

## Breakfast Club to Feature U.S. Chamber Speaker

The general election on November 7th will settle a few local races and even a couple judicial races statewide. But at the federal level, not much of significance is happening. Not much yet. Once this election ends, a new election cycle begins and 2024 promises to be a whopper! To discuss the details of what all is at stake, particularly for the business community, the Blair County Chamber will welcome Kevin Courtois, Vice-President of the Great Lakes Office of the [U.S. Chamber of Commerce](#), to help sort it out. Courtois has spoken at Chamber Breakfast Clubs on two other occasions. The presentation will take place at the next

Chamber Breakfast Club on November 16th beginning 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. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at [www.blairchamber.com](http://www.blairchamber.com). Corporate sponsor of the November Breakfast Club is [L.S. Fiore, Inc.](#)



Kevin Courtois



Watch [here.](#)



## All-Stars for October Announced

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events and programs to members, we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars." The All-Stars for October are: [1st Summit Bank](#), [Altoona Blair County Development Corp.](#), [Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc.](#), [Blair Companies/American Eagle Paper Mills](#), [Blair County Conservation District](#), [Canary Labs](#), [Central PA Community Foundation](#), [Contact Altoona](#), [First National Bank of PA](#), [Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield](#), [Horizon Farm Credit](#), [Keller Engineers, Inc.](#), [Kooman & Associates, LLC](#), [Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), [New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.](#), [New Pig Corporation](#), [NPC](#), [PennStress](#), [PNC](#), [Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg](#), [PSECU](#), [Reliance Bank](#), [Roaring Spring Family of Businesses](#), [Sheetz, Inc.](#), [Spring Cove Container/Cindy & Dan Hoover](#), [Stiffler McGraw](#), [Stuckey Automotive](#), [The Everett Railroad Company](#), [The Hite Company](#), [Division of Mayer and Webber Advisors](#).

## Spend Your Holidays in London and Paris in 2024

For the first time ever, the Blair County Chamber will be offering five trips in a single year. And the fifth trip will also debut another Chamber-member travel agency. [Allegro Luxury Vacations](#), located in Altoona, will partner with the Chamber on "London and Paris Holiday" from November 30th to December 8th of 2024. Experience the holiday magic from London to Paris, crossing the channel by train. Enjoy iconic sights like Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and the Eiffel Tower. An informational meeting will be held on



November 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Devorris Center for Business Development. Call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 and we'll save you a seat!

Anywhere! Anytime!

Register for events at your convenience.

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# Thank you! 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 October.

**Celebrating 100-109 Years**  
First National Bank

**Celebrating 50-59 Years**  
First Commonwealth Bank

**Celebrating 40-49 Years**  
Bill Wertz & Sons, Inc.

**Celebrating 30-39 Years**  
Homewood Retirement Community  
Suzanne Egan, Inc.  
The Summit Tennis & Athletic Club

**Celebrating 20-29 Years**  
Allegheny Supply and  
Maintenance Co., Inc.  
Altoona Area School District  
Barton's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
CBIZ Insurance Services, Inc.  
CONTACT Altoona  
CrossRoads Physical Therapy  
& Rehabilitation, Inc.  
Lightner Electronics, Inc.  
Ritchey's Dairy, Inc.

**Celebrating 10-19 Years**  
Bestway Pizza  
CPA Associates  
DVJ Enterprises, Inc.  
dba Slinky Action Zone

George A. Schultz & Son, Inc.  
(Schultz Company)  
Grier School  
J&P Auto Mart  
Myers-Somers Funeral Home, Inc.  
Operation Our Town, Inc.  
Rizzo & Wiegering Chiropractic  
Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc.

**Celebrating 5-9 Years**  
Central States Manufacturing, Inc.  
Coach4Retirees, Inc.  
Greenbean Coffee House  
InnerPeace Counseling  
Maddie Cakes  
Mattern House, Inc.  
Rodney Green  
The Sinclair Corp DBA  
Postal Express/Cashland

**Celebrating 1-4 Years**  
Amerway, Inc.  
Greaser Consulting  
Harry's Construction Kitchen &  
Bath Design Center  
Jersey Shore State Bank  
K2 Logistics/RT&T Logistics  
RWS Associates, LLC  
Super 8 by Wyndham

## Still Some Vacancies on Classical Greece Trip

The Blair County Chamber's upcoming trip to Classical Greece (April 18-30, 2024) still has a few vacancies but those are expected to close quickly over the next two months, according to Cynthia Watters of [Epic Journeys](#). "It's a fabulous trip at a great price," Watters admitted. "I'm really surprised that it hasn't closed already." The highlights of the trip include visits to Athens, Olympia, Delphi and Meteora. There is also a three-night cruise with



stops in Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Patmos and Ephesus. For further information, contact Epic Journeys at (814) 266-5070.



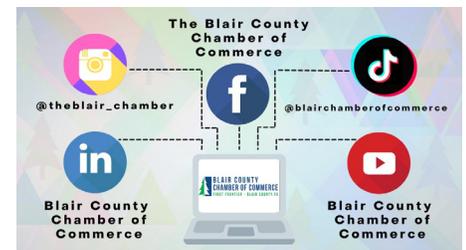
## New Technology Committee Seeking Members

What started as a Data Security Roundtable has morphed into a full-scale Technology Committee that will deal with all aspects of technology as they relate to business. Interested in joining? All Chamber members are eligible. Simply call Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at [jhurd@blairchamber.com](mailto:jhurd@blairchamber.com).

## Congratulations...

... to [Gardners Candies](#) in Tyrone which has recently begun construction on a new 20,000 square foot building on-site at the factory. The company has been experiencing growth, prompting the need for additional space.

Check out the new  
"Bouncing  
Around Blair"



## Committee Meetings

**Young Entrepreneurs Academy  
(YEA!) Committee**  
November 6th - 10:30 a.m.  
Devorris Center

**BASICS Steering Committee**  
November 6th - 3:00 p.m.  
Devorris Center

**Young Professionals Committee**  
November 7th - 8:15 a.m.  
Devorris Center

**Chamber Finance Committee**  
November 7th - 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom

**Healthy Workplace Committee**  
November 7th - 3:00 p.m.  
Devorris Center