

Hampton Inn Altoona to Host Thursday's "Business After Hours"

The last Business After Hours in 2022 will be held this 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 \$10.00 for Chamber members. Non-members can attend for \$20. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



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-



... dation 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.

Congratulations...

... to the members of the Blair County Chamber who were recently recognized in Pennsylvania Business Central's "Foremost Under 40" issue. They are: Katie Whysong of [CNB Bank](#), Chris Michelone and Jessica Fisher of [McQuaide Blasko](#), Andrew Podolak of [Pennsylvania Highlands Community College](#), Chelsea Mihalko of [Mihalko's General Contracting](#), Kira McCall of [Maddie Cakes](#), Jennifer McConnell of [Great Commission Schools](#), Adam Ward of [Ward Transport & Logistics](#), Jordan Greaser of [Spur/Greaser Consulting](#), Samantha Watters of [Big Brothers Big Sisters](#) of Blair County and Destinee Pfirsching of [Doing Better Business](#).



Nomination Deadline for Annual Meeting Awards is Friday

The Blair County Chamber's Annual Meeting won't take place until January 27th but the nomination period for the awards that will be presented that morning ends this Friday. 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.

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Welcome New Members...



The Blair County Chamber welcomes new members at its December Breakfast Club, from left: Charles Lansberry and Elise Messner, [The Learning Community of Pennsylvania](#); Bobbi Jo Clifford, [Hollidaysburg American Legion Ambulance Service, Inc.](#)

Information Meeting is Wednesday for Iberian/Morocco Trip

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.

Executive Roundtable to Meet With Elected Officials

What will the results of the November election mean to the local business community? That question will serve as the basis of discussion for the next Executive Roundtable meeting, set for this Friday, December 16th at 7:30 a.m. at The Blairmont Club. State Senator Judy Ward and State Repre-

sentatives Jim Gregory and Lou Schmitt will attend the meeting to lend their perspective to what businesses will face as 2023 rolls around. For information on the Executive Roundtable, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

BASICS Committee Looking for Business Members

The **BASICS** Steering Committee of the Blair County Chamber has successfully overseen a variety of outstanding programs for many years. The committee, however, has many members from education but very few from business. “Having a balanced committee is essential as we explore ways to help young people navigate the career path,” explained Alex Seltzer of Manpower, which is one of the few businesses represented. “It would be great to have at least five additional business members.” Any business member interested in serving on the committee should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com. **BASICS** is an acronym for Businesses And Schools Investing in Cooperative Solutions.

Booths 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.

Committee Meetings

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Committee
December 12th, 10:30 a.m., Devorris Center

BASICS Steering Committee
December 12th, 2:00 p.m., Devorris Center

Chamber Ambassadors
December 13th, 8:00 a.m., Chamber Office

Home & Garden Committee
December 13th, 8:30 a.m., Devorris Center

Attractions/Hotel Roundtable
December 14th, 8:15 a.m., Devorris Center