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The Emmaus Main Street Partners had the pleasure of presenting on our progress to the Chamber Board of Governors at the November meeting. Vice-Chair Ron Glassic spoke about our reconstituted board, which include members who are active and care about progress and commit to events and committees. We have strengthened our relationship with Emmaus Borough Council, creatively partnering with Emmaus civic groups such as the Heritage Alliance, Emmaus Public Library, Historical Society, and Remembrance Garden, and are continuing our efforts with Chamber councils (LGBT Council, East Penn Chamber, etc.), putting on special events, and interaction.

Teri Sorg-McManamon, chair of the Economic Development Committee, highlighted 13-member committee's efforts and projects - Borough GAP/Business Report, real estate inventory, resources for new businesses, collaborations with Borough CRD Committee, Emmaus Planning Commission, the Southwest Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan initiative, and her committee's commitment to assist other areas in best practices for doing the same with economic development.

On behalf of the EMSP board and volunteers, we thank the Chamber for the support and belief in us. We're in strong position going forward, and with great staff in Jessica O'Donnell and Emily Gerber, we're onward and upward!

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the holidays in Emmaus. From the "Jingle Jingle Mingle" mixer with the LGBT council at The Trap Door, to the Old Fashioned Christmas, to the "Shop Local, Shop Small, Shop Emmaus" events on Black Friday weekend and throughout the month of December, a great time was had by one and all.

Finally, a quick 'Save the Date' notice – the 11th-Annual EMSP Golf Classic is set for Monday June 20, 2016, again to be held at Green Pond Country Club. It was a sold-out field last year. Keep an eye out for the registration forms, you won't want to miss playing in it and sponsoring it!