

"Breakfast Club" to Focus on Business/Education Relationship



John McKeegan, J.D.

BASICS (Business And Schools Investing in Cooperative Solutions) is traditionally the topic of the Chamber's "Breakfast Club" each May and that tradition will continue this Thursday, May 19th at The Casino at Lakemont Park beginning at 7:45 a.m. The keynote speaker will be John McKeegan, J.D., President of Mount Aloysius College who will talk about the important business and education connections that exist in higher education. Among the other items taking place at Breakfast Club will be the presentation of Attendance Counts Awards to some outstanding seniors at Blair County schools. There will also be an award presented to a Claysburg-Kimmel eighth grader who was selected as

the winner of an Essay Contest, sponsored by the [BASICS](#) Committee. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A breakfast buffet 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](#).

Baker Mansion to Host Friday's "Business Before Hours"

One of Blair County's most recognizable attractions will host the next Chamber "Business Before Hours" this Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. Baker Mansion will be kicking-off its new season with tours of the facility and a variety of breakfast foods to get everyone's day off to a good start. There is no cost to Chamber members to attend Business Before Hours. Non-members can attend for \$10. Registration is required. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Chamber position available

The Chamber is currently accepting applications for Vice-President of Programming and Membership Education. This is a full-time job with benefits. The position oversees the Leadership Blair County programs, Young Professionals of Blair County and Women Encouraging Leadership, Education and Development (WE-LEaD). For information, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com. Cover letters, resumes (including salary and benefit expectations) can be emailed to Joe Hurd as well.

Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic is Thursday at Iron Masters

The long-awaited Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic will take place this Thursday at Iron Masters Country Club. The event has been sold out for more than a month. The day begins with registration and lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. A shotgun start at noon will set the 144 golfers in motion. There are prizes, snacks and beverages throughout the day. Special thanks to our many sponsors and to our Golf Committee which annually makes this a special day of networking and relaxation.

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

As the Chamber continues its 2022 Membership Campaign, it's looking forward to working with current members to help attract 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 31st deadline. (For more information, contact Jessie Covert at jcovert@blairchamber.com.)



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Ribbon Cutting



Pinnacle Professional Cleaning Services

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new location of Pinnacle Professional Cleaning Services located at 1109 18th St., Altoona. Pinnacle offers commercial cleaning including janitorial, post-construction, carpet cleaning, stripping and waxing floors, window washing, landscaping and lawn maintenance. For more information go to www.pinnaclecleaning.net. Owners Jim and Jessica Kilmartin were joined by family, friends, staff and the business community for the celebration.



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Chamber Board Approves New Members

The Board of Directors of the Blair County Chamber approved the following new members at last Thursday's meeting. They are: Shelley Clinich of Altoona, [Deadluck Manufacturing](#) of Tyrone, [Dixon Tool & Die](#) of Tyrone, [Drayer Physical Therapy](#) of Altoona, [Geisinger Health Plan](#) of Danville, Christopher Kirwin of Altoona, [Print-O-Stat](#) of Mechanicsburg, and [Western Edge Seafood Outlet](#) of Duncansville.

Committee Meetings

Membership Committee

May 16th

10:00 a.m. - Devorris Center

Data Security Roundtable

May 18th

11:00 a.m. - Devorris Center

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Senior LIFE Altoona

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new location of [Senior LIFE Altoona](#) located at 2891 Fairway Drive, Altoona. Senior LIFE offers comprehensive services for seniors in a beautifully appointed facility. It is a Medicare and Medicaid approved program providing complete medical care and supportive services. On-hand for the ceremony were, from left: Jessica Sheets, Chamber Ambassador; Mark Irwin, COO; Loreen Bencie, the office of Senator Pat Toomey; Amy Webster, Blair County Commissioner; State Representative Lou Schmitt; State Senator Judy Ward; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; State Representative Jim Gregory; Alyssa Stephens, Executive Director; Diana McClure, Blair County Chamber Board of Directors; and Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador.



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Congratulations...

... to the Chamber members who were recently honored as "2022 Non-profit Female Leaders" by [Pennsylvania Business Central](#) newspaper. They are: Michelle Peterson of [Improved Dwellings for Altoona \(IDA\)](#), Michelle McIntyre of [Roaring Spring Community Library](#), Toni Bilik of [Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation](#), Tara Enedy of [Altoona Community Theatre](#), Jennifer Knepper of [Junior Achievement of Western PA](#), Jodi Cessna of [Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation](#), Erin Kay of [CONTACT Altoona](#), Carol Steffen of [Every Life Matters](#), Samantha Watters of [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County](#), Cathy Griffith of [Griffith Family Foundation/Sideline Cancer](#), Coreena Detrich of [Quaint Corner Children's Museum](#), Coleen Heim of [Healthy Blair County Coalition](#), Shawna Hoover of [Operation Our Town](#) and Deborah LaValla of [American Rescue Workers](#).

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Chamber Foundation to Sponsor Fundraiser

The Blair County Chamber Foundation will hold a Mini Golf Tournament on July 26th, pitting the 2023 Leadership Blair County Youth Class against members of the Leadership Blair County Adult Alumni. All proceeds will benefit the Leadership Blair County Youth program and LBC Adult Scholarship Fund. Several sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Cindy Cessna at (814) 943-8151 or email her at ccessna@blairchamber.com.

Business Hall of Fame Reservations, Sponsorships Available

The Blair County Business Hall of Fame Luncheon will be held on June 16th at 11:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Reservations can be made at www.blairchamber.com. Sponsorships are available and those can be secured by contacting Jessie Covert at (814) 943-8151 or emailing her at jcovert@blairchamber.com.