- Chamber Discount Program for Members
- Four Seasons Regional Council
- The East River Mountain Area Helpline
- Bluefield Area Development Corporation
- Mercer-Tazewell Industrial Parks
- Bland County Road Project