

Next Breakfast Club to Focus on Psychological Impact of Covid-19

Students in Blair County schools have been stretched to never-before-seen limits, thanks to the challenges of Covid-19. Many have adjusted their schedules and routines to accommodate the challenges, others have not. The incredible psychological damage that the pandemic has done on students and to some extent on businesses will be the topic of the next Blair County Chamber "Breakfast Club," set for May 13th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park.



Dr. Robert Gildea, Superintendent of the Hollidaysburg Area School District and Dana Melton, RN, LCSW will tag-team on a presentation entitled, "The Profound Impact of Covid-19." The presentation will focus attention on how the mandates of the pandemic have created delays in the development of young people. The cost to attend the Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A buffet breakfast is included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the May Breakfast Club is South Hills School of Business & Technology.

Informational Meeting on French Riviera Trip Set for May 12th

As Covid-19 restrictions are becoming relaxed throughout the world, people who love to travel are finally getting the thumbs-up to visit various destinations. One of those is the French Riviera which will be hosting a Blair County Chamber trip from October 30th until November 7th. An in-person informational meeting for that trip will be held on May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is also an opportunity to attend through Zoom.



Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to register. The French Riviera trip includes visits to Nice, St. Tropez, Monte Carlo, Cannes and Monaco.



Wellness Chat to Highlight Success Stories

The next Wellness Chat, hosted by the Chamber's Workplace Wellness Committee, will take place on Friday, May 14th at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom. The program, which lasts 30 minutes, will focus on Success Stories involving businesses and individuals who have been able to weather the challenges of the pandemic or who can point to ways that they've encouraged employees to maintain healthier lifestyles. There is no cost for Chamber Members to attend. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register and access the Zoom link, go to www.blairchamber.com. Anyone who would like to share their wellness experiences with those on the Wellness Chat should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of this Wellness Chat is Appalachian Running Company.

Committee Meetings

Workplace Wellness Committee
May 4, 3:00 p.m.
Devorris Center

LBC Adult Committee
May 5, 3:00 p.m.
Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee
May 6, 8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

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Still Time to Host "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.

WE-LEaD to Hold Networking Event

The Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will be holding a networking event on May 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on the patio at Park Hills Golf Club. The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. The cost includes two beverage tickets and hors d'oeuvres. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the event is Bella Lucia.



Leadership Adult Program Accepting Applications for 2022

One of Pennsylvania's most successful adult leadership programs is accepting applications for its 2022 Class. Leadership Blair County will begin its 27th year in August. The program focuses on the concept of Servant Leadership and provides a comprehensive array of informational sessions that also creates exceptional networking opportunities. The class is



limited to twenty-four participants. To apply, visit the Blair County Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com. The LBC Adult application deadline is June 30th.

Congratulations!

... to DelGrosso Foods, which was recently awarded a \$1.5 million state grant to assist with acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational and historical improvement projects.

... to Chuck Bickel and ACE fix-it Hardware Stores which has launched a "10 Million Hearts" program to fight hunger and improve the health and vibrancy of communities. The program will donate 100% of every dollar to organizations that provide food for hungry families and children. Blair County's ACE fix-it stores are in Duncansville and Tyrone.



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Hoss's Steak & Sea House Corporate Office
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United Way of Blair County

Celebrating 30-34 Years

American Roofing, Inc.
Boyer Refrigeration, Heating & Air Conditioning

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Alto Reste Cemetery, Inc.
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Iron Masters Country Club
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Oral Surgery Associates of Central Pa, P. C.
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Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union

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Pyramid Engineering, PC
Raystown Transit Bus Lines
Roaring Spring Borough and
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Roaring Spring Municipal Authority
Rosch Visionary Systems, Inc
S&T Bank
Securitas Security Services USA
Williamsburg Community School District

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Allegheny Highland Association of Realtors
Ron Beatty Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning, Inc.
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GSA Realty
Central PA Asthma & Allergy Care
Creative Expressions Florist/Deb's Anteecks
Days Inn & Suites, Altoona
Dively, Ronda L. dba H&R Block
Edward Jones Investments, Michael Harris
Furniture Unfinished
Gieg Realty Services
HomeWaters
HoneyBaked Ham & Cafe
Human Resources Management Association
of Blair County
Kerr Promotions
LaVintage Decor
Platinum Wealth Strategies
Premier Pest Control and Lawn Care
Prough's Masonry LLC
Quaint Corner Children's Museum &
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Rotary Club of Altoona
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C&J Cabinet Co. LLC
C&J Rental Management LLC
Escape Rooms Altoona
Hoss's Steak & Sea House
Lexington Clubhouse
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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.

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