

Nomination Period Begins Today for Business Hall of Fame

After a two-year hiatus, the Business Hall of Fame is returning, albeit with a few significant changes. The event, started by the Blair County Chamber in 1990, will be held on June 16th at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Perhaps the biggest change is that event is now a luncheon instead of a dinner. The Hall of Fame luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude by 1:30 p.m. The luncheon will still be highlighted by the presentation of the Hall of Fame Awards. But rather than the four inductees in past years, there will be no more than two presented at this event. The Awards of Distinction will likewise undergo a change. While holdovers like Excellence in Small Business and Young Emerging Business will remain, there will only be one recipient in each of those categories instead of the three that existed in the past. And for the first time, there will be a Non-Profit Business of the Year Award. In the past, the Hall of Fame judges presented awards for safety, technology and sustainability. Those awards will be presented under a category known as "Business Specialty Awards" but only when a particularly outstanding accomplishment is identified. Despite the many changes that the Business Hall of Fame is undertaking, the nominating and selection process remains the same. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com beginning March 7th. For more information, contact Stacy Hoover at shoover@blairchamber.com.



"Business After Hours" is Thursday at the Convention Center

Doesn't it seem like the Chamber just had a Business After Hours? We did! The After Hours at The Columns on February 24th was tremendous and well-attended. Well, we're following that great event with another After Hours this Thursday, March 10th at the Blair County Convention Center. Even though it's not Saint Patrick's Day until the following Thursday, it will seem like it. If you haven't been to an After Hours at the Convention Center before, you're in for a treat. It's always "top shelf." The cost to attend is



\$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Interested in the Presidents' Forum? Missed the Meeting?

The Presidents' Forum, a professional development program for upper-management members of the Blair County Chamber, held an informational meeting on February 23rd as the Chamber hopes to add additional Forum Groups in late spring. Several people who expressed interest in Forum were not able to attend so a Zoom meeting has been scheduled for March 8th at 8:00 a.m. If you are a Chamber member and would like to learn more about the Presidents' Forum, email Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com and you will be sent the Zoom link as well as some informational materials.

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Thursday's "Breakfast Club" to Feature Operation Our Town

In what has become a tradition, the Blair County Chamber and Operation Our Town partner each March on a special Breakfast Club program that pays tribute to the many people in the business community and in law enforcement that help keep our county vibrant and safe. This year's Breakfast Club will be held this Thursday, March 10th beginning at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Among the presentations that morning will be the awarding of the Community Partnership Award to the Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation. There will also be law enforcement awards presented. District Attorney Peter Weeks and Jim Walstrom will provide an overview of



the many accomplishments of Operation Our Town during 2021. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. For reservations, call (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the March Breakfast Club is Durbin Companies.

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Ribbon Cutting



PeopleOne Health

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for PeopleOne Health in celebration of the opening of its second location at 1701 12th Ave., Suite B3, Altoona. PeopleOne Health is an affordable, VIP-level healthcare facility. Its primary care model focuses on providing high-quality services for patients while presenting options for additional advanced care. For more information go to peopleonehealth.com. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Nicole Berrow, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner; Val Mignogna, COO; Dr. Zane Gates, Founding Partner; Jill Dumin, Director, Sales and New Member Growth; Nita Sanders, the office of State Representative Lou Schmitt; and Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador. Absent from photo: Dr. Basma Khalil.



Be a part of the moment. Watch the video [here!](#)

Deadline is Friday for Workplace Wellness Survey

Businesses throughout Blair County have struggled to maintain a steady flow of commerce. The employees of those businesses have struggled to either avoid or recover from Covid-19. The Blair County Chamber's Workplace Wellness Committee would like to help employers design programs and events to keep employees healthy while also potentially saving money for the business itself. The Committee has issued a short survey to ascertain what businesses are currently doing to address employee wellness and what they feel is important moving forward. The deadline to complete the survey is this Friday, March 11th. To access the survey, [click here](#).

Congratulations...

... to Home Nursing Agency Private Duty Home Care which received the "2022 Best of Home Care Provider of Choice" from Home Care Pulse. It is the 10th consecutive year that Home Nursing has won the award.

Ribbon Cutting



Central PA Digital Learning Foundation

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the grand-opening celebration of the Logan Valley Mall location of Central PA Digital Learning Foundation (CPDLF). As an on-line charter school for students K-12, the new learning center for CPDLF provides a cutting-edge community center for students to mingle or receive in-person help with schoolwork. For more information visit cpdlf.org. On-hand for the celebration were, from left: Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber; Dina Morrissey, Altoona Site Coordinator & Learning Services Coordinator; Dr. Deanna Mayers, Interim Principal; Dr. Malynda Maurer, CEO; State Senator Judy Ward; and Eva Eagler, Chamber Ambassador.



