

Thursday's "Breakfast Club" to Focus on Impact of Non-Profits

Blair County's non-profits play a significant role in helping Blair County to remain viable both economically and socially. Just what that impact amounts-to will be the focus of the next Chamber "Breakfast Club" this Thursday, June 8th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Keynote speaker will be Holly Keller, Director of Development at [Garvey Manor](#), Our Lady of the Alleghenies Residence and Marian Heights at Garvey Manor, who will present, "Non-Profits: Our Essential Place in a For-Profit World." The cost to attend the Breakfast Club is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the June Breakfast Club is [Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation](#).



Fundraising is Topic of Next "Best Practices" Forum

The next Best Practices Forum, hosted by the Chamber's [Committee of Non-Profit Businesses](#), will be held this Friday, June 9th from 8:15 to 9:45 a.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The featured speaker will be Mike Lysakowski of [Skills of Central PA](#) whose presentation will be, "Fundraising in the Fast Lane." The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, contact the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com. Corporate sponsor of the June Best Practices is [Skills of Central PA](#).



Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for May

The Blair County Chamber's ability to offer quality programming and events, depends on the willingness of sponsors to help underwrite the costs associated with those efforts. All-Stars for May are: ABCD Corp., Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, Altoona Curve Baseball, Arrow Land Solutions, Berry Solutions Group, Blair Companies, Blair County Convention Center, Blair County Planning Commission, Blair Mill Outlet, CrossRoads Physical Therapy, Crystal Springs, Curry Supply Holdings, Doing Better Business, DQE Communications, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Altoona, Epic Pyrotechnics, Everest Medical Weight Loss, First National Bank of PA, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Home-town Bank of Pennsylvania, Infused Studio Space, InnerPeaceCounseling, IPI Security Services, Irwin Financial, Jersey Shore State Bank, Keller Engineers, Inc., Keystone Environmental,

Lakeview Sheds & Vinyl Products, LLC, Leonard S. Fiore, Inc., Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania, McCartney's Workplace Solutions, McQuaide Blasko Attorneys at Law, Mountain Filtration Systems, NPC, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, Park Security, PennCrest Bank, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, PHN- Altoona Community Health Center, PSECU, Reliance Bank, Right Elevator, Roaring Spring Family of Businesses, Roberts Oxygen Company, Inc., Seltzer Financial, Sheetz, Inc., Skills, Slingers Throw House, Small Tube Products, Splish Splash Car Wash, Stiffler McGraw, Stuckey Automotive, Sullivan Law Offices, LLC, The Academy, Early Education Center, The Baltimore Life Companies, The EADS Group, UPMC Healthplan, UPMC Altoona, Webber Advisors, W.R. Grace & Company, YOBCO.

Business Hall of Fame is Less Than Two Weeks Away!

The Chamber's Annual [Business Hall of Fame Luncheon](#) will be held on Thursday, June 15th beginning at 11:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The new Hall of Fame members are [Greenwood Pools & Spas](#) and [Shoe Fly Stores](#), two businesses with outstanding reputations for growth. In the Awards of Distinction, [J&O Fireplaces](#) will be honored in the Excellence in Small Business category, [Just Breathe Salt Spa & Yoga Studio](#) is the Young Emerging Business and [Operation Our Town](#) is Non-profit of the Year. To register to attend the Hall of Fame Luncheon, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Leadership Blair County to Graduate 29th Adult Class

Since 1994, the Blair County Chamber of Commerce [Leadership Blair County \(LBC\) Adult](#) program has been charged with putting the talent of individuals to work on behalf of the entire community. Graduation ceremonies will be held June 8, from 5-7 p.m., at The Casino at Lakemont Park for the 2023 Class. Members of that class are:

JENNIFER ADDISON

Ward Transport & Logistics Corp.

ALEISHA ALBERTSON

Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.

CARTER CHATWOOD

CLI Transport LP/Sheetz

JAMES CROWDER, III

FirstEnergy Corporation/Penelec

DAKOTA DAVIS

NPC, Inc.

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Altoona Blair County Development Corporation

WES ELDER

Young, Oakes, Brown & Co.

JEFF FELLINGER

Sheetz, Inc.

TAMMIE FLECK

P. Joseph Lehman Consulting Engineers

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Billie J. Friday Agency LLC

SARA HERRON

TracTru/JoJo's Boutique

HOLLY KELLER

Garvey Manor

COLTON KENSINGER

Reliance Bank

KEVIN LAIRD

S.P. McCarl & Company

SAMANTHA LONGENECKER

Stuckey Automotive

DESTINEE PFIRSCHING

Doing Better Business, Inc.

TABOR SCHILLING

Saint Francis University

BRIANA SHRIVER

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For more information on Leadership Blair County, call the Chamber at 814-943-8151 or go to www.blair-chamber.com.

