



Honorees Announced for Annual Meeting Awards

The Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation of the Blair County Chamber will be held on Friday, January 27th beginning at 7:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Among the primary events that morning will be the presentation of a number of awards to individuals who accomplished significant things during 2022. The award winners are: Athena Award – Andrea Cohen, Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year – Christine McGeary, George Award – Kenneth Decker, Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit Award – Barbara Smith, Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership Award – Matt Stuckey, Young Professional of the Year – Kirsten Stratton, and Small Business Person of the Year – Chris Cook. The cost to attend the Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation is \$30. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Chamber Breakfast Club to Host Blair County Commissioners

The first Chamber “Breakfast Club” of the New Year will be a highly-informational one. Set for January 12th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park, the event will be a Q&A with the Blair County Commissioners. Lisa Hann, chair of the Chamber’s Public Policy Committee, will serve as moderator and will ask questions submitted by members of the Chamber. The cost to attend Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A buffet breakfast is included. To register,



call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the January Breakfast Club is Altoona-Blair County Airport.



Chamber Recognizes “All-Stars” for December

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 December are: [Central PA Community Foundation](#), [Hampton Inn Altoona](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney’s Workplace Solutions](#), [PSECU](#) and [Western Edge Seafood Outlet](#).

Booths, Sponsorships Still 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 both booths and sponsorships are available for businesses to reserve. Anyone who is interested in a booth should contact Stacy Hoover at (814) 943-8151 or email her at shoover@blairchamber.com. For sponsorship information, contact Jessie Covert at jcovert@blairchamber.com.

Leadership Youth and Adult Sessions to Focus on Diversity

The Chamber's Leadership Blair County Youth and Adult classes will begin 2023 with sessions focusing on diversity. The Youth Session this Thursday will feature a number of speakers as well as activities coordinated by Sue Patterson, Director of Student Diversity and Inclusion Programming at Penn State Altoona. The Adult Session on January 13th will have presentations dealing with a variety of examples of diversity and how those are being addressed



within the county. For more information on Leadership Blair County, visit the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com or contact Brittany Mayer at bmayer@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.

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.



Chamber "Check-Up" an Ideal Way to Learn About Your Investment

Without question, membership in the Blair County Chamber is an investment in your business and its employees. To help members to better understand how they can get the maximum value from that investment, the Chamber will hold a one-hour informational session each month to highlight what the Chamber does and the many benefits to belonging. The next Chamber Check-Up is January 17th. For member convenience, it is being offered at both 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend although it is important to register so that we can plan accordingly. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.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.

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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 December.

Celebrating 90-99 Years

Mauk & Yates Funeral Home, inc.

Celebrating 80-89 Years

Penn State Altoona

Celebrating 60-69 Years

Clyde E. Yon & Associates, Inc.

Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.

Warren A. Gingrich Agency, Inc.

Celebrating 50-59 Years

Martin Oil Company

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.

Sheetz, Inc.

Stuckey Automotive - Stuckey Ford &

Stuckey Subaru

WJAC, Inc.

Celebrating 40-49 Years

MacDermid Alpha Electronic Solutions

Newborn Enterprises, Inc.

Saleme Insurance Services, Inc.

Stifel

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Altoona-Blair County

Development Corp.

DelGrosso Foods, Inc.

Dembert & Hoyne, CPA

Gardners Candies, Inc.

Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc.

Imler's Poultry

Professionals Auto Body Shop

Saint Francis University -

Small Business Development Center

Swan's Trophies Plus

UPMC Home Healthcare

of Central Pennsylvania

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Allegheny Trucks, Inc.

Altoona Housing Authority

C. G. Angle, Inc.

Curry Fluid Power

Juniata Valley Council,

Boy Scouts of America

Keller Engineers, Inc.

Mill Hill Farm Supply, Inc.

NAPA Auto Parts,

Altoona Distribution Center

RE/MAX Results Realty Group

Stultz Real Estate

Tyrone Area School District

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Adler's Landscape Nursery, Inc.

Blair Roofing, Inc.

DBD Staffing

Glass Mender Mirror & Plate Div., Inc.

Nittany Professional Cleaning, Inc.

Peterson Accounting Group, P.C.

Station Medical Center

The New Specialty Lift Truck, Inc.

Tom & Joe's Restaurant

Traficante Family Chiropractic

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Aerotek

Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund

Cornerstone of Claysburg

Debbie Eckenrode, Farmers Insurance

Five Star Mitsubishi Altoona

Five Star Powersports

Gerald and Linda Smith

Lang Real Estate and Tax Service

Pinnacle Cleaning Services

Thrivent Financial (Hollidaysburg)

Weber Murphy Fox, Inc.

Wellness Essentials, LLC

Celebrating 1-4 Years

B4 Club Therapy

Central PA Digital Learning Foundation

Double Tap Gun Range

Ketrow KURTZ Travel

Northstar Audio Video

Packaging Services Industries

SCG Hobby

Synthex Organics

The Altoona Salvation Army

Worship Center

WPSU Penn State



Committee Meetings

Young Professionals Committee

January 3rd

8:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

Healthy Workplace Committee

January 3rd

10:30 a.m.

Devorris Center

Committee of Non-Profits

January 4th

11:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

Leadership Blair County

Adult Committee

January 4th

3:00 p.m.

Devorris Center

Public Policy Committee

January 5th

8:00 a.m.

Devorris Center

BASICS Attendance Subcommittee

January 5th

1:30 p.m.

Devorris Center

Congratulations...

... to Jodie McClure, who was recently named Employee of the Year by the [Altoona Mirror](#), and to Tim Miller, who was named Employee of the Year by [EZ-ToUse.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!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PRIDE!

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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