

Best Practices Forum to Address Compliance Issues

The Non-profit community in Blair County has built a reputation for being creative and resourceful. To stay ahead of the game – at least financially – non-profits need to be adept at fundraising. Sometimes that fundraising falls outside the law. And very often, the non-profit business isn't even aware that a law has been violated. To help clarify the difference between legal and illegal, the [Committee of Non-Profit Businesses](#) of the Blair County Chamber will hold a Best Practices Forum this Thursday, September 22nd from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The Forum, entitled, "It's Not Worth the Gamble!" will be presented by Michael Mirabella, Liquor Enforcement Officer for the Pennsylvania State Police's Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement. Mirabella will address a variety of topics, mostly dealing with how to incorporate alcohol into fundraisers without peril. He will include a power point presentation that will be made available to all who attend. The cost to attend Best Practices is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Space is limited. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.



Chamber Board of Directors Approves Four New Members

At its meeting last Thursday, the Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors approved the following new members: [The Academy, Early Education Center](#) of Altoona, [Bell Mansion](#) of Bellwood, [Levin Furniture & Mattress](#) of Altoona, and Ryan Weaver of Altoona.

Altoona Community Theatre to Host Thursday's "Business After Hours"



[Altoona Community Theatre](#), located at 1213 12th Street in Altoona will host the next Chamber "Business After Hours" this Thursday, September 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members. Non-members may attend the After Hours for \$20. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

LBC Alumni Annual Breakfast is Friday at The Casino

The [Leadership Blair County Alumni](#) Breakfast will be held on Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Lisa Hann of Family Services, Inc. will be the speaker. She will update everyone on "Homelessness in Blair County." To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Membership Committee to Have New Co-Chairs

The Membership Committee of the Blair County Chamber will have two new co-chairs. Alex Seltzer of [Manpower](#) of Altoona and Matt Muccitelli of [Park Security & Installations](#) will now co-chair the committee. Anyone interested in serving on the Membership Committee should contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151.

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Executive Roundtable to Hear Presentation on Inclusion, Diversity

The Chamber's Executive Roundtable will hear a presentation by Brad Burger of Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies concerning its efforts to implement more inclusion and diversity into the regional workforce. The Roundtable has a strong

interest in exploring as many ways as possible to create greater work- force recruitment strategies. For more information on the Executive Roundtable, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.

New YEA! Class to Attend Orientation

The Orientation for the 2023 class of the Chamber's [Young Entrepreneurs Academy](#) (YEA!) will be held on Sunday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence in Altoona. This will be the seventh YEA! class. For further information on YEA! contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151.



Nominations Being Accepted for Chamber Board Positions

Nominations to the Blair County Chamber's Board of Directors are being accepted in the Chamber Office until this Friday. Nominees must be Chamber members in good standing. Self-nomination is permitted. To nominate, email Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com and provide the nominee's name, the business he/she represents and why the nominee would be a good board member.





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... to [Juniata College](#), which was ranked as one of the best Liberal Arts colleges by U.S. News and World Report. The college ranked #41 for best value and #38 in social mobility.

Welcome



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Individual Chamber Member

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Blair County Chamber of Commerce **Committee Meetings**

Leadership Blair County Youth Committee
September 21st
3:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

BASICS Steering Committee
September 12th
2:00 p.m.
Devorris Center

Sustainable Blair County Committee
September 14th
1:30 p.m.
Devorris Center

Next Job Fair Set for October 5th

The next Job Fair, hosted by Blair County CareerLink, will be held on October 5th at Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. as local veterans will have the first opportunity to visit the more than 80 hiring employers. At 10:00, the Job Fair is open to the public. The Fair will end at 2:00 p.m. The Blair County Chamber is one of the partners on the Job Fair. For more information, contact PA CareerLink at (814) 940-6200.



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Submit Questions to Congressman Joyce

Congressman John Joyce will be the speaker at the next Chamber "Breakfast Club," set for October 13th at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The format for the event will be a Q&A with the Congressman answering questions submitted in advance from Chamber members. To submit a question, email it to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com. The Chamber's Public Policy Committee will put together the list of questions.

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