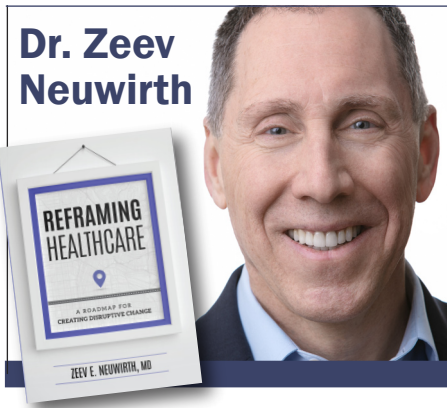


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Author to sign books at October Breakfast Club

The October Breakfast Club will be on Thursday, October 10th. The Chamber is excited to have [Dr. Zeev Neuwirth](#) coming to speak. He is a Healthcare Executive, Author and Podcast Host. In his presentation, "Humanizing Healthcare & Restoring The American Dream", Dr. Neuwirth will discuss the challenges in our healthcare system and describe how [Gloria Gates CARE](#) presents a sustainable, equitable and scalable solution for American healthcare. Dr. Neuwirth will be giving attendees a copy of his book, "Reframing Healthcare: A Roadmap for Creating Disruptive Change". He will be signing the book for those who would like a personalized copy. Dr. Neuwirth says his goal is to reorient the way individuals and organizations think about healthcare. The sponsor for the October Breakfast Club is [Kish Benefits Consulting](#). It will be held at The Casino at Lakemont Park. Doors open at 7:45am with the presentation starting at 8am. [Online registration](#) is encouraged. The cost is \$20 for Chamber Members and \$30 for non-members.



News from PA Chamber of Business and Industry

Out-of-state physicians to gain more opportunities to practice in Pennsylvania

To help ease the health care worker shortage, the Shapiro Administration is allowing out-of-state physicians increased opportunities to practice in Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt recently announced that physicians with licenses issued by 40 other states and territories participating in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) who obtain a corresponding "letter of qualification" will be permitted to apply to the Penn-



sylvania state boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine for expedited licensure to practice. Administered by the Interstate Medical Licensure Commission, the IMLC is an agreement to streamline and expedite the licensing process for physicians.

An advertisement for Fly Altoona! featuring a Contour airplane in flight. The text includes: "Fly Altoona! Starting October 1st, fly nonstop from Altoona, PA to Charlotte, NC." followed by a list of benefits: "Free Parking", "Fast check-in", "Short TSA lines", and "On-site rental cars with AVIS". It also mentions "Plus, connect worldwide with our Interline Partner, American Airlines" and "Book now at www.FlyAltoona.com".



New Email for Chamber Accounting

There is a new email available to Chamber members for all questions related to billing, payments, and other financial matters. If you have any questions concerning an invoice you receive, or if you need a refund, or you simply have a question related to your finances with the Chamber you can email accounting at billing@blairchamber.com. We hope providing the email streamlines the process making it easier for you to get a response quickly.

Business Excellence Pays Tribute to Business Leaders

For over two decades the Blair County Chamber of Commerce has recognized a business leader in the community with the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Blair County Chamber is proud to announce that Joe Hurd will be the 2024 recipient of the Blair County Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence. After 27 years with the Blair County Chamber of Commerce Hurd retired on August 30. He will be honored at the Business Excellence Dinner to be held on Monday, October 7th at the Blair County Convention Center. Hurd joins a long list of respected award recipients. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a business leader in the re-

gion who has positively impacted the Blair County business community for an extended period of time. A number of the past recipients are expected to be in attendance at the event. Doors open at 5:30pm for the VIP Reception. A sit-down dinner will be served at 7pm and the program begins at 7:45pm. Cost is \$95 for the VIP reception and dinner, and \$65 for the dinner only. Reservations are required. Please call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 to make a reservation.



Ribbon Cutting



Altoona Public Library

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the new Tool Lending Library program at the Altoona Public Library located at 1600 5th Avenue. The Tool Lending Library offers a variety of items, from basic hand tools to more specialized equipment such as power drills, sewing machine, pressure washer, and gardening tools, all free of charge to Blair County residents ages 18 years and older. For more information go to altoonalibrary.org. Pictured at the ribbon from left: Jessica Sheets, Chamber Ambassador; Megan Rossman, Membership Engagement Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Maria Strohm, The Office of State Representative Lou Schmitt; Amanda Walker, The Office of State Senator Judy Ward; Matt Pacifico, Mayor, City of Altoona; Jennifer Knisely, Executive Director; Tom Seasoltz, Board Treasurer; Lauren Jacobson, Board Vice President; Pat Fanelli, Board President; and Carol Stern, Chamber Ambassador.

Mark Your Calendar!



Chamber Meetings...

Public Policy

October 3
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Chamber Ambassadors

October 8
8:00 a.m.
Devorris Center

Experiences & Lodging Roundtable

October 9
8:15 a.m.
Curry Innovation Building

Attention: New Date!



Scandinavian Trip
Planning Meeting with
Ketrow KURTZ Travel
October 17th at 6:00 p.m.



Ribbon Cutting



The Caring Healthcare Network

The Blair County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating The Caring Healthcare Network, located at 100 Chestnut Avenue, Altoona. The Caring Healthcare Network has grown into a multi-specialty clinic that provides comprehensive healthcare services including Mental Behavioral Health, Primary Care, Interventional Pain Management, and Women's Health. For more information go to caringhealthcarenetwork.com. Pictured at the ribbon from left: Sherri Stayer, Chamber Ambassador; Amanda Walker, The Office of State Senator Judy Ward; Nicole Baney, Nurse Practitioner; Erika Rose, Office Manager; Adam Paronish, Nurse Practitioner; Arian Savoy, Medical Assistant; Tammy Younkin, HR Manager; Tricia Hollabaugh, Front Desk Lead; Megan Rossman, Membership Engagement Manager, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; and Greg Haffling, Chamber Ambassador.

Host Locations Needed for Career Shadowing Week

The Blair BASICS Career Shadowing Program is looking for business leaders to help be the bridge that connects over 400 eager 11th graders to their future careers... but we can't do it without YOU!!! Our committee needs volunteers to help place students at local companies and to also identify host organizations to help this year's students. Imagine the impact you can have by volunteering just a little bit of your time. You'll pair students with local businesses, giving them a one-day, hands-on experience in a field they're passionate about. Ready to make a lasting impact? Visit blairalliance.org/shadowing for more infor-



mation or reach out to the current committee chair, Jamie Stumph at jamie.stumph@theadvantages.com. Let's work together to create a brighter future for our community—one student at a time.

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Congratulations...

...to [Penn Highlands Community College](#) for being designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense through the 2029 academic year. The designation acknowledges that all cybersecurity and related programs align with the nationwide educational standards established by the National Security Agency. It is one of only three community colleges in the state to receive recognition.

...to [Juniata College](#) for being named one of the nation's best colleges for undergraduates by the Princeton Review. The college was chosen based on data from surveys of 2,000 college administrators about their institutions' academic offerings. Juniata was recognized for allowing students to design their own educational plan or select fields of study.