

December 19, 2022

*Best Wishes From the Chamber
for a Happy Holiday Season!*

The Board and Staff of the Blair County Chamber extend best wishes to all our members for a safe and happy holiday season. The Chamber Office will be closed on December 23rd and December 26th. The office will reopen on December 27th at 8:30 a.m. There will be no email newsletter on December 26th. For information on upcoming Chamber events, visit the Chamber website 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.



"Business After Hours" at the Hampton Inn Now Scheduled for Tomorrow

Last Thursday's inclement weather caused the Chamber's "Business After Hours" at the [Hampton Inn Altoona](#) to be postponed. The event will instead be held tomorrow (Tuesday) from 5:00 to 7:00. Don't forget to wear those ugly sweaters! To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



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 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...

WE-LEaD Committee

December 20th, 8:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

Young Professionals Committee

December 21st, 8:00 a.m.
Curry Innovation Center

LBC Youth Committee

December 21st, 3:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Transportation Committee

December 22nd, 8:15 a.m.
Devorris Center

Information Meeting January 11th for Spain/Morocco/Portugal 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 "Spain, Morocco & Portugal 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 informa-



tional meeting about the trip on January 11th 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.

Ribbon Cutting



360 Wellness

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of 360 Wellness located at 905 Logan Blvd., Altoona. 360 Wellness is an advanced IV Therapy Treatment Center offering IV infusions for overall wellness. Services are provided by certified medical professionals. For more information go to altoonawellness.com. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; State Senator Judy Ward; Kilee Willett, RN; Alex DeGol, FNP, owner; Traci Trostle, RN; Anna Oshall, RN; and Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador.

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

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 Man-

power, 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.

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Congratulations...

... to Kevin Sensenig of **Interaction Dynamics Group** who has been named the first-ever president of Good Leadership Enterprises, a Minnesota-based leadership development firm. Good Leadership Enterprises has recently acquired Interaction Dynamics Group.

... to **Mount Aloysius College**, which was named one of eleven colleges in Pennsylvania as Abound's Best Colleges for Adults. Abound helps future or current students to find the best college for them by researching schools across the country.

... to Wayne Hippo, Managing Partner at **PS Solutions** who was included in the Wilmington Biz 100 Power Players List in the Innovation category. Wilmington Biz 100 Power Players recognizes connectors and rising stars impacting Southeastern North Carolina's business landscape. Hippo is a graduate of the Chamber's Leadership Blair County program.

