

## Senator Ward to Speak at Thursday's "Breakfast Club"



State Senator Judy Ward will be the keynote for the next Chamber "Breakfast Club," set for this Thursday, December 9th at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The event will begin at 7:45 a.m. Senator Ward will answer questions submitted by Chamber members and formatted by the Chamber's Public Policy Committee. Chris Michelone, who chairs that committee, will moderate the session. The cost to attend the Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Leadership Youth Class to Undertake Community Service Projects

Session #4 of the Chamber's Leadership Blair County Youth program will focus on Group Community Service Projects and will also feature a discussion of grants that includes creation of an application and cover letters that the class will use to award grants to non-profit organizations later in the program year. For more information about Leadership Blair County Youth, visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



## "Sanity Session" Will Focus on Planning for 2022

What are your plans for staying sane during 2022? That's what the Chamber's Workplace Wellness Committee will be asking at the last "Sanity Session" for 2021 which will be held this Friday, December 10th, from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. Facilitated by Chamber President Joe Hurd, this light-hearted event will be an opportunity for people



to share their frustrations with 2021 and their happy thoughts heading into 2022. There is no cost for Chamber members to participate; non-members pay \$10. Register to receive the Zoom link at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).



CLICK to watch!

## Young Professionals to Hold Networking Event at Zach's

The next networking event for the Chamber's Young Professionals of Blair County will be held this Thursday, December 9th at Zach's Sports & Spirits from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10 for members of the Young Professionals and \$15 for non-members. To register, visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Congratulations...

... to Kate Kooman Starkey of Kooman & Associates, who was recently named to the Forbes list of America's Top Next Generation Wealth Advisers.

... to the employees of Veeder Root who held a walk-a-thon recently and donated the proceeds to the Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund.

# Welcome New Members...



The Chamber welcomed its newest members at the November Breakfast Club. Pictured, from left: Christina Morris, **T&M Cleaning Service**; Melinda Fellabaum and David Lattieri, **M D Tax Pros Inc. dba Jackson Hewitt Tax Service**.

## Check-Out the Chamber's New "VideoBYTES"

Described as "a fun, new way to advertise," the Blair County Chamber has augmented its successful Brand-BYTES program with a new product called "VideoBYTES." These are video clips that promote your business, services, upcoming events or are even just a personalized greeting. They are featured in NETworks Digital News, on the Chamber YouTube Channel, on the Chamber Website

# VideoBYTES

archived e-newsletter and as a social media shout-out with a video link. The cost is inexpensive. For details, contact Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [jcovert@blair-chamber.com](mailto:jcovert@blair-chamber.com).

## Chamber's Safety Committee Looking for Additional Members

For several years, the Blair County Chamber's Safety Committee has successfully produced educational programs and events. They've also done some events with substantial networking appeal. After a hiatus due to Covid-19, the Safety Committee has resumed meeting and is looking for additional committee members to make their program even stronger.

Anyone with a responsibility for safety or security at their business is a perfect candidate for committee involvement. The commitment is generally one hour a month – time well spent to further the cause of safety in our business community. Interested? Contact Stacy Hoover at the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or email her at [shoover@blairchamber.com](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com).



## Chamber Foundation Board Seeking Scholarship Donors

The Blair County Chamber offers a number of important programs to young people in the community, primarily to assist with leadership and career development. Those programs are funded through the efforts of the Blair County Chamber Foundation. Any business or individual who would like to know more about the Foundation or contribute to its programs should contact Cindy Cessna at (814) 943-8151.



## Sponsorship Opportunities Available on Business Insight Page

There are sponsorship opportunities available for any business that would be interested in gaining some great exposure by having its ad on the bottom of the Business Insight Page. That page, exclusively of Chamber news, runs each Monday in the Altoona Mirror. The cost is inexpensive and is a great place to advertise for the upcoming holidays. If you're interested, call Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151.

# Thank you!

## Saluting Our Renewals!

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

### Celebrating 45 Years

Charles Caracciolo Steel & Metal Yard, Inc.

### Celebrating 43 Years

McLaughlin Oil & Propane Co.

### Celebrating 40 Years

Jethro's, LLC

### Celebrating 31-37 Years

Beard Legal Group

Blair Insurance Services, Inc.

Brumbaugh Insurance Group, Inc.

Evey Black Attorneys LLC

Lawruk Builders, Inc.

Spish Splash Car Wash

### Celebrating 20-29 Years

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries

Altoona Pipe & Steel Supply Company

Angelo Pacifico & Sons, Inc.

Blair County Department of Social Services

Center for Independent Living

of South Central PA

Central PA Community Foundation

Claysburg-Kimmel School District

CLI Transport, LP

Independent Catholic Foundation

P. Joseph Lehman, Inc.,

Consulting Engineers

S.J. McCloskey Builders, Inc.

