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Burger to Speak at Thursday's Breakfast Club on Regional Workforce

Workforce issues continue to challenge local businesses and one of the most pressing issues is the declining population of not only our county but our region as well. How do we move forward and how much will AI impact what we need to do? To discuss possible ways to move forward, Bradley Burger, President/CEO of [Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies](#) will be the speaker at the next Chamber Breakfast Club, held this Thursday, January 11th at 7:45 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Burger's presentation, entitled "Building a Prosperity Ecosystem," will be one that you won't want to miss. The cost to attend 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.



Bradley Burger



All-Stars for December 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 December are: [Levity Brewing Co.](#), [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#), [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#) and [Servello Family Studios](#).

Alliance Annual Meeting to Feature Noted Author, Speaker

The first-ever Annual Meeting of the Alliance for Business Growth and Economic Development will be held on Friday, January 26th from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Blair County Convention Center. The highlight of the event will be a presentation by Winona Dimeo-Ediger, a nationally recognized consultant in operationalizing talent attraction for communities like Blair County. The meeting will also provide a look-back at the accomplishments

of 2023 and the gameplan for making 2024 the start of something great. The cost to attend the Alliance Annual Meeting is \$30 for Chamber members and non-members. To register, go to www.blairchamber.com or call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151.



Winona Dimeo-Ediger

WE-LEaD to Hold Networking Event at Dazzling Realty

The Chamber's WE-LEaD Committee will hold its first event of 2024 – a networking opportunity on January 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Dazzling Realty, LLC, located at 521 North 4th Avenue in Altoona. That building is the new home to Mama Randazzo's Cater-

ing and Behe Brothers Brewing. The cost to attend this event is \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or online at www.blairchamber.com. The corporate sponsor for this event is [Blair Companies](#).



Leadership Class to Have Session on Diversity/ Poverty/Disability

The Leadership Blair County Adult Class will have its fourth session on January 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hampton Inn Altoona. The session will focus on Diversity/Poverty/Disability. For more information on Leadership Blair County, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or visit www.blairchamber.com.

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 December.

Celebrating 90-99 Years

Mauk & Yates Funeral Home, Inc.

Celebrating 80-89 Years

Penn State Altoona

Celebrating 60-69 Years

Leonard S. Fiore, Inc.

Clyde E. Yon & Associates, Inc.

Warren A. Gingrich Agency, Inc.

Celebrating 50-59 Years

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.

Sheetz, Inc.

Stuckey Automotive -

Stuckey Ford & Stuckey Subaru

Martin Oil Company

Celebrating 40-49 Years

Blair Companies - Signs, Fixtures, Real Estate

MacDermid Alpha Electronic Solutions

Newborn Enterprises, Inc.

Stifel

Saleme Insurance Services, Inc.

UPMC Home Healthcare of

Central Pennsylvania

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.

Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc.

Saint Francis University -

Small Business Development Center

Professionals Auto Body Shop

Dembert & Hoyne, CPA

Swan's Trophies Plus

Altoona-Blair County Development Corp.

DelGrosso Foods, Inc.

Gardners Candies, Inc.

Imler's Poultry

RE/MAX Results Realty Group

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Allegheny Trucks, Inc.

Altoona Housing Authority

Keller Engineers, Inc.

NAPA Auto Parts, Altoona Distribution Center

Stultz Real Estate

Juniata Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America

Mill Hill Farm Supply, Inc.

Tyrone Area School District

PNC Bank, NA

Station Medical Center

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Blair Roofing, Inc.

Glass Mender Mirror & Plate Div., Inc.

The New Specilty Lift Truck, Inc.

Tom & Joe's Restaurant

Altoona Chapter of AMBUCS

DBD Staffing

Traficante Family Chiropractic

Peterson Accounting Group, P.C.

Adler's Landscape Nursery, Inc.

Lang Real Estate and Tax Service

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Weber Murphy Fox, Inc.

Thrivent Financial (Hollidaysburg)

Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund

Five Star Mitsubishi Altoona

Five Star Powersports

Aerotek

Gerald and Linda Smith

Cornerstone of Claysburg

Pinnacle Professional Cleaning Services

Debbie Eckenrode, Cornerstone Agency Services

State Senator Judy Ward

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Packaging Services Industries

Ketrow KURTZ Travel

Central PA Digital Learning Foundation

Double Tap Gun Range

SCG Hobby

The Altoona Salvation Army Worship Center

From the Heart

Synthex Organics

Care Compass

Shields Trophy & Engraving, LLC

Firehouse Subs

Hollidaysburg American Legion

Ambulance Service Inc.

The Learning Community of Pennsylvania

High Flow Funding IIc

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Getting Involved in Chamber Committees Has Never Made More Sense

The creation of the Alliance for Business Growth and Economic Development will initially change a few things along the way but for 2024, very little will change on the Chamber side. Including the important work undertaken by the Chamber committees. If you're unfamiliar with the committees and what they do, take a few minutes to visit the Chamber Website at www.blairchamber.com. The committees are listed and described there. If you find something that appeals to you, call Joe Hurd at the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



Committee Meetings

Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!)

Committee

January 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Devorris Center

BASICS Steering Committee

January 8th, 2:00 p.m.

Devorris Center

Home Garden Healthy Living Showcase Committee

January 9th, 8:30 a.m.

Devorris Center

Career Fair Ad Hoc Committee

January 9th, 1:30 p.m.

Zoom

Sustainable Blair County Committee

January 10th, 1:30 p.m.

Devorris Center

Golf Committee

January 10th, 3:00 p.m.

Chamber Office

Congratulations!

... to Joe Sheetz, Chairman of the [Sheetz](#) Board of Directors, who was recently named to the Convenience Store News Hall of Fame. Joe is the third member of the Sheetz family to be inducted into this Hall of Fame.

... to [PSECU](#), which has been recognized by the Central PA Chapter of the American Red Cross as a "valued partner" for their work to provide meaningful and ongoing support to the ARC.