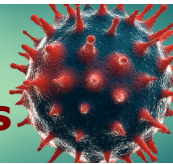


Chamber Signs-On to Liability Coalition Letter

The Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors has approved the organization signing-on to a letter initiated by the U.S. Chamber asking Congress to approve liability protections to President Biden's COVID relief package. The letter urges Congress to provide a national baseline of liability protection to prevent a wave of lawsuits from inhibiting the return to a robust economy. The Chamber had signed-on to a similar letter at the state level in November. The Pennsylvania General Assembly approved the liability bill by a wide margin but Governor Wolf vetoed it. For more information or to join the Chamber's Public Policy Committee, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

Liability Protections



Best Practices Forum to Focus on Human Trafficking

The Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses will hold its first Best Practices Forum of 2021 this Friday, February 5th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at U.S. Hotel in Hollidaysburg. There is also an opportunity to access the program on Zoom. The topic of the Forum will be, "Human Trafficking: It's Happening Everywhere." Speaker will be Ashley Owens, JD, Children's Advocacy Center Director at Family Services, Inc. The cost to attend is \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. In-person attendance will include a Continental Breakfast.



Corporate sponsor of the Best Practices Forum is Independent Catholic Foundation. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

February "Breakfast Club" to Feature U.S. Chamber Speaker



Kevin Courtois

The next Chamber Breakfast Club will feature a high-level overview of what the business community can expect from a new administration and a new Congress. The event will be held on February 11th beginning at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. The speaker will be Kevin Courtois, Executive Director of Government Affairs for the U.S. Chamber's Great Lakes Region. Courtois will talk about what the recent election results mean and how businesses can prepare to adapt to host of likely changes. The cost to attend the Breakfast Club is \$12 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register (and secure the link), visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the Breakfast Club for February is Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.



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Wellness Programs Topic of First "Chamber Chat" of 2021

The first "Chamber Chat" program for 2021 will be held on February 12th from 8:30-9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The title of the program will be, "Why Your Business Should Have a Wellness Program?" Hear from two outstanding Blair County businesses about the many advantages of prioritizing employee health – from fewer missed days on the job to cost savings on the insurance side. The speakers will be Mark Ritchey of Curry Supply and



Christy Nau of Stuckey Automotive. Blair Regional YMCA will be the corporate sponsor of the program. There is no cost to attend for Chamber Members while non-members can attend for \$10. To register, visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

Chamber Looking to Hire a Digital Media Manager

The growing emphasis on digital marketing, particularly associated with social media, has created a fulltime position on the Blair County Chamber staff. "Our strategic planning process pointed very decisively to the importance of expanding our digital marketing presence," explained Board Chair Richard Fiore, Jr. "We recognize that to do that effectively will take a staff person who can spend considerable time focusing on what will make the



organization more valuable to its members." To apply for the Digital Media Manager position, email a resume and cover letter to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

WE-LEaD Hosting Program on Emotional Intelligence

The Chamber's WE-LEaD (Women Encouraging Leadership Education and Development) Committee is hosting an exciting program that will help both males and females to better understand how our emotions impact our health and increase our effectiveness in dealing with customers, peers and family members. "Releasing Your Full Potential Through the Science of Emotional Intelligence" will be presented via Zoom by John Moore of Moore Power Sales on February 24th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The program will include a preliminary survey



that will provide attendees with an assessment that will yield their Emotional Quotient Score. The cost to participate in this program is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. To register and access the survey link and the Zoom link, go to the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of this WE-LEaD program is Blair Companies.



Chamber All-Stars Recognized for January

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events and programs to members, we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars." The All-Stars for January are: Blair Mill Outlet, Jersey Shore State Bank (JSSB), Keller Engineers, McCartney's Business Products and The UPS Store #6512.

