

**BROCKWAY OLD FASHION FOURTH OF JULY
P.O. BOX 252
BROCKWAY, PA 15824**

A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I would like to welcome everyone to Brockway's 44th Annual Old Fashion Fourth of July Celebration. It is the Committee's desire to make this a fun filled and memorable day in Brockway, Pa.

As with past committees, many individuals, businesses, organizations and groups have pulled together to make this celebration memorable through monetary contributions, volunteering time & materials, providing building sites, securing funding, etc. Since our beginning in 1967, the committee has brought many new and interesting family oriented events to the celebration free of charge to the public. As the times change, costs to bring in various entertainment groups for the park and parade, expenses for the Children's Fishing Contest, basketball tournament, Firecracker 10K Race, Star Spangled Bicycle Race, Antique Car Show, Spectacular Fireworks Show, food tent, port-a-johns, mailings and our famous Fourth of July Booklet have continually increased. Where a mere couple thousand-dollar budget existed in the beginning we now stand at over \$45,000 a year to make this celebration happen.

The Committee asks for your continued support through these tough economic times. This celebration is for the enjoyment of all who attend so everyone has a chance to have a memorable day in Brockway to celebrate our nation's 234th Birthday. Our Founding Fathers in 1776 said this new nation should celebrate with parades, speeches and fireworks. Something we in Brockway adhere to.

To those who have been unfailing contributors - thank you. You understand what the Committee was commissioned to do back in 1967 - to bring about a celebration for the good of all on Independence Day. To those who have not contributed in the past, we ask you to reconsider. Without contributions, the celebration cannot happen. Brockway is blessed with great people who understand the significance of this celebration to the area. Come with us to make each and every celebration the best it can be.

On behalf of the 44th Annual Committee, thank you for your support and participation in the areas largest non-carnival Independence Day celebration.

Jeffrey C. Gankosky
Chairman