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SAMA LIGONIER VALLEY AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley Auxiliary has elected new officers for the 2013-2014 term. Serving as Auxiliary President is Barbara Kravits of Ligonier. Gretchen Griffith of Laughlintown will serve as Vice President. Also appointed as officers were Joyce Collins of Ligonier as Secretary, Bonnie Hoffman of Ligonier as Treasurer, and Susan Kiren of Greensburg as Corresponding Secretary.

The Auxiliary was founded in 2000 to provide financial and volunteer support for the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. With more than sixty members, the Auxiliary also is charged with increasing public attention on the Museum and helping to broaden its membership.

Since its inception, the Auxiliary has donated more than \$48,000 for capital improvements such as painting the Museum interior, repairs to the building's exterior, and the purchase of outdoor signage and UV blinds. The Auxiliary also has helped fund the annual Garden Party and has been instrumental in the funding and orchestration of the annual Holiday Home Tour. The group's efforts have generated more than \$56,000 in fundraising revenue since its inception.

The Auxiliary meets monthly at the Museum and is always seeking new members. Yearly dues are \$25. For more information about the Auxiliary, please call SAMA-Ligonier Valley at (724) 238-6015 or visit the Auxiliary's website, www.lmaux.org/ligonier.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.