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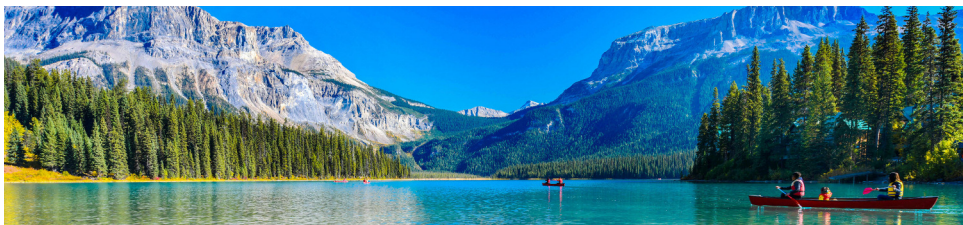


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Missed the Canadian Rockies Informational Meeting? We'll Help You Catch-Up!

The Chamber's first trip of 2021 will be to the Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park. The trip will depart on July 25th and return on the 31st. Highlights of the trip, aside from Glacier National Park, include Calgary, Waterton Lakes National Park, Athabasca Glacier,

Banff, Lake Louise and much more. If you missed last Wednesday's Zoom meeting about the trip, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 and we'll catch you up! The Chamber will be partnering with Epic Journeys and collette on the Canadian Rockies Trip.



Restaurants and Taverns Can Still Submit Menus

Chamber-member restaurants and taverns that offer either take-out and/or drive-thru service can submit their menu to the Chamber and that menu will be published as part of the Networks Digital News. There is no cost to have your menu published. Menus will be published February 8, 15 and 22; and March 8, 15, 22 and 29. All menus should be sent in a jpeg or a pdf to Linda Stotler at



lstotler@blairchamber.com. Network Digital News reaches nearly 5,000 Chamber members each Monday.

Members Invited to Post Job Vacancies on a Job Board

As many Blair County businesses begin to gear-up for 2021 in terms of hiring, the Chamber's Job Board is beginning to see an uptick in employment opportunities. Some of the businesses posting positions have already used the Job Board in the past and have had success. The Job Board is available only to Chamber members and there is no cost to post up to three positions. If you have something to post, send it to Gwen Querry at gquerry@blairchamber.com.



Committee Meetings

Chamber Ambassadors
February 2, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Workplace Wellness
February 2, 3:00 p.m.
Devorris Center

Golf Committee
February 2, 3:00 p.m.
Zoom

LBC Adult Committee
February 3, 3:00 p.m.
Zoom

Public Policy Committee
February 4, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

BASICS Early Childhood Subcommittee
February 4, 10:00 a.m.
Zoom



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Saluting Our Renewals!

The Chamber would like to thank those members that have continued to invest with the organization by renewing their membership in the month of January.

Celebrating 104 Years

Goldstein, Heslop, Steele, Clapper,
Oswalt & Smith

Celebrating 47 & 48 Years

Coldwell Banker Town & Country
Real Estate
Mount Aloysius College
WTAJ Your News Leader

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Encompass Health Rehabilitation
Hospital of Altoona
Fox 8 /ABC 23 - Peak Media
Greater Altoona Career &
Technology Center
Greenwood Pools & Spas
Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Morefield Communications, Inc.
The Music Emporium, Inc.
New Look Uniform & Embroidery, Inc.
Oak Spring Winery
Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.
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Celebrating 20-29 Years

A & A Insurance
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The Lytle Group Management
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Allstate - The Gibson Agency
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Gallagher Insurance Agency
Peter J. Hart
Kretina Builders, Inc.
Oral Surgery Associates of Central Pa, P. C.
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Health Center
PNC Bank

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Bun Air Corporation
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Coldwell Banker Town & Country
Real Estate/Sandra A. Kurtz
Duncansville Pharmacy, Inc.
Girls Night Out Altoona, Inc.
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Krater Services, LLC
Mighells Brothers Excavating, Inc
Perry Wellington Realty, LLC -
Matt DePaolis

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Celebrating 1-4 Years

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The Bark Side Pet Spa
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Fiore Brothers Management, LLC
Hampton Medical Direct Primary Care
Jersey Mike's Subs
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Keystone Response Services LLC
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