



Chamber Office Closed for Independence Day

The Blair County Chamber Office will be closed on July 4th and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on July 5th. Members can access Chamber information and register for Chamber events and programs on the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com.

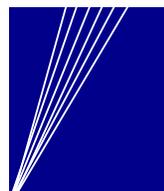


Chamber Recognizes "All-Stars" for June

The Blair County Chamber's ability to offer quality programming and advocacy efforts depends largely on the willingness of sponsors to step up to help underwrite the costs associated with those efforts. Each month we publish a list of businesses or individuals who sponsored anything Chamber-related during the month. All-Stars for June are: [1st Summit Bank](#), [Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries](#), [Altoona Blair County Development Corp.](#), [Altoona Mirror](#), [American Eagle Paper Mill](#), [Blair Companies](#), [Blair Mill Outlet](#), [Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation](#), [Courtyard by Marriott](#), [Microtel by Wyndham & Wingate by Wyndham](#), [Elite Office Cleaning](#), [Graystone's Casa Bella at the Grande Palazzo](#) a division of [Jeff S. Long Construction](#), [Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield](#), [Keller Engineers, Inc.](#), [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [M&T Bank](#), [New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.](#), [New Pig, NPC, Inc.](#), [Only Alpha Pool Products](#), [Professionals Auto Body](#), [PSECU](#), [Reliance Bank](#), [Roaring Spring Family of Businesses](#), [Seltzer Financial Strategies](#), [Sheetz, Inc.](#), [Stiffler McGraw](#), [Stuckey Automotive](#), [The Everett Railroad Company](#), [The Hancock Group, Inc.](#), [The Hite Co - A Division of Mayer Electric](#), [UDNI](#), [UPMC Altoona](#), [Value Drug Company](#), [Ward Transport & Logistics](#), [Webber Advisors](#), [Western Edge Seafood Outlet](#), [Young, Oakes, Brown & Company P.C.](#)

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

The next in a series of "Women Mean Business" workshops, this one focusing on elected officials, will be held on Tuesday, 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



WE-LEaD
Women Encouraging - Leadership,
Education, and Development

is 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](#).

Registration Opens 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.

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Chamber Confirms Trip to Greece, April 18-30, 2024

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 on July 17th 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.

Young Professionals Holding Lunch'N'Learn 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.

Nominations Are Being Accepted for Business Excellence Award

The Blair County Chamber will present its 21st [Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence](#) on October 23rd at its annual Business Excellence Dinner. Nominations for that award will be accepted until the end of the business day on August 7th. The award recog-

nizes a Blair County business leader who has made a substantial impact on the business community for an extended period of time. The event was created solely to pay tribute to just that one person. Nomination forms are available at www.blairchamber.com.

Healthy Workplace Committee



FITFACT

P is for Physical Activity

When we introduced the new "Fit Fact" feature, created by the Chamber's [Healthy Workplace Committee](#), we reminded employers that they have SPIES in their businesses. From the wellness standpoint, the "P" in SPIES stands for Physical Activity. In the business environment it's important to get up from your desk at regular intervals. Five minute walks are just as good for you as long ones. Walking breaks are also good for your mind. It can help you concentrate, increase your creativity and boost your mood. Get moving!!

We're catching up!
Enjoy this special two-month combined episode.



a recap of your Chamber at work

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Blair County's future needs a strong foundation.

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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 June.

Celebrating 60-69 Years

Union Tank Car Company

Celebrating 40-49 Years

AMED

Amtran

Lawn Doctor of Altoona

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Altoona Ophthalmology Associates

Bettwy Electric, Inc.

Blair County Oil & Supply

Burchfield Organization, Inc.

Child Advocates of Blair County, Inc.

Corle Construction

Image Signs, Inc.

Joseph A. Oricko, Architect

Mountain Research, LLC

NPC, Inc.

Rea, Rea & Lashinsky

Teeter Group

The Cashman Financial Group, Inc.

The Hancock Group, Inc.

Webber Advisors

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Altoona Curve Baseball

Bellwood-Antis School District

Carnegie Equipment, Inc.

Inco Beverage, Inc.

Lisa Mancinelli, State Farm

Insurance Agency

Makdad Industrial Supply Co., Inc.

McAleen's Plumbing, Heating & A/C, Inc.

South Hills School

of Business & Technology

W. R. Grace & Co.

Celebrating 10-19 Years

American Rescue Workers, Inc.

Balfurd, Inc.

Barr's Auto Electric, Radiator

& Air Conditioning, Inc.

Blair County Convention &

Sports Facilities Authority

Blair Gastroenterology Associates

Canary Labs

Damin Printing Company, LLC

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Discovery House Blair County

Joe Krentzman & Son, Inc.

Second Avenue Global Methodist

Church of Altoona

Smith's Welding and Fabrication

Snappy Chef Catering

Snare & Associates Mortgage

Services, LLC

Window World of Altoona

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Craig Fencing, Inc.

Hometown Bank of PA

K&D Factory Service Inc

PA Simple Cremation

Paula Binus

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Mid-Penn

The Giorgio Foundation

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Shelley Clinich

Deadluck Manufacturing

Dixon Tool & Die Co., Inc.

Frick/Ketrow Insurance Agency

Print-O-Stat



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.



PA Business Central Seeking "Signature Leaders Under 30"

[Pennsylvania Business Central](#) newspaper is planning to recognize "Signature Leaders Under 30" in its July edition and is inviting Chamber members to submit nominations to that effort. If you would like to make a nomination, click [here](#). Deadline to nominate is July 12th.

Committee Meeting

Young Professionals Task Force
July 6th • 7:30 a.m.
Tom & Joes