

## Chamber Office Closed for Veterans Day

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



## Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for October

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 October are:

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, Altoona-Blair County Airport, Altoona Blair County Development Corp., Altoona Mirror, American Rescue Workers, Benzel's Bretzel Bakery Inc., Blair Companies, Blair County Conservation District, Courtyard by Marriot, DeGol Organization, DelGrosso Foods, Doing Better Business, First National Bank of PA, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Horizon Farm Credit, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Independent Catholic Foundation, Keller Engineers, Inc., Kooman & Associates, LLC, Labor Specialties, Leonard S. Fiore, Inc., Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania, McCartney's Workplace Solutions, McKissick Kasun Architects, McLanahan Corporation, Microtel by Wyndham, Mount Aloysius College, New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc., New Pig, NPC, Inc., PennStress, Penn State Altoona, PNC, Presbyterian Home, PSECU, Reliance Bank, Roaring Spring Family of Businesses, Saint Francis University, Seltzer Financial Strategies, LLC, Sheetz, Inc., Smith Transport Warehouse, LLC, Stiffler McGraw, UPMC Altoona, Ward Transport & Logistics, Webber Advisors, Wingate by Wyndham and Young, Oakes, Brown & Co. P.C.

## "Breakfast Club" to Recognize Bishop Guilfoyle's 100th Anniversary



Joe Adams

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School is 100-years-old.

Through the years, the business community has helped the school to grow and the school has been an integral part of producing leaders for our county. At the next Chamber Breakfast Club, Bishop Guilfoyle President Joe Adams will talk

about the important relationship between the school and the business community. That Breakfast Club is this Thursday, November 10th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the November Breakfast Club is [My Benefit Advisor](#).

## Chamber to Offer Trip to Sandals Saint Lucia



Although it's still nearly 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 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](http://www.blairchamber.com).

# CENTER CITY CHURCH

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Dear Fellow Chamber Member:

As part of our Annual Center City Church Holiday Programs - a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner and A City Christmas, we ask for your support in spreading the word to families in need, and with donations. We hope you will consider this as a worthwhile cause to donate either time or treasure, or to get involved as a corporate sponsor.

Brief descriptions of both our events are listed here.

## **FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Tuesday, November 22 at 4:00 PM**

We will welcome all to join us on November 22 at the Heritage Discovery Center from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, for our annual Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner, made possible through a partnership with Blair County Food Drive.

## **A City Christmas - December 11 at 2PM**

We are actively inviting up to 200 families with children between the ages of 2-14 to pre-register for our Christmas event, "A City Christmas." This event will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 1220 Twelfth Ave. Altoona, Pa. 16601, from 2-5 pm. This program will provide a live nativity for Blair County and gifts, fellowship, and the true meaning of Christmas for (up to) 200 families in need. Families in need of support for Christmas may pre-register using the survey link below by November 19, or by calling 814.201.2454 with questions.

<https://forms.gle/i9UEMZQrHVLdfcmKA>

If you are interested in making a financial donation, follow the link below and select Give Now, then Community Efforts in the drop-down menu to give online. All Community Efforts donations will be used towards the events above.

<https://centercityaltoona.com/give/>

## **We are looking for specific donations of the following items:**

- Gloves
- Hats
- Scarves
- Blankets
- Monetary donations to purchase these items

Please email [hello@centercityaltoona.com](mailto:hello@centercityaltoona.com) to discuss a sponsorship or with questions about donation suggestions, or to participate in other ways.

We wish to extend our appreciation and warm blessings to your family during the upcoming Christmas season!

Pastors Jim and Jess Kilmartin



## Agricultural Community Excellence

Dr. Barry England, pictured with his wife Diane, received the Chamber's Agricultural Community Excellence (ACE) Award at last Wednesday's Farm-City Dinner. That award was first presented by the Chamber in 1970. The first recipient—Don Brumbaugh—attended last week's dinner.



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Advancing.



Advanced Medicine. Here.

