

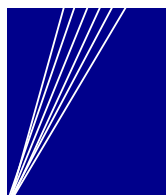
Informational Meeting on Greece Trip is Tonight

The Blair County Chamber is going back to Greece. "It has been several years since we last hosted a trip there and we've had several people wondering when we're heading back there," acknowledged Chamber President Joe Hurd. "This trip will include a few of the attractions that the last one didn't. We're excited to let people know what a great opportunity this is." This trip, done in cooperation with [Epic Journeys](#) and [Globus](#), is a land and cruise tour that includes Classical Greece, ancient Turkey and the breezy Greek Isles. Among the destinations are Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Knossos and Santorini. There will be an informational meeting about the trip tonight at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. There is no cost or obligation to attend but interested people are asked to call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to let us know you're coming so that all can be accommodated.



WE-LEaD to Host "Women Mean Business" Tomorrow at Park Hills

The next in a series of "Women Mean Business" workshops, this one focusing on elected officials, will be held tomorrow, July 18th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on the patio at Park Hills Golf Club. A panel of elected officials will talk about a variety of issues related to community service and will answer questions from attendees. Among the panelists are State Senator Judy Ward, County Commissioner Laura Burke, Blair County Prothonotary Robin Patton and Altoona Area School Board member Kelly Irwin Adams. The cost to attend is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. A full breakfast is



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included. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Interested high school or college students are invited to attend at no cost. However, they must call the Chamber to register. No online registration. Corporate sponsor of the July Women Mean Business is [Seltzer Financial Strategies](#).

Nominations Being Accepted for Business Excellence Award

The prestigious "Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence" will be presented by the Blair County Chamber at its [Business Excellence Dinner](#), set for October 23rd at the Blair County Convention Center. The award recognizes an individual who, during at least the past twenty-five years, has been regarded as a business leader in the region who has positively impacted the Blair County business community. Nomination forms are available on the Chamber website at www.blairchamber.com. Deadline to nominate is August 7th.



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Farm-City Committee Salute to Agriculture



Agriculture is Blair County's number one industry and the Chamber's [Farm-City Committee](#) is hard at work raising awareness on the importance of supporting our local agriculture businesses. As part of their outreach efforts, committee members recently participated in the annual Martinsburg agriculture parade.

Young Professionals Lunch'N'Learn Tomorrow at Curry Innovation Center

Young Professionals are invited to join representatives from Saint Francis University for a Lunch N' Learn presentation discussing the power of leadership and the benefits of earning a graduate business degree on Tuesday, July 18th at the [Curry Innovation Center](#). The presentation will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will last about 45 minutes. A boxed lunch will be provided. Ms. Haley Thomas, Director of Graduate Business Programs at [Saint Francis University](#), and Dr. Randy Frye, Dean of the Shields School of Business, will explore the qualities and skills of successful

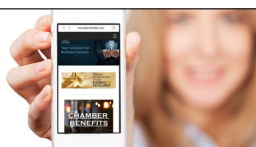


leaders in today's competitive business world. They will also discuss the advantages of earning a graduate business degree, such as career advancement and enhanced problem-solving and decision-making skills. The cost to attend is \$15 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Congratulations...

... to the Blair County Chamber businesses that were recently selected by [Pennsylvania Business Central](#) newspaper as "50 to Follow – Top Women-Owned Businesses" in the region. They are: [Advantage Resource Group](#), [Altoona Beauty School](#), [Blair Insurance Services](#), [BrandDemon Strategy+Design](#), [Burke & Company](#), [Doing Better Business](#), [Marcia's Chocolates](#), [Seltzer Financial Strategies](#) and [Suzanne Egan, Inc.](#)

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Assembled Your Dodgeball Team Yet?

On August 12th, the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#) will be holding a Dodgeball Tournament at [Lakemont Park](#).

"Dodge N' Dive – 23" will pit local business teams against one another in a spirited competition that will be part of a great day. Among the other highlights of the day will be food trucks, a beer garden, a basket raffle and more! The cost to enter a team (minimum of six people, maximum of ten) is just \$150. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com.

Ribbon Cutting



Atlas Furniture Imports

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held celebrating the new location of Atlas Furniture Imports, LLC, located on the lower level of the Logan Valley Mall. Atlas Furniture Imports offers a great selection of exquisite, imported and eco-friendly furniture. Each piece is curated for its unique style, design and quality. For more information go to Facebook at [Atlas Furniture Imports](#). On-hand for the ceremony are, from left: Nancy McClelland, Chamber Ambassador; State Senator Judy Ward; Cynthia Whittaker, Sales Associate; Jason Bradley, President; State Representative Lou Schmitt; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Eva Eagler, Chamber Ambassador.

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

Chamber Members Invited to Tri-County Mixer

Lake Raystown Resort will host a tri-county mixer on August 10th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in recognition of “National S’mores Day.” Members of the Blair County Chamber, [Bedford County Chamber](#) and [Huntingdon County Chamber](#) are invited to attend this free event. The event includes a fire pit S’mores bar on the terrace, high-end S’mores themed cocktails and mocktails, games for adults and kids, a number of give-aways and, perhaps the most appealing, a showboat cruise. “We salute [Lake Raystown Resort](#) for not



NATIONAL S'MORES DAY

only planning a quality night out but creating an opportunity for members of three chambers to get together and enjoy the beautiful scenery,” acknowledged Chamber President Joe Hurd. Even though there is no cost to attend, it is still necessary to register by August 2nd. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at [blairchamber.com](#).



Save the DATE!

Not Too Early to Register for “Home Run For Safety”

Once again this year, the Safety Committee of the Blair County Chamber will be partnering with the [Altoona Curve](#) on an event that has had a huge following in the past, particularly among people in the safety and security fields. Home Run For Safety will be held on Wednesday, September 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Peoples Natural Gas Field. The event will feature a variety of presenters, demonstrations and exhibitors. For information on sponsorships and vendor opportunities or to register as an attendee, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151.



Committee Meetings

Farm-City Committee

July 17th
11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Finance Committee

July 18th
3:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Executive Committee

July 20th
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Safety Committee

July 20th
11:00 a.m.
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