Congratulations...



... to Eva Eagler, Area Director of Sales for [Plamondon Hospitality](#), has been selected by Marriott International as the TownePlace Suites 2022 Sales Leader of the Year award winner. This was out of 500 TownePlace Suites hotels. She is making a difference at Marriott by consistently delivering exceptional service to the guests. Selecting Eva as Sales Leader of the Year clearly indicates that she has a passion for service, and a desire to above and beyond for guests. She received her award at the 2023 Marriott Select Brands Conference in Anaheim California on May 8, 2023. Eva is currently the Director of Sales for the Fairfield by Marriott Altoona, the TownePlace Suites by Marriott Altoona and the Fairfield by Marriott Cumberland. Eva is a Chamber Ambassador and also serves on the Attractions/Hotel Roundtable.

Pictured in the award photo are (left to right): Leeny Oberg - Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of Development for Marriott International, David S. Marriott - Chairman of the Board for Marriott International, Eva Eagler, Anthony Capuano - President and Chief Executive Officer for Marriott International, and Mary Garris - Senior Director, Classic Select Brand Management for Marriott International.

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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 May.

Celebrating 50-59 Years

Frye's Sweeper & Sewing Center, Inc.

Celebrating 40-49 Years

Dennis L. Olewine, Contractor
Frederick Lock & Key, Inc.

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Black's Home Sales, Inc.
Copy-Rite Banner Zone
Cove Forge Behavioral Health System
DeGennaro's Used Cars & Service
E. Merrill Smith Funeral Home, Inc.
Hollidaysburg Manor Apartments
Horizon Farm Credit
Kimmen Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Link Computer Corporation
Minetech Engineers, Inc.
Ritchey Well Drilling, Inc.
The Casino at Lakemont Park
Tony D. Branda Mustang & Shelby Parts

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Allegheny Ridge Corporation
Altoona Center for Nursing Care
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Blair County Golf & Driving Range
First Stop Shop, Inc.
Penn State Extension, Blair County Office
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
The Baltimore Life Companies
Wells Fargo Advisors

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC
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Genter Enterprises, Inc. dba
Sinking Valley Lawn Care
Griffith Family Foundation
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Senior Life Altoona
Society of St. Vincent DePaul -
Altoona-Johnstown
Southern Alleghenies Service
Management Group
The Good Funeral Home, Inc.
Zach's Sports and Spirits

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Allied Mechanical & Electrical
Beauchamp Plumbing & Heating, Inc.
Blair School of Martial Arts, LLC
BrandDemon Strategy+Design
Epic Journeys, LLC
Giant Eagle, Inc.
Grane Hospice Care
Great Commission Schools
Greenland's Lodge
HealthCare First Credit Union
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Holiday Pools and Spas
Innovative Technologies, Inc.
Luther Sitework Solutions, LLC
Mountain View Eye Associates
Outsource Bookkeeping Services, Inc.
dba Liberty Tax Services
Sylvan Veterinary Hospital
The Film Center
Top Hat Chimney Sweeps
TRS Roofing, Inc.
Young Life of Central Pennsylvania

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Allegro Luxury Vacations/ Magic Family Travel
B&E Powder Solutions, Inc.
Curry Designs
Elite Office Cleaning
Juniata College
Just Breathe Salt Spa & Yoga Studio, LLC
LaJo's Italian Sausage
Lakeview Sheds & Vinyl Products LLC
Roaring Spring Paper Products
Simply Clean Carpet & Upholstery Services, LLC
Ventura Construction Services, Inc.

Missed the Informational Meeting on Chamber's Scotland/Ireland Trip?

The Chamber and [Ketrow KURTZ Travel](#) will offer a "Taste of Scotland & Ireland" from August 7-16, 2024. If you missed last week's informational meeting on that trip, you can still have information sent to you. The trip includes reserved seats for the spectacular Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Among the locations on the trip are: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dublin, Killarney and Bunratty. Call Ketrow KURTZ Travel at (814) 695-1100.

Mark Your Calendar!

Some great events are coming up at the Chamber in the next couple months. On July 25, the [Blair County Chamber Foundation](#) will hold a Mini-Golf Tournament from 1:00 to 3:00 at Lakemont Park to benefit the [Leadership Blair County Adult](#) and [Youth](#) programs. On August 12th, the Foundation will be holding a Dodgeball Tournament, also at Lakemont Park. For information or to register for either of these programs, email Brittany Mayer at bmayer@blairchamber.com.

Committee Meetings

Farm-City Committee

June 5th — 11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Young Professionals Committee

June 6th — 8:15 a.m.
Devorris Center

Healthy Workplace Committee

June 6th — 10:30 a.m.
Devorris Center

Non-profit Committee

June 7th — 11:00 a.m.
Devorris Center