



Chamber Office Closed Monday for Columbus Day

To commemorate Columbus Day, the Blair County Chamber Office will be closed Monday. The office, located at 3900 Industrial Park Drive in Altoona, will reopen Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. To register for Chamber programs and events, please visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

Cook to Speak at Thursday's Breakfast Club

Altoona developer Chris Cook will be the keynote speaker for the next Chamber "Breakfast Club" this Thursday, October 13th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Cook will talk about his vision for Altoona, highlighting the many investments that he has already made in the community. The cost to attend Breakfast Club 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. Corporate sponsor of the October Breakfast Club is [Altoona-Blair County Airport](#).

Last Opportunity for Chamber Members to Attend Link-Up Free!

One of Commonwealth's most successful Technology Conferences is marking its 25th year and is offering members of the Blair County Chamber an opportunity to attend free-of-charge. Link-Up 25 will be held this Wednesday, October 12th at Blair County Convention Center. Details of the conference and registration information are available by clicking [here](#). Deadline to register is Tuesday.



Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for September

The Blair County Chamber's ability to offer quality programming, events, recognition and advocacy efforts depends largely on the willingness of sponsors to step up to help underwrite the costs associated those efforts. So at the end of each month, we publish a list of businesses or individuals who sponsored anything Chamber-related during the month. They have helped us to make a difference in the business community. All-Stars for September are: [Altoona Community Theatre](#), [Arrow Land Solutions](#), [Graystone Court](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [Saint Francis University](#) (Curry Building), [United Datacom Networks, Inc.](#) and [Western Edge Seafood Outlet](#).



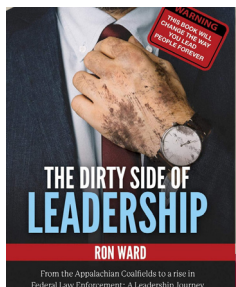
Business Excellence Dinner Set for Next Monday

One of the Blair County Chamber's most prestigious events is just a week away. The Annual Business Excellence Dinner will be held at the Blair County Convention Center next Monday, October 17th. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner at 6:45. The cost to attend is \$65 for the dinner and \$90 for the dinner and the reception. To register, visit the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com. This year's Business Excellence honoree is Joe Keller, President of Keller Engineers.



JOE KELLER

Chamber, Saint Francis Partnering on Leadership Presentation



The Blair County Chamber and Saint Francis University will partner on a presentation by the author of "The Dirty Side of Leadership." Ron Ward is an author, speaker and management coach who will be at Curry Innovation Center in Downtown Altoona on October 20th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. The event is free to all Chamber members. Non-members can attend for \$25. To register to attend, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Presbyterian Homes to Host October "Business After Hours"

The next Chamber "Business After Hours" will be held on October 20th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg, located at 201 Jackson Street. All attendees are asked to use the Jackson Street entrance.

The cost to attend is \$7.00 for Chamber members (if registered by October 13th) and \$10 thereafter. Non-members can attend for \$20. To register call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.

Young Professionals to Hold "Murder Mystery Halloween Networking Night"

The [Young Professionals of Blair County](#), a program of the Chamber, will hold a Murder Mystery Halloween Networking Night on October 25th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Café Kiros, located in the former Calvin House in Duncansville.

The cost to attend is \$12/person for YP members and \$16 for non-YP members. Catering by Alto Markets. BYOB. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

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Sustainable Blair County to Hold Trivia Night

The Chamber's [Sustainable Blair County](#) Committee will host a Trivia Night event this Thursday, October 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Zach's Sports & Spirits in Altoona. The event will feature appetizers, prizes and a cash bar. There is no cost for Chamber members to attend. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of Trivia Night is [Sheetz, Inc.](#)



Save the Meeting Date: Chamber to Offer Trip to Sandals Saint Lucia

Although it's still a year away, the Blair County Chamber and Ketrow KURTZ Travel will be offering a trip to an all-inclusive resort. Sandals Grande Saint Lucian is often described as "the closest vacation to a picture-perfect postcard." To learn more about this fabulous trip, attend an informational meeting on November 16th at 6:00 p.m. at

SAVE THE DATE

the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no cost to attend but registration is encouraged. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



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 September.

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Domestic Plumbing & Heating
Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc.
Railroaders Memorial Museum &
World Famous Horseshoe Curve

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Advanced Regional Center for
Ankle & Foot Care
Altoona-Blair County Airport
Servpro of Altoona
The Blairmont Club
The Winds At Mattern Orchard

Celebrating 10-19 Years

B & B Mobile Power Cleaning &
Restoration System
Blair County Community
Action Agency
Blair County Historical Society
Circle of Life Holistic Health Center, Inc.
Gordon's Therapeutic Massage
Graystone Court
Keystone Industrial Sales
& Service, Inc.
Jeff S. Long Construction

Miller, Kistler & Campbell
PA Health Partners, LLC
Phoenix Rehabilitation and
Health Services
Roaring Spring Community Library
The Nehemiah Project
Urish Popeck & Co., LLC

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Eastern Cambria Chamber
of Commerce
Epic Pyrotechnics, LLC
Garvey Manor Nursing Home
Notary & Copy Stop, Inc.
Pro Disposal, Inc.
RE/MAX Results Realty Group -
Jodi Johnson
Salon Professional Academy
Toni White Insurance Services LLC

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Aircon Engineering Inc.
Dreams Go On
PHN - Altoona Behavioral Health
Slingers Throw House
The Juice Plus Co. - Diane Crebs

Congratulations...

... to [Homewood Retirement Centers](#) which will mark its 90th Year of Ministry this Wednesday with a program at the Givler Cultural Center.

... to [Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries](#) which has announced an affiliation with Liberty Lutheran Services of Ambler, PA.

NOW SHOWING!

**NEW EPISODE
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Committee Meetings

BASICS Steering Committee

October 10th
2:00 p.m.
Devorris Center

Chamber Ambassadors

October 11th
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Sustainable Blair County

October 12th
1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

BASICS Attendance Subcommittee

October 13th
1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center