

Annual Meeting Set for Friday at The Casino



The Annual Meeting & Awards Presentation of the Blair County Chamber will be held this Friday, January 27th beginning at 7:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. As in past years, the awards presented that morning are the highlight of the event. The award winners for 2022-23 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 deadline to attend the Annual Meeting has passed so it's too late to register.

Transportation Committee to Hear Presentation on Trails

The Blair County Chamber's Transportation Committee will hear a presentation at its upcoming meeting by Lindsay Baer, Park and Trails Director for Somerset County. The committee is looking for ways to assist local trail efforts and Somerset County has built an effective framework for overseeing and growing its trails. The Transportation Committee meeting is set for this Thursday, January 26th, at 8:15 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business De-



velopment. Anyone interested in attending (other than committee members), should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151.



Chamber Seeking Fulltime Accounting Specialist

The Blair County Chamber has an opening for a fulltime Accounting Specialist. The position requires a strong accounting background, working knowledge of QuickBooks and the ability to lead fundraising efforts. Send resume and salary expectations to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. to Host First "HD500"

The first-ever HD500 (formerly Business After Hours) will take place this Wednesday, January 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#), located at 5506 Sixth Avenue in Altoona. Make a pit stop on your way home from work and enjoy some food and beverages while networking with other business professionals. The cost for Chamber members is \$10 and \$20 for non-members. Call the Chamber or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Be part of Chamber history at HD500!

WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER

Board of Directors Approves Two New Members

At the monthly meeting of the Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors, the following new members were approved: [Mountain Filtration Systems, Inc. of Altoona](#) and [Sullivan Law Offices, LLC of Martinsburg](#).



Ribbon Cutting



Blair Regional YMCA Playground Project

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of major renovations to the Blair Regional YMCA Playground located at 1111 Hewitt Street, Hollidaysburg. As part of its mission of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Playground Project includes state-of-the-art equipment making the playground accessible to all individuals regardless of physical ability. For more information go to blairregionalyymca.org. Pictured at the ribbon, from left: Eva Eagler, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Kelly Fedeli, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Seth Smith, Board Member; State Representative Jim Gregory; Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner; Joel Seelye, Board Member, Playground Committee Chair; Amanda Seelye, Playground Committee; Chris Weidley, Board Member, Playground Committee; Kate Starkey, President of the Board; Sandy McGough, Board Member; Sharon Jones, Executive Director; Mark Boland, Board Member; Diane Osgood, Board Member; Dr. Carroll Osgood, Board Member and Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador.

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

Registered for WE-LEaD Networking Yet?



Levity Brewing in Downtown Altoona will be the next destination for the Blair County Chamber's WE-LEaD Networking event, January 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The networking event will be held on Levity's mezzanine level, which seats only 45. So anyone plan-

ning to attend needs to register as soon as possible. The cost to attend is \$22 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. That cost includes appetizers and one drink ticket. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the WE-LEaD event is [P. Joseph Lehman, Inc.](#)

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Welcome!

New Chamber Members...



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: Chris Cook, [COOK'S KITCHEN](#); Josh Fuller, Individual Member; Devin Saylor, [MEDIATED MEDIA](#); Nichole and David Burchfield, [33 ON MAC](#); Lisa and Mike Perry, [SHIELDS TROPHY & ENGRAVING, LLC](#).

Spain/Morocco/Portugal Trip Attracts Interested Travelers

The Blair County Chamber and Epic Journeys are 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. Last week's informational meeting about the trip drew a large crowd although there are still opportunities for interested travelers to sign up. For more information, contact Epic Journeys at (814) 266-5070.

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.

Committee Meetings

Presidents' Forum Steering Committee, January 23rd, 1:30 p.m., Devorris Center
Membership Committee, January 25th, 11:00 a.m., Devorris Center
Transportation Committee, January 26th, 8:15 a.m., Devorris Center

Congratulations Barb Hoover Smith

on earning the
Joseph P. Rosenhamer
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Chamber and surrounding
Business Community!
Well Done!

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Advertising Opportunities Available for Membership Directory

As many Chamber members will attest, one of the greatest marketing opportunities available to businesses in the region is advertising in the Chamber's Membership Directory. The Directory is not only mailed to Chamber members but is distributed to visitor and information centers, commercial and industrial prospects, newcomers and relocation sources as well as high volume distributors such as banks, realtors, hospitals, colleges, hotels, restaurants and retailers. For more information or to reserve ad space, contact Lana Fulton at (814) 380-7952.



CONGRATULATIONS

2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Matt Stuckey
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Leadership Award

Chris Cook
Small Business Person
of the Year Award

Andrea Cohen
ATHENA Award

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