

Next Chamber "Breakfast Club" to Feature Grande Palazzo

"Long overdue" might be the best way to describe the excitement that will take place this Thursday, April 8th as the Blair County Chamber marks two important occasions. The first bit of excitement is the announcement that the Chamber's "Breakfast Club" program will make its in-person debut for 2021. The second is that the presentation that morning will be the highly anticipated video unveiling of the new Graystone Grande Palazzo, one of most incredible structures on the entire East Coast. Owner Jeff Long will make the presentation which features a video tour of the facility. The Breakfast Club begins at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The cost to attend is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. A buffet breakfast is included. Social distancing will be in effect. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or [register online](https://www.blairchamber.com) at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the Breakfast Club is Jersey Shore State Bank.



Chamber Wellness Chat to Focus on Fitness

It's no longer "no pain, no gain" when it comes to getting in top physical shape. That's just one part of the message that will be emphasized in the next Chamber Wellness Chat, set for April 9th from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. The speaker will be Betsy Simmers, Personal Trainer / Fitness Consultant at Blair Regional YMCA. Her presentation is entitled, "Fitness Doesn't Have to Hurt." There is no cost for Chamber Members to attend. Non-members can attend for \$10. To register and access the Zoom link, go to www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of this program is B4 Club Therapy.

Highmark/Chamber Golf Classic Down to Final Ten Teams



With more than a month to go, the Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield/Chamber Golf Classic has more than 100 golfers already registered. There are only ten team spots left (individual golfers can still apply!). The Classic will be held on Thursday,

May 13 at Iron Masters Country Club with a lunch/ registration at 11:00 and tee off at Noon. If you are interested, simply complete the attached form and return to the Chamber! Any questions, please contact Stacy Hoover at The Chamber, 814-943-8151. There are also only tee and green sponsorships remaining; all major sponsorships have been purchased. Call Jessie Covert (same number) to secure those.

New Phone Dialing Process in Effect

The Chamber would like to remind people that any calls made to businesses in the 814 Area Code now requires that the Area Code be dialed prior to the other seven digits. Beginning May 1st, a new Area Code – 582, will be added to the region.



Applications Being Accepted for Leadership Programs

As the Leadership Blair County programs continue toward graduation for both the Youth and the Adult classes of 2021, the application process is officially underway for 2022. High school freshmen can secure an LBC Youth application from their guidance counselor, access one on the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com or call the Chamber Office at (814) 943-8151. The deadline to apply is April 21st. Leadership Adult candidates can also go to the [Chamber Website](https://www.blairchamber.com) to find applications. The LBC Adult deadline is June 30th.

Chamber Looking to Resume "Business After Hours"

With the anticipated relaxation of the Covid-19 rules regarding gatherings, the Blair County Chamber is looking to resume networking programs. Business After Hours heads that list. "We're in the process of contacting businesses that had signed-up to host in 2021 to make sure that they are still onboard," explained Stacy Hoover, the Chamber VP who oversees Business After Hours. "We will also contact businesses that were scheduled to host in 2020 but had their event cancelled to determine if they



wanted to be considered for vacancies in the future. And we'll be recruiting new sign-ups." Any Chamber member interested in hosting a Business After Hours should contact Stacy at (814) 943-8151 or email her at shoover@blairchamber.com.

Leadership Adult Class Raising Money to Benefit Covid-19 Response Fund

The Chamber's Leadership Blair County Adult Class held an Easter fundraiser with Bedford Candies. Class member Aaron Lantzy said, "The money raised from this fundraiser, which was just over \$1300, will be used as the seed money to cover the costs of our upcoming Day at the Races Around the Bases fundraiser to be held May 22 at the Altoona Curve." The event will begin at 2 pm and will include an afternoon of betting on virtual horse racing, an all you can eat buffet, live auctions, raffles, 50/50's and other games of chance. The 2021 LBC Class is raising money for the Blair County COVID-19 Response Fund managed by The United Way of Blair County as their class project.