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Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase Only a Few Weeks Away!

The 51st Annual Blair County Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase continues to sign up exhibitors. If you haven't signed up yet, the time to access prime booth locations is drawing to a close. This is the first-ever Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase held at the Blair County Convention Center. Even if your business is still catching-up on work that you didn't get to last year, it's important to meet your new customers at this special event. For more information, contact Stacy



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Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at shoover@blairchamber.com. The Showcase is a partnership between the Blair County Chamber and the Blair-Bedford Builders Association.

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LBC Combined Session Set for Thursday

One of the most interesting sessions for the Leadership Blair County Adult and Youth classes is the one that they do together. That session will take place this Thursday at the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center. The adults and the youth will discuss current issues that impact both, from time poverty to social pressures to mental wellness and much more. For more information on the Leadership Blair County programs, contact Julie Rothrauff at (814) 943-8151, email her at jrothrauff@blairchamber.com or visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

Chamber Partnering With Moore Power Sales on Sales Program

The Chamber is helping to observe International Woman's Day by partnering with Moore Power Sales on a program called "The Unapologetic Saleswomen." The program is virtual and begins tomorrow, March 8th at 8:30 a.m. There is no cost to participate. Presenters will be John Moore of Moore Power Sales and Dana Gordon of the Industrial Modernization Center in Williamsport. To register for the program, [click here](#).



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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 February.

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

Celebrating 46 Years

Bovard Heating and Cooling - A Division of
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Celebrating 43 Years

Allegro Restaurant

Celebrating 30-39 Years

ARC Federal Credit Union
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Blair Senior Services, Inc.
HH Brown Shoe Co., Inc.
Hollidaysburg Area School District
Improved Dwellings for Altoona, Inc.
Mosebach Electric
Thompson Pharmacy

Celebrating 20-29 Years

A & A Insurance
American Red Cross Blood Services
Bettwy Systems, Inc.
Complete Insurance Services, Inc.
County of Blair
Credit Control Collections
Cross Keys Auction Center
Fine Line Cabinets, Inc.
Keystone Payroll
Stephen C. Pramuk, CPA, PC
Neil Port & Associates, LLC
Ravine, Inc.
Reclamere, Inc.
Secure-Tec Inc.
Thompson Machine Co.

Celebrating 10-19 Years

1st Summit Bank
Adams Electric
Al's Tavern, Inc.
Altoona Dance Theatre Company, Inc.

Blair Regional YMCA
Brown and Decker, Inc.
Budget Blinds of Altoona
DelGrosso's Amusement Park
DiAndrea Media, Inc.
HealthFirst
Mamie's Cafe and Bakery
Penn State Altoona Continuing Education
Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc.
WISE Women of Blair County

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Best Window & Door Company
Clearfield Wholesale Paper
Edward Jones - John Barton
Krater Services, LLC
Lung Disease Center of
Central Pennsylvania, LLC
Lung Disease Foundation of Central
Pennsylvania
J.C. Orr & Son
Serviam Construction, LLC
Sleep Disorder Network
Timbrook Automotive 10.0 LLC
dba Altoona Honda
Trade Secrets

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Babb Insurance
Bartlett Tree Experts
Farmers Insurance - Billie J. Friday Agency
Farmers Insurance - Tina Moore Agency
G3 Physical Therapy
Jimmy Johns Altoona
Cheryl Johnson
JWF Industries
L.R. Kimball, a Division of TranSystems
Lions Club
Old Carolina Barbecue Company
Rodeway Inn
ServiceMaster By Request
Seven Mountains Media
Smith Masonry, Inc.



WE-LEaD to Hold Networking For Women in Business Event

The Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will hold a Networking For Women in Business Event on March 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Zach's Sports & Spirits in Altoona. The event is an opportunity to relax and enjoy hot hors d'oeuvres and cold beverages while interacting with a great group of business women. The cost is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blair-chamber.com.

Committee Meetings

Home Garden & Healthy Living
Showcase Committee
March 8th — 8:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

Safety Committee
March 9th — 8:15 a.m.
Chamber Office

Save the Date

The highly-anticipated Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Chamber Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, May 19th at Iron Masters Country Club. To register, contact Stacy Hoover at the Chamber at (814) 943-8151. This event always sells-out so reserve your spot early!

Save This Date Too!

The Blair County Job Fair, co-sponsored by PA CareerLink, the Blair County Chamber and ABCD Corporation will be held on April 13th at the Jaffa Shrine. For more information, contact PA CareerLink Blair County at (814) 940-6200.