

Chamber to Hold Virtual “Breakfast Club”

With social distancing for large groups still in force, the Blair County Chamber will hold its monthly “Breakfast Club” meeting via Zoom on June 11th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The event will be members-only and will be free-of-charge. The agenda will include a brief promotional comment from the corporate sponsor – L.R. Kimball, an introduction of new Chamber members and a keynote from Jeff Bartos providing details of “The PA 30-Day Fund.” That fund will help local small businesses bridge the gap until those businesses are able to get back on their feet.

Bartos is a former candidate for lieutenant governor in Pennsylvania. To register for the June Breakfast Club, call the Chamber at 943-8151 or [register online](#). A Zoom link will be provided to those who register.



JEFF BARTOS

Buy Here. Thrive Here. Sends a Critical Message to Our Community

As many Blair County businesses struggle to remain viable, there is an incredible sense of urgency for local people to direct as much of their spending as possible toward those struggling businesses. To keep that message top-of-mind, the Chamber has created the “Buy Here. Thrive Here.” initiative. Done in partnership with sponsoring businesses and the local media, Buy Here. Thrive Here. is an offshoot of the Buy Here. Live Here. program that was launched six years ago to remind businesses and consumers of the advantages to the local economy of keeping more dol-



lars circulating within the county. The newest initiative begins to roll-out within the next few weeks. If you’d like to support it, contact Joe Hurd at 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blair-chamber.com

Member Survey to Assess Business Health, Expectations

As the Chamber plots a future course in helping the business community move forward, it’s important that it does so with information on where the specific needs are and how those businesses would prefer that those needs be addressed. To accomplish that, the Chamber is emailing a survey to members through Survey Monkey. The survey is four short questions that will take less than five minutes to answer. Members should receive the survey by early this week and will have until June 15th to complete and return it. The Chamber intends to survey members on a regular basis to determine satisfaction levels and to gain valuable input on specific issues.



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Chamber Board Member to Present at Early Learning Economic Summit

Stephanie Doliveira, Senior Vice-President of Human Resources at Sheetz and a member of the Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors, will be one of the presenters at next Monday's 2020 Early Learning Economic Summit. That Summit is subtitled, "Child Care and the Workforce: Current Implications and Recommendations for Policy and Practice." The event will be done virtually. To register to participate, go to www.paearyllearning.com.



Stop Thinking About Covid, Start Thinking About Golf!!



The Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic might still be two months away (August 20th) but it's a good idea to lock-in your foursome so that you don't miss out on this outstanding networking event. The Classic will once again be held at Iron Masters Country Club and the forecast is for sunshine and blue skies. To register as a golfer or a volunteer, contact [Stacy Hoover](mailto:Stacy.Hoover@blairchamber.com) at 943-8151. If you'd like to be considered for one of the remaining sponsorships or to reserve a tee-and-green sign, contact [Jessie Covert](mailto:Jessie.Covert@blairchamber.com) at that same number. It's been a difficult couple of months. It's time for some fun and relaxation!

Update on June Events and Programs

The status for our June Chamber Calendar is listed below:

•Workplace Wellness Committee	June 2nd	Still On (Zoom)
•Young Professionals of Blair County	June 3rd	Still On (Zoom)
•Public Policy Committee	June 4th	Still On (Zoom)
•BASICS Early Childhood	June 4th	Still On (Zoom)
•Long Term Care Summit	June 8th	Still On (Zoom)
•Chamber Ambassadors	June 9th	Still On (Zoom)
•Attractions/ Hotel Roundtable	June 10th	Still On (Zoom)
•Breakfast Club	June 11th	Still On (Zoom)
•Executive Roundtable	June 15th	Still On (Zoom)
•Committee of Non-Profit Businesses	June 16th	Still On (Zoom)
•Board of Directors	June 18th	Still On (Zoom)
•Sustainable Blair County	June 24th	Still On (Zoom)
•Transportation Committee	June 25th	Still On (Zoom)

Congratulations...

... to Robert Beck of Beck Financial and Wealth Management of Altoona who qualified for "Top of the Million Dollar Round Table for 2019. That places Beck in the top quarter of 1% of all financial advisors worldwide.

Open For Business

If You're "Open For Business," Let Everyone Know

As businesses begin to re-open, it's important that we are able to offer both assistance and support. So the Chamber Website now includes a special section called "Open For Business." This is a member's only section and we invite members to let us know when they've opened and any special plans they have to put a little bit of emphasis on returning to active status! Send your "Open For Business" information to Linda Stotler at lstotler@blairchamber.com.

BENEFact

Chamber Membership can save you money.

For June we will be highlighting Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies. This FREE member benefit allows members who wish to promote a new location, renovated space or even a new addition to call the Chamber to schedule a ceremony. Chamber staff, along with dedicated Ambassador's, will come out to participate. To discuss ribbon cutting availability, contact Linda Stotler at the Chamber or email lstotler@blairchamber.com.

SUCCESS STORY

New Pig Corporation donated a pallet of Personal Protective Supplies to UPMC Altoona to protect staff and patients from Covid-19.



Employer Partnership Program

Designed to establish a mutually beneficial relationship where employers can create more affordable professional development opportunities for their employees.