PC Works Plus, Inc.

Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.

Spherion

Spring Cove School District

West Central Equipment, LLC

### Celebrating 10-19 Years

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County

Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc.

Blair Dance Academy

CareSmart Solutions Inc.

City Beverage of Altoona, Inc.

Curry Supply Co.

Dorman's Jewelry

Forney, White & Wagner

Health Insurance Agency

Glow Salon & Spa

Haberstroh, Sullivan & George, LLP

Hollidaysburg Veterans Home

Johnny's U Pull It

McQuaide Blasko, Inc.

PS Solutions

Drs. Reed & Sahlaney, Orthodontics

Shear Perfections

Shields Awards, Apparel,

Ad Specialties & Sports Shop, LLC

UPMC Altoona Foundation

### Celebrating 5-9 Years

CNB Bank

Collette Vacations

Cook's Painting & Renovation Inc.

DVJ Enterprises, Inc.

dba Slinky Action Zone

Fanelli Willett Law Offices

Keystone Response Services, LLC

Perry Wellington Realty, LLC -

Adam Conrad

Rails To Trails of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.

Reinhardt Family Practice

U.S. Hotel Tavern

United Datacom Networks, Inc.

### Celebrating 1-4 Years

Altoona Renaissance Team, Inc.

ARROW Land Solutions, LLC

Country Club Terrace Apt.

Curaleaf

Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation

Linde Gas & Equipment

Making Waves Hair Salon

MarCia's Chocolates

Northern Storage & Supply LLC

Premier Cleaning & Restoration Inc.

Revival Fitness & Rehab

Rezk Medical Supply

an AdapTHealth Company

Sport Clips

Stuckey Automotive -

Stuckey Buick GMC, Inc.

Swartz Fire & Safety, Inc.

The YaZo Group

Tyrone Cleaning

Verilla Real Estate



## All-Stars for November Announced

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 November are: Ace fix-it Hardware, Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, Allied Milk Producers' Cooperative, Inc., Altoona-Blair County Airport, Altoona First Savings Bank, Blair County Conservation District, Blair Mill Outlet, DiAndrea Media, Evey Black Attorneys, LLC, First National Bank, Graystone Court, Haberstroh, Sullivan & George, LLP, Homewood at Martinsburg, Imler's Poultry, Inc., Keller Engineers, Inc., Kunzler & Company Inc., Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania, M&T Bank, Martin Oil Company, McCartney's WorkPlace Solutions, McQuaide Blasko, Inc., Morrisons Cove Herald, Penn State Altoona, Reliance Bank, Ritchey's Dairy, Sheetz, Inc., Shoe Fly Stores, State Representative Jim Gregory, State Senator Judy Ward, Stiffler McGraw, The UPS Store, United Datacom Networks, Inc. and Wingate by Wyndham Altoona Downtown/ Medical Center.

## Committee Meetings

Chamber Ambassadors  
December 7th, 8:00 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Workplace Wellness Committee  
December 7th, 10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

Attractions/Hotel Roundtable  
December 8th, 8:15 a.m.  
Fairfield and TownePlace Suites

Sustainable Blair County  
December 8th, 1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center



# Our Town Times

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



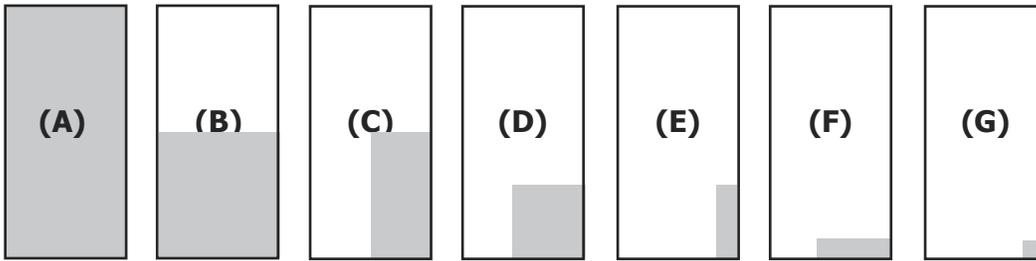
**Distributed at the Annual Blair County Chamber Operation Our Town Breakfast and throughout the year to local businesses and community organizations!**

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!**

The 2022 report will provide an update to the readers from this past calendar year. We will hear from law enforcement, treatment providers, healthcare professionals, business leaders and others in our community about the impact Operation Our Town has made over the past 15 years and the importance of prevention.

Get the inside scoop from Operation Our Town Roundtables on their projects and efforts to help keep our community safe!

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