

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 this Thursday, 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 take an in-depth look at local workforce data and some possible "right now" solutions. 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.

Hampton Inn Altoona to Host "Business After Hours"

The last Business After Hours in 2022 will be held on Thursday, December 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at [Hampton Inn Altoona](#), located at 180 Charlotte Drive. The event is being themed as an "Ugly Sweater Party," so if you own an ugly sweater, be sure to wear it that night. The cost to attend Business After Hours is \$7.00 for Chamber members until December 8th and \$10 thereafter. Non-members can attend for \$20. To



register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.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 sub-

mit 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.



Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for November

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. Each month we publish a list of businesses or individuals who sponsored anything Chamber-related during the month. All-Stars for November are: [Allied Milk Producers' Cooperative, Inc.](#), [Altoona-Blair County Airport](#), [Altoona First Savings Bank](#), [Blair County Conservation District](#), [DelGrosso Family of Companies](#), [Evey Black Attorneys, LLC](#), [First National Bank](#), [Graystone Court](#), [Groundhog Solar](#), [GSA Realty - Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate](#), [Hometown Bank](#), [Imler's Poultry, Inc.](#), [Keller Engineers, Inc.](#), [Kunzler & Company Inc.](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [Martin Oil Company](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [McQuaide Blasko, Inc.](#), [Mid Penn Bank](#), [My Benefit Advisor](#), [Reliance Bank](#), [Ritchey's Dairy](#), [Roaring Spring True Value](#), [Sheetz, Inc.](#), [Solana Aesthetics](#), [State Representative Jim Gregory](#), [State Senator Judy Ward](#), [Stiffler](#), [Stiffler McGraw](#), [Stuckey Automotive](#), [UPMC Altoona](#) and [Webber Advisors](#).

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 Foun-



ation 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.

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Ribbon Cutting



Joseph Jacob Jewelers

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand-opening of Joseph Jacob Jewelers located on the upper level of the Logan Valley Mall. Joseph Jacob Jewelers are experts in giving customers endless opportunities to rethink their dream designs and convert them into beautiful creations. They offer an exquisite collection of jewelry suitable for all occasions. For more information go to josephjacobjewelers.com. Taking part in the celebration are, from left: Eva Eagler, Chamber Ambassador; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Jamie Powers, Assistant Manager; Nancy Cook, Manager; Carly Cook; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador.

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



Committee Meetings

Young Professionals of Blair County

December 6th

8:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

Healthy Workplace

December 6th

10:30 a.m.

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Committee of Non-Profits

December 7th

11:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

Leadership Blair County Adult

December 7th

3:00 p.m.

Devorris Center

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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 November.

Celebrating 40-49 Years

Charles Caracciolo Steel &
Metal Yard, Inc.
Jethro's, LLC
McLaughlin Oil & Propane Co.

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Beard Legal Group
Blair Insurance Services, Inc.
Evey Black Attorneys LLC
Lawruk Builders, Inc.
Spherion
Splish Splash Car Wash
Spring Cove School District

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries
Altoona Pipe & Steel Supply Company
American Red Cross Blood Services
Angelo Pacifico & Sons, Inc.
Blue Knob All Seasons Resort
Center for Independent Living of
South Central PA
Central PA Community Foundation
Claysburg-Kimmel School District
CLI Transport, LP
Independent Catholic Foundation
P. Joseph Lehman, Inc.,
Consulting Engineers
S.J. McCloskey Builders, Inc.
West Central Equipment, LLC

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County
Blair County Drug and Alcohol
Program, Inc.

Blair Dance Academy
City Beverage of Altoona, Inc.
Dorman's Jewelry
Drs. Reed & Sahlaney, Orthodontics
Glow Salon & Spa
Overflow Church
Shear Perfections
United Datacom Networks, Inc.
UPMC Altoona Foundation

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Altoona Renaissance Team, Inc.
ARROW Land Solutions, LLC
CNB Bank
Cook's Painting & Renovation Inc.
Fanelli Willett Law Offices
Making Waves Hair Salon
Northern Storage & Supply LLC
Rails To Trails of Central
Pennsylvania, Inc.
Reinhardt Family Practice
U.S. Hotel Tavern

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Country Club Terrace Apt.
Curaleaf
Fidelity Paper & Supply Co
Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation
MarCia's Chocolates
Premier Cleaning & Restoration Inc.
Swartz Fire & Safety, Inc.



Congratulations...

... to [Levin Furniture & Mattress](#) which recently received the Lodestar Award from the Pennsylvania Solar Center. The award recognizes the company's commitment to clean and renewable energy

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 located at 3900 Industrial Park Drive, Altoona. 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.

Looking for a one-of-a-kind work outing or holiday party?

Treat your staff to a snow tubing party at Blue Knob All Seasons Resort!

Our tubing packages can be paired with a variety of food and beverage options and party locations to offer anything from a casual pizza party to formal fine dining!

Best of all packages start at only \$35 per person with food and drinks included.

For more information or to book your party call us at (814) 239-1003
or email: groups@blueknob.com





Our Town Times

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Distributed at the Annual Blair County Chamber Operation Our Town Breakfast and throughout the year to local businesses and community organizations!

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The 2023 report will provide an update to the readers from this past calendar year. We will hear from law enforcement, treatment providers, healthcare professionals, business leaders and others in our community about the impact Operation Our Town has made over the past 16 years and the importance of prevention.

Get the inside scoop from Operation Our Town Roundtables on their projects and efforts to help keep our community safe!

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