

## New Penn State Altoona Chancellor to Address "Breakfast Club"

Dr. Ron Darbeau, the new Chancellor of Penn State Altoona, will be the keynote speaker at the Chamber's monthly Breakfast Club, set for this Thursday, February 9th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Dr. Darbeau most recently served as Vice-President for Faculty Affairs and Academic Operations at Commonwealth University, the integrated institution of Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield Universities. 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](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the February Breakfast Club is [HoopsFest](#).



Dr. Ron Darbeau

## Chamber to Host Major Informational Event

For many years, the question of what all the Blair County Chamber does for its members and the community has generally been addressed through newsletters and similar publications. On February 23rd, the Chamber is inviting members and non-members to come and see for themselves. The Chamber will host "HD 500 – Special Edition" from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Discovery Center in Downtown Altoona. The event will feature representatives from all Chamber programs and committees, each at separate tables, who will distribute information and answer questions. Food and beverages at the HD500 will be provided by LaJo's Italian Sausage



and Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen. There is no cost to Chamber Members to attend HD500 – Special Edition. Non-members can attend for just \$10 (instead of the usual \$20). To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsors of the event are [PennCrest Bank](#), [Park Security & Installations](#) and [Webber Advisors](#).

## We want to keep you connected!



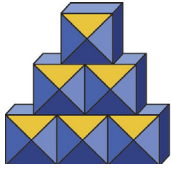
Take a minute to check your membership information on the Chamber's website at [blairchamber.com](http://blairchamber.com). **Submit all changes by 4:30 p.m., Feb. 16, to be included in the 2023 Membership Directory.**



## Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for January

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 January are: [1st Summit Bank](#), [Altoona-Blair County Airport](#), [Blair Companies](#), [Blair Mill Outlet](#), [CNB Bank](#), [Cook's Kitchen at the Phoenix](#), [Healthy Blair County Coalition](#), [Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield](#), [Keller Engineers, Inc.](#), [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [M&T Bank](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [Mount Aloysius College](#), [New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.](#), [New Pig, NPC, Inc.](#), [Okonak Lechner & Co.](#), [P. Joseph Lehman, Inc.](#), [Consulting Engineers](#), [Penn Highlands Community College](#), [PennStress](#), [PSECU](#), [Reliance Bank](#), [Roaring Spring Family of Businesses](#), [Roberts Oxygen Company Inc.](#), [S&T Bank](#), [Sheetz, Inc.](#), [Stiffler McGraw](#), [Stuckey Automotive](#), [United Way](#), [UPMC Altoona](#), and [Young, Oakes, Brown & Company P.C.](#)

# Leadership Adult Class to Explore Economic Development



The Chamber's Leadership Blair County Adult Class will get a first-hand look at the region's Economic Development fortunes this Friday as its Session #5 will be held at the Devorris Center for Business Development be-

ginning at 8:00 a.m. Among the presenters will be Steve McKnight of [Altoona-Blair County Development Corporation](#), Mark Ickes of [Explore Altoona](#) and Valerie Detwiler of [Reliance Bank](#). For more information on Leadership Blair County, visit the Chamber's website at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com).

## Gift Card Raffle to Benefit Leadership Blair County Youth

Now is the time to try your luck and give some money to a good cause. The Chamber's [Leadership Blair County Youth](#) program is in its 19th year and has helped hundreds of high school sophomores learn about opportunities in Blair County and the importance of servant leadership. Neither the students nor the schools they attend are charged to participate in this program, and it is funded solely by donations to the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#). To raise additional funds for the program, the Chamber is selling chances to win a \$250 Sheetz Z-card. Raffle tickets cost \$1 for one ticket and \$3 for five tickets. Tickets can be purchased at any upcoming event at the registration



table. You can also stop by the Devorris Center for Business Development to purchase a ticket. The winning ticket will be drawn on March 17th. All proceeds go to the Chamber Foundation and benefit the Leadership Blair County Youth program. For more information, call Brittany Mayer at (814) 943-8151 or email [bmayer@blairchamber.com](mailto:bmayer@blairchamber.com).

## 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. To reserve ad space, contact Jera Harter at (814) 238-5051, extension 615.