[www.phhealthcare.org](http://www.phhealthcare.org)

## Career Shadowing Week Begins November 14th

High school juniors from throughout Blair County will have an opportunity to spend a half-day at a local business, shadowing an employee of that business. It provides insight into a particular career and may make it possible for a young person to stay in the area after graduation. It can also potentially help a business to find an energetic employee. The BASICS Career Shadowing Week runs from November 14-18. If someone from the BASICS Career Development Sub-

The logo for BASICS, with the word 'BASICS' in white, uppercase, sans-serif font on a bright pink rectangular background.

committee calls you and asks you to allow a student to shadow, please do your best to make that happen. For more information on Career Shadowing, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or visit the Chamber Website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Chamber Check-Up to Return at the End of November



Educating our new members on the many advantages of joining the Chamber is tremendously important. So is educating many of our

longtime members who may have lost touch with those same advantages. So the Chamber will be scheduling one-hour meetings each month, beginning in November, to encourage members

to come and learn about ways that the Chamber can benefit their business or organization. There is no cost to attend "Chamber Check-Up." We just want to reconnect you or your employees with the Chamber. The first meeting will be on November 29th. To accommodate schedules, we'll have Check-Ups at both **9:00 a.m.** and **3:00 p.m.** To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Congratulations...

... to **Garvey Manor Nursing Home**, which recently received the Flos Carmeli Award. This award is presented by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm and honored Garvey Manor employees for their gracious dedication and outstanding service in their acts of compassion, unwavering hospitality, dedication to the Sanctity of Life and loyalty to shared commitment in serving the elderly.

... to **Penn Highlands Healthcare**, which was ranked as a Top 100 Employer in Pennsylvania by Forbes. Only seventeen healthcare providers in Pennsylvania made the list. Penn Highlands in Tyrone is one of the eight hospitals in the system.



**Home Garden and Healthy Living Committee**  
November 8th  
8:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

**Sustainable Blair County Committee**  
November 9th  
1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center



## 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 October.

### Celebrating 50-59 Years

First Commonwealth Bank

### Celebrating 40-49 Years

Bill Wertz & Sons, Inc.

### Celebrating 30-39 Years

Homewood Retirement Community

Suzanne Egan, Inc.

### Celebrating 20-29 Years

Altoona Area School District

Barton's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

CBIZ Insurance Services, Inc.

CONTACT Altoona

CrossRoads Physical Therapy

& Rehabilitation, Inc.

Ritchey's Dairy, Inc.

The Summit Tennis & Athletic Club

### Celebrating 10-19 Years

Advanced Chiropractic

Alleghenies United Cerebral Palsy

Bestway Pizza

Blue Knob Auto Sales, Inc.

CPA Associates

DQ Grill & Chill Logan Town Centre

George A. Schultz & Son, Inc.

(Schultz Company)

Grier School

J & P Auto Mart

Operation Our Town, Inc.

Rizzo & Wiegering Chiropractic

Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc.

### Celebrating 5-9 Years

Central States Manufacturing, Inc.

Coach4Retirees, Inc.

DVJ Enterprises, Inc. dba

Slinky Action Zone

Express Employment Professionals

Greenbean Coffee House

Mattern House, Inc.

Myers-Somers Funeral Home, Inc.

Perry Wellington Realty, LLC -

Adam Conrad

Rodney Green

The Sinclair Corp DBA Postal Express/

Cashland

### Celebrating 1-4 Years

"That Pierogie Guy"

Amerway, Inc.

Greaser Consulting

Harry's Construction Kitchen &

Bath Design Center

InnerPeace Counseling

Jersey Shore State Bank (JSSB)

of Altoona

Maddie Cakes

Print Tech of Western PA

Super 8 By Wyndham



### NEW EPISODE

*Sit back, relax and grab some popcorn. Watch what your Chamber has been up to!*

**Getting REEL**

a recap of your Chamber at work

**STREAMING MONTHLY TO YOUR EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA FEED**

**WATCH HERE!**

### Did you know?

**The Chamber has an Instagram!**



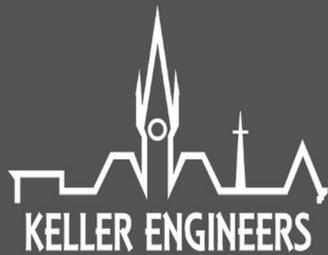
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# Thank you

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who had a part in the Lifetime Achievement Award and Dinner. The award and celebratory dinner meant so much to me, my family, and Keller Engineers. It is an honor to be a part of this community.



Sincerely,  
Joe Keller