



"Chamber Check-Up" Set for Tomorrow

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. Non-members can also attend. 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.

Friday's Best Practices Forum to Focus on Grant Writing

Business survival, particularly in the Non-Profit world, depends heavily on the ability to generate revenue from a variety of sources. One of those sources is grants. So what's the best strategy for writing a grant proposal that will get the attention of funders? The answer to that will be the subject of the next Non-Profit "Best Practices Forum," hosted by the Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses. That program, entitled "Grant Writing 101," will be held this Friday, December 2nd from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The presenters will be Tim Longwill and Jerry



Brandt. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited. Corporate sponsor of the event is [Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation](#). Contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



WE-LEaD
Women Encouraging - Leadership,
Education, and Development

WE-LEaD to Hold Networking Event at Marzoni's on Wednesday

The Chamber's [WE-LEaD](#) (Women Encouraging Leadership, Education and Development) program will hold a networking event this Wednesday, November 30th from 5-7 p.m. at Marzoni's (Duncansville). Cost is \$22 for members, \$30 for non-members and includes appetizers and beverages. Corporate sponsor of the event is [Solana Aesthetics](#). Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

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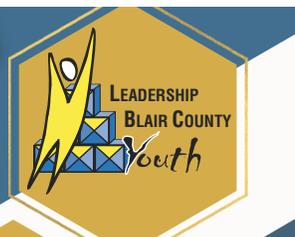
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Workforce Realities Are Topic of Next “Breakfast Club”

What’s the real story of the Blair County job market? That question and a few more will be the topic of the next Chamber Breakfast Club, set for December 8th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Carter Cerully, Business Services Coordinator at PA CareerLink Blair County, will be the keynote speaker and will talk about the solid data and the frequent misconceptions that cause employers to worry unnecessarily. 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 December Breakfast Club is PSECU.

Help the Chamber Foundation Fund Leadership Youth Program



The Chamber’s [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) program is in its 19th year and has helped hundreds of high school sophomores in Blair County to learn about the challenges and opportunities in Blair County as well as the importance of servant leadership. The program has been funded through donations to the Blair County Chamber Foundation. Neither students nor

the school districts that send them are charged to participate. At the present time, donations have fallen short of the amount needed to cover the 2022-23 costs. As a result, the Chamber Foundation is reaching out to the business and education communities asking for help. If you or your business can make a contribution, please send it to the Chamber Foundation at 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona, PA, 16602 or donate online [here](#).

Chamber Adds Exciting New Trip for Next Fall

The Blair County Chamber and Epic Journeys will be offering a trip in 2023 that will provide an opportunity for travelers to experience three exciting countries. The “Iberian Discovery & Morocco Trip” departs on September 11th and returns on September 24th. Among the cities included are Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Costa Del Sol, Tangier, Seville, Lisbon, Fatima, Avila, Segovia and Salamanca. There will be an informational meeting about the trip



on December 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center. There is no cost or obligation to attend but please call Marilyn at (814) 943-8151 so that we can save you a seat.

Booths Are Now Available for 2023 Home Garden & Healthy Living Showcase

The 2023 Blair County [Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase](#) is March 3rd, 4th & 5th at Blair County Convention Center and booths are now available for businesses to reserve. Anyone who is interested should contact Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at shoover@blairchamber.com.

Submitted Your Nominations for Annual Meeting Awards Yet?

The Blair County Chamber’s Annual Meeting won’t take place until January 27th but the nomination period has already begun for the awards that will be presented that morning. And the deadline to submit nominations is December 16th. Just go to the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com and you’ll see the link to the award page right in front of you. Self-nomination is also permitted. Help us recognize the people who made the Chamber look good during 2022.

Congratulations...

... to Bill Ward, Jr., President of [Ward Transport and Logistics](#), who was recently named to the Board of Directors of the PA Chamber of Business & Industry.
... to Maureen Letcher, principal of [Holidaysburg Area Senior High School](#), who was elected President of the Pennsylvania Principals Association. Dr. Letcher is a graduate of the Chamber’s Leadership Blair County Adult program.

Committee Meetings

Membership Committee

November 30th, 11:00 a.m., Devorris Center

Data Security Roundtable

November 30th, 1:30 p.m., Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee

December 1st, 8:00 a.m., Devorris Center

BASICS Attendance Subcommittee

December 1st, 1:30 p.m., Devorris Center