

Highmark Chamber Golf Classic Sold Out!



The highly-anticipated Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield Chamber Golf Classic which will be held on Thursday, May 19th at Iron Masters Country Club is sold out. A waiting list has been compiled in case of cancellations. To be added to that list, email Stacy Hoover at shoover@blairchamber.com. Tee and green sponsorships are still available. To become a tee and green sponsor, contact Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151.

Pirates Development Director to Speak at Thursday's Breakfast Club

If the Pittsburgh Pirates are to make significant strides in 2022, John Baker will likely be the guy who can make that happen. Baker is the new Director of Coaching and Player Development for the Pirates. He was in a similar role for the past five years with the Chicago Cubs and had a playing career with the Cubs, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Seattle Mariners. Baker will be the keynote speaker at the next Chamber "Breakfast Club," to be held this Thursday, April 14th beginning at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. 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 April Breakfast Club is Lion Country Lodging.



Pleasant Valley Notary & Services to Host Tomorrow's "Business Before Hours"

The Chamber will hold a Business Before Hours and Ribbon Cutting tomorrow, April 12th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Notary & Services, located at 1216 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Suite 210 in Altoona. There is no cost

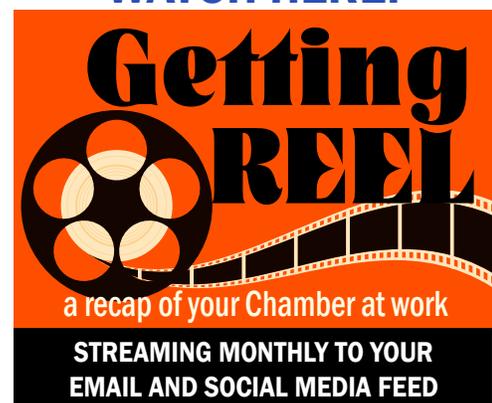
for Chamber members to attend; non-members can attend for \$10. The ribbon cutting begins at 7:30. Stop-by and grab a bite to eat! To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Recruit a New Member,
Get \$50 in
Gift Cards

The Chamber has launched its Membership Campaign for 2022 and it's time for current members to benefit from recruiting new members. The campaign itself has been branded, "Catch'22 Membership Challenge." The slogan centers on the opportunity for Chamber members to earn \$50 in gift cards by recruiting a non-member and taking the recruitment process to its completion. For the joining new member, there is an immediate 10% discount off the first year's membership, provided they join prior to the May deadline. (For more information, contact Jessie Covert at jcovert@blairchamber.com.)

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Ribbon Cutting



PS Solutions

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for PS Solutions located at 350 Lakemont Park Blvd., Suite 2, Altoona. PS Solutions is ranked as one of the nation's fastest-growing private companies. Founded in 2009, it has transitioned into a solutions provider specializing in solving business problems through custom software development. For more information go to www.pssolutions.net. Joining the PS Solutions Team are, at the ribbon from left: Jessica Sheets, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner; Katie Buchanan, the office of State Representative Lou Schmitt; Joe Merilli, Owner/Managing Partner; Larry Ferry, CNB Bank; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; and Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador.



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

Safety Workshop to Focus on Sex Trafficking

The Blair County Chamber's Safety Committee will host a workshop this Wednesday, April 13th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The topic will be "Sex Trafficking: From Instant Message to Instant Nightmare." The presenter will be Bubba Fatula who

will identify ways to recognize the signs of sex trafficking. The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Sponsor of the workshop is CareSmart Solutions.

Hall of Fame Sponsorships Available

The nomination period for the Chamber's Business Hall of Fame has passed and those businesses that have been nominated will have until April 15th to submit applications for consideration by the panel of judges to receive an award at the Business Hall of Fame Luncheon. That event will be held on June 16th at The Casino at Lakemont Park beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sponsorships are now available and can be secured by contacting Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151. Registration to attend the luncheon is also available either by calling the Chamber or registering online at www.blairchamber.com.

Job Fair is Wednesday at the Jaffa Shrine

This Wednesday, April 13th, there will be a job fair at the Jaffa Shrine, 2200 Broad Avenue, Altoona. The job fair will be from 9:30AM – 2:00PM with the first 30 minutes reserved for veterans. The Job Fair is sponsored by PA CareerLink, the Blair County Chamber and Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation. For information, contact Jeff Schlick at (814) 940-6213 or Tom Duvall at (814) 940-6206.

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Congratulations...

... to Victor Gioiosa, who recently announced his retirement as President/Chief Executive Officer at ARC Federal Credit Union. A former member of the Chamber's Board of Directors, Vic served ARC for nineteen years.

... to Stephen Dalecki, who was named President/Chief Executive Officer at ARC Federal Credit Union. Steve had been Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice-President. He co-chairs the BASICS/Rotary Career Fair Subcommittee. Steve succeeds Vic Gioiosa.