

## Congratulations Award Winners!

Last Friday's Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation gave the Chamber an opportunity to look back at 2020 (the good and the bad) and also recognize some outstanding people with some very special awards. Our award winners are: Judy Juda – Athena Award, Lindsay Bumbarger – Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year Award, Virginia Helsel – George Award, Debbie Eckenrode – Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit Award, Derek Martin – Donna D. Gorty Servant Leadership Award, Matthew Fownes – Small Business Person of the Year, and Chelsea Kerr Veneskey – Young Professional of the Year.



## Breakfast Club to Focus Attention on Operation Our Town

Each March, the Blair County Chamber and Operation Our Town partner on a Breakfast Club event that raises awareness of the importance of the local business community in furthering the Our Town mission. This year that event, set for March 11th at 7:45 a.m., will be presented on Zoom rather than in-person. Among the highlights will be the presentation of the 2021 Community Partnership Award to retiring Altoona Police Chief Janice Freehling. There will also be a number of Law Enforcement Awards presented. The speakers at the Breakfast Club will be District Attorney Peter Weeks and Jim



Walstrom. The cost to attend the Zoom event will be \$15/person. To register and get the link, go to [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the Breakfast Club is Pinnacle Cleaning Services.



## Nutrition is Topic of Next "Chamber Wellness Chat"

It's really not much of a surprise that people in the workforce don't always perform to their maximum abilities due to a variety of factors. At the top of that list is often inadequate nutrition. The next Chamber Wellness Chat, scheduled for March 12th from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Zoom, will address ways that employers and employees can remedy that situation. Justin Delasko, a registered dietitian, will present "Let's Eat for the Health of It." Delasko will suggest ways that people can increase their energy, balance their blood sugar and always have "gas in their tank" at the end of the workday. There is no cost to Chamber members to attend the Wellness Chat. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register and get the Zoom link, go to the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the Chamber Chat is Babb, Inc.

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# Deadline Extended for Restaurants and Taverns to Submit Menus

Chamber-member restaurants and taverns that offer either take-out and/or drive-thru service will have four more weeks to 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 on March 8, 15, 22 and 29th. All menus should be sent in a jpeg or a pdf to Linda Stotler at [lstotler@blairchamber.com](mailto:lstotler@blairchamber.com). by



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## Let Us Help You Hire Your Next Employee!

As many Blair County businesses continue 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 Query at [gquery@blairchamber.com](mailto:gquery@blairchamber.com).

## Registration is Open for the Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic set for May 13

Registration is now open for the Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Chamber Golf Classic. The Classic will be held on Thursday, May 13 at Iron Masters Country Club with a lunch/registration at 11:00 and tee off at Noon. If you are interested, simply complete the attached form and return to The Chamber! Any questions, please contact Stacy Hoover at The Chamber, 814-943-8151.



## Committee Meetings

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

Young Professionals Committee  
March 3, 8:00 a.m.  
Zoom

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

Public Policy Committee  
March 4, 8:00 a.m.  
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BASICS Early Childhood  
March 4, 10:00 a.m.  
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## BENefact

Chamber Membership can save you money.

## Sponsorship Opportunities!

It's more important than ever for businesses to utilize marketing dollars in ways that will bring the most exposure to their business. The Chamber works hard to provide members with valuable opportunities without breaking the bank. A favorite opportunity each year is the Chamber's Golf Classic. Sponsorship opportunities are available now by contacting Jessie Covert at [jcovert@blairchamber.com](mailto:jcovert@blairchamber.com).

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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 February.

### **Celebrating 47 & 48 Years**

Burke & Company, LLC dba  
S.P. McCarl & Company, Inc.  
Mueller's Auto Recycling & Sales, Inc.  
WJAC, Inc.

### **Celebrating 40-45 Years**

Allegro Restaurant  
Razor's Edge, Inc. Salon and  
Hair Loss Center Greenwood LLC  
Sherwin-Williams Company

### **Celebrating 30-39 Years**

ARC Federal Credit Union  
Blair Senior Services, Inc.  
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.  
Greenwood Drugs  
HH Brown Shoe Co., Inc.  
Hollidaysburg Area School District  
Improved Dwellings for Altoona, Inc.  
Edgar Snyder & Associates  
Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc.  
Thompson Pharmacy

### **Celebrating 20-29 Years**

Bettwy Systems, Inc.  
Blue Knob All Seasons Resort  
Colonial Courtyard at Tyrone  
Complete Insurance Services, Inc.  
County of Blair  
Credit Control Collections  
Fine Line Cabinets, Inc.  
Kirk Leidy & Associates  
Mosebach Electric

NAPA Auto Parts,  
Altoona Distribution Center  
Park Hills Golf Club  
Thompson Machine Co.

### **Celebrating 10-19 Years**

1st Summit Bank  
Adams Electric  
Al's Tavern, Inc.  
Altoona Dance Theatre Company, Inc.  
Baker Tilly US, LLP  
Brown and Decker, Inc.  
Budget Blinds of Altoona  
DelGrosso's Amusement Park  
DiAndrea Media, Inc.  
HealthFirst  
Keystone Payroll  
Mamie's Cafe and Bakery  
Dean Patterson Chevrolet,  
Cadillac, Mazda, Hyundai  
Neil Port & Associates, LLC  
Stephen C. Pramuk, CPA, PC  
Ravine, Inc.  
Reclamere, Inc.  
Walmart Duncansville  
Weber Murphy Fox, Inc.  
WISE Women of Blair County

### **Celebrating 5-9 Years**

Timbrook Automotive 10.0 LLC  
dba Altoona Honda  
BB&T (Branch Banking and  
Trust Company)  
Edward Jones - John Barton

J.C. Orr & Son  
Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc.  
Serviam Construction, LLC

### **Celebrating 1-4 Years**

Bartlett Tree Experts  
Best Window & Door Company  
Brush Mountain Running and Outdoors, Inc.  
Center for Community Resources  
Clearfield Wholesale Paper  
Farmers Insurance, Tina Moore Agency  
Cheryl Johnson  
JWF Industries  
L.R. Kimball  
Lakemont Lions Club  
Lung Disease Foundation of  
Central Pennsylvania  
Making Waves Hair Salon  
Maybrook Hills Rehabilitation and  
Healthcare Center  
Merry Maids  
Old Carolina Barbecue Company  
ServiceMaster By Request  
Seven Mountains Media  
Sleep Disorder Network  
Smith Masonry, Inc.  
Sport Clips  
Trade Secrets