Juniata College offers five masters' degree programs. Depending on program, degree requirements range from 30-36 credits and can be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Additionally, flexible options exist as courses are offered online (except for Bioinformatics lab courses).

The Employer Partnership Program offers three tiers, allowing employers to select a 10%, 15%, or 20% tuition reduction for graduate study. Benefits based on tier selected.

- **Calls for participating employer to inform employees of the relationship with Juniata College Graduate Programs (all tiers)**
- **Employer permits JC Graduate Programs staff/faculty to send marketing materials in the form of print or digital to their employees (all tiers)**
- **Employees will have an employee verification form to fill out when they apply for graduate study (all tiers)**
- **Juniata College will be one of the employer's preferred education providers (all tiers)**
- **Partners allow a Graduate Programs representative to visit the employer with an informational table 2-4 times per year (15% and 20% tiers)**
- **Graduate Programs ask to be invited to an educational fair that the employer hosts (if applicable) (20% tier)**
- **Employer will allow Graduate Programs representative to host a lunch and learn at their convenience each semester (1-2 times per year) (20% tier)**
- **Employer has the option to visit campus with a career table and information for Juniata College students (or other recruiting event) (20% tier)**

For more information, please contact:

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Recognizing Our Renewals

With the Blair Business Mirror on a multi-month hiatus, the Chamber has been unable to publish the list of members who have renewed their memberships as well as the number of years that those members have continued to invest with the organization. During the next three weeks, we will publish the names of those who have renewed beginning this week with the renewals from March (listed below). At a time when the Chamber faces many financial challenges due to our inability to hold programs and events, it's more important than ever that our members continue to stay active by renewing their memberships.

Celebrating 66 Years

PennCrest BANK

Celebrating 50-51 Years

Kiwanis Club of Altoona, Inc.

Saint Francis University

Celebrating 40-46 Years

Doing Better Business, Inc.

Fiore True Value Hardware & Rental

McLanahan Corporation

Mueller's Auto Recycling & Sales, Inc.

Sherwin-Williams Company

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Ralph J. Albarano & Sons, Inc.

American Roofing, Inc.

Boyer Refrigeration, Heating &

Air Conditioning

Galliker Dairy Company

John Hill Real Estate

J & O

Klesius & Sheedy, Inc.

Logan Valley Mall

Tel-Power Tool & Equipment

Rental, Inc.

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Altoona Area Public Library

American Red Cross Blood Services

Blair County Arts Foundation

Courtesy Ford, Inc.

Degol Organization

Hampton Inn Altoona

Holland Bros., Inc.

Maple Brook Nursery

The Music Emporium, Inc.

Sickler, Tarpey & Associates

The Village at Morrisons Cove

Yeager & Eberhardt

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Ace fix-it Hardware Stores

Altoona Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center

Barash Media

Begin With Us Child Care & Preschool, Inc.

Blair HealthChoices

BluAcres, LLC

John K. Bolger Funeral Home, Inc.

Bryce Saylor & Sons/Altoona Crane

& Rigging, Inc.

Budget Blinds of Altoona

Colonial Courtyard at Tyrone

CORE Physical Therapy and

Sports Training

Edward Jones Investments

Edward Jones Investments, J.T. Tidd

Family Services Incorporated

Heritage Travel Agency

Hillview Healthcare And

Rehabilitation Center

Holiday Bowl, Inc.

Levine Engineering, LLC

PA CareerLink® Blair County

Penn England Farms

Prime Sirloin

(Vision Restaurant Group, Inc.)

Roaring Spring True Value

Small Tube Products

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

Tyrone Regional Health Network

UPMC Altoona

Wagner & Finn Attorneys at Law

Celebrating 5-9 Years

ADR Solutions

Advanced Vein Care

AnswerLinks, Inc.

Ayers Line Construction, Inc.

Michelle Barnes Optometry, P.C.

Better Homes and Gardens

Real Estate - GSA Realty

Blair County Tax Collection Bureau
Bright Ideas Childcare and Preschool, Inc.
Central PA Physicians Group
Days Inn & Suites, Altoona
Gardner Denver, Inc
Interaction Dynamics Group
KMS Interior Design & Home Staging, LLC
Leib, Inc.
Mighells Brothers Excavating, Inc.
Monarch Cleaners
Platinum Wealth Strategies
Quaint Corner Children's Museum
& Discovery Center
Southern Airways Express
The Ultimate Sub Company, LLC
Walton Heights Townhomes
and Apartments
Warner's Landscaping
Williams Moving & Storage, Inc.
Wilmington Trust

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Altoona Area Business Community
Beck Financial and Wealth
Management, LLC
Bickel's Surplus Too
Blair County Farm Bureau
Center for Community Resources
Chick-fil-A Altoona
Edward Jones Investments
- Katlin Webb
Every Life Matters (ELM)
Pregnancy Support Services
Forney Group/Fulton Financial Advisors
Housing & Redevelopment
Insurance Exchange
InspectionGo, Inc.
LAMB Solutions Advertising Agency
Maybrook Hills Rehabilitation and
Healthcare Center
Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Spa
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