# SAVE THE DATE



## UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic

After many years, the name sponsor of the Blair County Chamber's Golf Classic will undergo a change. UPMC will now be that sponsor. So the 2023 UPMC/Chamber Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, May 18th at Iron Masters Country Club. Registrations for golfers and sponsors are now being accepted. The event sold-out last year nearly two months before it was held. So don't wait! Call Stacy Hoover at the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to register a foursome or just as an individual. If you'd like to be a sponsor for the Classic, call Jessie Covert at that same number.

## Congratulations...

... to the four Chamber-member non-profits who were awarded grants from [WISE Women of Blair County](#) on January 18th. They are: [Roaring Spring Community Library](#), [ArtsAltoona](#), [Family Services, Inc.](#) and [The Gloria Gates Foundation](#). WISE Women of Blair County is also a Chamber member.

... to [PSECU](#), Pennsylvania's digital-first credit union, which has been selected as one of the Best Credit Unions of 2023 by [GOBankingRates](#).

## Limited Booths Available for 2023 Showcase

The 2023 Blair County [Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase](#) is March 3rd, 4th & 5th at Blair County Convention Center and a limited number of booths 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](mailto:shoover@blairchamber.com). All sponsorships for the Show have been secured.

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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 January.

### **Celebrating 106 years**

Goldstein, Heslop, Steele, Clapper,  
Oswalt & Smith

### **Celebrating 50-59 Years**

WTAJ Your News Leader

### **Celebrating 40-49 Years**

Coldwell Banker Town & Country  
Real Estate  
Mount Aloysius College

### **Celebrating 30-39 Years**

Encompass Health Rehabilitation  
Hospital of Altoona  
G. B. Wineland & Son, Inc.  
Greater Altoona Career &  
Technology Center  
Greenwood Pools & Spas  
Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Morefield Communications, Inc.  
Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc.

### **Celebrating 20-29 Years**

A & A Insurance  
Altoona Community Theatre  
Celebration Villa of Altoona  
Colonial Courtyard at Tyrone  
Durbin Companies  
Quality Corrections & Inspections  
Walmart Supercenter

### **Celebrating 10-19 Years**

Allstate - The Gibson Agency  
Altoona Curve Booster Club  
American Eagle Paper Mills  
Baker Tilly US, LLP

Blair Auto Service & Power  
Equipment, Inc.

Britz & Associates  
CCS Custom Building  
& Remodeling Inc.

Coldwell Banker Town & Country  
Real Estate/Sandra A. Kurtz  
Creative Kids Education Center, LLC  
Forsheys Ag and Industrial  
Gallagher Insurance Agency  
Kretina Builders, Inc.  
PHN - Altoona Community  
Health Center  
RT Contracting, Inc.  
US Renal Care of Altoona

### **Celebrating 5-9 Years**

Bun Air Corporation  
Central PA Physicians Group  
Duncansville Pharmacy, Inc.  
Fiore Brothers Management, LLC  
Nason Foundation  
Quality Inn  
Roof Works USA, Inc.  
Tame Your Mane Styling, LLC

### **Celebrating 1-4 Years**

Center City Church  
Escape Altoona Co.  
Executive Barberz 2 Hair Salon  
Hampton Medical Direct Primary Care  
Howard Hanna Bardell Realty  
Jersey Mike's Subs  
State Representative  
Louis C. Schmitt, Jr.  
The Bark Side Pet Spa  
W.H. Kelly & Son Monuments



## Committee Meetings

### **BASICS/Career Fair Subcommittee** *(Rotary Only)*

February 6th  
9:00 a.m.  
Zoom

### **Young Professionals Committee**

February 7th  
8:15 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### **Home Garden and Healthy Living Showcase Committee**

February 7th  
8:30 a.m.  
Chamber Office

### **Transportation Subcommittee**

February 7th  
9:15 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### **Healthy Workplace Committee**

February 7th  
10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

### **Data Security Roundtable**

February 8th  
1:30 p.m.  
Devorris Center

### **Attractions/Hotel Roundtable**

February 8th  
3:30 p.m.  
Wingate by Wyndham Altoona

### **Safety Committee**

February 9th  
11:00 a.m.  
Chamber Office





# It's Your Time!

**The GACTC congratulates the award recipients and thanks each of them for their contribution to making our region great!**

**Find out how the GACTC is working to build a brighter economic future for the entire Blair County region through adult career training programs, including customized training programs for area industry, at [www.gactc.edu](http://www.gactc.edu).**