Class Member Jessica Fisher added, "It was important for our class to pick a project, especially in this difficult year, that we felt would directly impact Blair County residents in need." All the money raised for the Blair County COVID-19 Response Fund will stay in Blair County. To reserve tickets or for more information, please contact McQuaide Blasko Attorneys at Law by calling 814-283-2000.

Congratulations!

... to Morefield Communications on the announcement that Wesley W. Kelly has been named the company's new president. Kelly is the first president outside of the Morefield family since the company was founded in 1945.

WE-LEaD Committee to Host Workshop

The Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will be hosting a virtual workshop on April 20 from Noon - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. The topic of the workshop is Hot Buttons - How Unspoken Values Impact Our Relationships. The presenter is Karen Weiss from Dream Big Coaching. Cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber Members and \$15 for Non-Members. [Click here](#) to register. Sponsor of the workshop is Serviam Construction. WE-LEaD is an acronym for Women Encouraging: Leadership, Education and Development.

Committee Meetings

Chamber Ambassadors
April 6, 8:00 a.m.
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Committee of Non-Profit
Businesses
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Kiwanis Club of Altoona, Inc.

Saint Francis University

Celebrating 46 Years

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Celebrating 40-45 Years

Doing Better Business, Inc.

Fiore True Value Hardware & Rental

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Greenwood Drugs

J & O

John Hill Real Estate

Klesius & Sheedy, Inc.

Logan Valley Mall

Tel-Power Tool & Equipment Rental, Inc.

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Altoona Area Public Library

Altoona Shoe Fly Stores

Courtesy Ford, Inc.

Degol Organization

Family Services Incorporated

Galactic Ice

Hampton Inn Altoona

Hines Feed Store

Holland Bros., Inc.

Maple Brook Nursery

Sickler Tarpey & Associates

Small Tube Products

Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art

Yeager & Eberhardt

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Ace fix-it Hardware Stores

Altoona Arthritis and Osteoporosis Center

Barash Media

Begin With Us Child Care & Preschool, Inc.

Blair County Tax Collection Bureau

Blair HealthChoices

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BluAcres, LLC

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Bryce Saylor & Sons/Altoona Crane & Rigging, Inc.

CORE Physical Therapy and Sports Training

Edward Jones Investments

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Hillview Healthcare And Rehabilitation Center

Holiday Bowl, Inc.

Levine Engineering, LLC

PA CareerLink® Blair County

Penn Highlands Healthcare

Penn State Altoona Continuing Education

Prime Sirloin (Vision Restaurant Group, Inc.)

Roaring Spring True Value

Secure-Tec Inc.

UPMC Altoona

Wagner & Finn Attorneys at Law

Celebrating 5-9 Years

ADR Solutions

Advanced Vein Care

AnswerLinks, Inc.

Ayers Line Construction, Inc.

Michelle Barnes Optometry, P.C.

Bright Ideas Childcare and Preschool, Inc

Dennis C. Dobbins, D.M.D.

Housing & Redevelopment

Insurance Exchange

Interaction Dynamics Group

KMS Interior Design & Home Staging, LLC

Leib, Inc.

Monarch Cleaners

Tussey Landscaping, LLC

The Ultimate Sub Company, LLC

Walton Heights Townhomes and Apartments

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Allegheny Highland Association of Realtors

Alliance For Nonprofit Resources

Altoona Area Business Community

Beck Financial and Wealth Management, LLC

Berry Solutions Group

Bickel's Surplus Too

Blair County Farm Bureau

BrightStar Care of Happy Valley

Burns Excavating, Inc.

Chick-fil-A Altoona

East Freedom Surgical Associates, LLC

Edward Jones Investments - Katlin Webb

Escape Altoona Co.

Every Life Matters (ELM)

Pregnancy Support Services

Forney Group/Fulton Financial Advisors

State Representative Jim Gregory

Keller Williams Advantage Realty

LAMB Solutions Advertising Agency

LT Machine

Lung Disease Center of Central

Pennsylvania, LLC

Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Spa

Park Security & Installations, Inc

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