

## Informational Meeting is Tomorrow For Chamber Trips

Tomorrow (April 13) from 5:00 – 6:00, join the Chamber on Zoom for an Informational Meeting for the Canadian Rockies Trip which will take place in July. Then, beginning at 6:15 there will also be a Zoom for the upcoming French Riviera trip which launches in October. There is no charge and no obligation to attend these zooms. If you would like to register for the Canadian Rockies Zoom, [Click Here](#). For the French Riviera Zoom, [Click Here](#).



## WE-LEaD Committee to Host Workshop

The Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will be hosting a virtual workshop on April 20 from Noon - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. The topic of the workshop is Hot Buttons - How Unspoken Values Impact Our Relationships. The presenter is Karen Weiss from Dream Big Coaching. Cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber Members and \$15 for Non-Members. [Click here](#) to register. Sponsor of the workshop is Serviam Construction. WE-LEaD is an acronym for Women Encouraging: Leadership, Education and Development.

## Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic Down to Final Five Teams

With still a month to go, the Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield/Chamber Golf Classic has 124 golfers already registered. There are only five team spots left (individual golfers can still apply!). 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. There are also only tee and green sponsorships remaining; all major sponsorships have been purchased. Call Jessie Covert (same number) to secure those.

## Applications Being Accepted for Leadership Programs

As the Leadership Blair County programs continue toward graduation for both the Youth and the Adult classes of 2021, the application process is officially underway for 2022. High school freshmen can secure an LBC Youth application from their guidance counselor, access one on the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com) or call the Chamber Office at (814) 943-8151. The deadline to apply is April 21st. Leadership Adult candidates can also go to the [Chamber Website](#) to find applications. The LBC Adult deadline is June 30th.

## Chamber Board to Meet Thursday

The Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors will meet on Thursday at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Devorris Center but will also be available to board members on Zoom. The agenda will include a discussion on the reformatting of the Chamber's Young Professionals of Blair County and an approval of revisions to the Chamber By-Laws. To address the board, contact Joe Hurd by noon Tuesday at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com).

# Convention Center to Host First "Business After Hours" in 2021

With the anticipated relaxation of the Covid-19 rules regarding gatherings, the Blair County Chamber is resuming networking programs. Business After Hours heads that list. The first After Hours in 2021 will be on May 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Blair County Convention Center. More are sure to follow. "We're in the process of contacting businesses that had signed-up to host in 2021 to make sure that they are still onboard," explained Stacy Hoover, the Chamber VP who oversees Business After Hours. "We will also contact businesses that were scheduled to host in 2020 but had



their event cancelled to determine if they wanted to be considered for vacancies in the future. And we'll be recruiting new sign-ups." Any Chamber Member interested in hosting a Business After Hours should contact Stacy at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com).

## Leadership Adult Class Raising Money to Benefit Covid-19 Response Fund

The Chamber's Leadership Blair County Adult Class held an Easter fundraiser with Bedford Candies. Class member Aaron Lantzy said, "The money raised from this fundraiser, which was just over \$1300, will be used as the seed money to cover the costs of our upcoming Day at the Races Around the Bases fundraiser to be held May 22 at the Altoona Curve." The event will begin at 2 pm and will include an afternoon of betting on virtual horse racing, an all you can eat buffet, live auctions, raffles, 50/50's and other games of chance. The 2021 LBC Class is raising money for the Blair County COVID-19 Response Fund managed by The United Way of Blair County as their class project.



Class Member Jessica Fisher added, "It was important for our class to pick a project, especially in this difficult year, that we felt would directly impact Blair County residents in need." All the money raised for the Blair County COVID-19 Response Fund will stay in Blair County. To reserve tickets or for more information, please contact McQuaide Blasko Attorneys at Law by calling 814-283-2000.

## New Telephone Dialing Process in Effect

The Chamber would like to remind people that any calls made to businesses in the 814 Area Code now requires that the Area Code be dialed prior to the other seven digits. Beginning May 1st, a new Area Code – 582, will be added to the region.



# Congratulations!

... to the Wingate by Wyndham Altoona Downtown/Medical Center which was recently named Booking.com's Traveler Review Award recipient for 2021. With a customer score of 9.3/10, the Wingate is Booking.com's highest rated hotel in the Altoona area.

... to the Hollidaysburg Area School District which was recognized for the 10th consecutive year by the NAMM Foundation as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the United States.

## Committee Meetings

BASICS Steering Committee  
April 12, 8:00 a.m.  
Zoom

BASICS Career Fair Committee  
April 12, 1:30 p.m.  
Zoom

Sustainable Blair County  
April 13, 1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center

Chamber Finance Committee  
April 13, 3:00 p.m.  
Devorris Center

Young Professionals of Blair County  
April 14, 8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Attractions/Hotel Roundtable  
April 14, 8:15 a.m.  
Blair County Convention Center

Leadership Blair County  
Adult Committee  
April 14, 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom

Chamber Board of Directors  
April 15, 7:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

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