

### **Apply now to join the Ambassadors**

By Sherri Stayer, chair, Chamber Ambassadors

Chamber Ambassadors are the heart of the Blair County Chamber. Ambassadors may be seen attending ribbon cutting events, talking up the Chamber to potential new members, answering questions, or sharing benefits information with potential or current members, or simply being the friendly, smiling face greeting the business community.



Becoming a Chamber Ambassa-

dor is also a fantastic way to expose your business to the business community. If you have always wondered what being a Chamber Ambassador would be like or if you have always considered being a part of this vital committee, now is the time to apply.

To become a member of the 2026 Chamber Ambassador committee, or to inquire about the application process, please contact Jessie Covert at jcovert@blairchamber.com and secure your Application today and Apply before time runs out on December 31st.

### **Good vibes and great connections**

There's a reason Chamber After Hours events are a favorite among members—they're equal parts networking and fun. These casual, come-as-you-are events offer the perfect setting to meet new people, hang out with friends, and discover opportunities you didn't even know you were looking for.

The next After Hours on December 10, will be the perfect addition to your holiday plans. Your host, Levity Brewing Company, 1411 Eleventh Avenue, Altoona, will be opening their doors from 5-7 p.m. for an evening filled with good times and meaningful connections.

"Attending Chamber After Hours events provides a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy great food and beverages, all while networking



outside your usual work environment. I recommend that everyone come have some fun at After Hours!," said Sherri Stayer of Lung Disease Foundation of Central PA.

This is going to be a fun night for only \$10 per person for Chamber Members and \$20 for non-members. Click here to make your reservations.

# November All-Stars

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 November are:

Allied Milk Producers' Cooperative, Inc., Altoona First Savings Bank, Altoona-Blair County Airport, Blair County Conservation District, Clemens Food Group, Evey Black Attorneys, LLC, First National Bank, Graystone Court, Hometown Bank, Imler's Poultry, Inc., Keller Engineers, Inc., Keystone Environmental, LCBC Church, Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania, Martin Oil Company, McQuaide Blasko, Inc., Mid Penn Bank, Reliance Bank, Ritchey's Dairy, Rural King, Sheetz, Inc., State Senator Judy Ward, Stifel, Stuckey Automotive, Sullivan Law Offices LLC, Webber Advisors, West Central Equipment, and Your Building Center.



December 17

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Altoona Public Library

Explore immediate job openings.

## LBC explores local government

The Leadership Blair County Adult Class recently participated in another impactful session, this time focusing on local government. Throughout the day, participants engaged in spirited debates on topics related to municipal, school board, and county issues gaining a deeper understanding of how local decisions are made and the complexities involved in public service.

In preparation for the session, class members reached out to local officials and community resources to gather valuable insight and firsthand knowledge. The class also heard directly from a panel of local government leaders, including County Commissioner Dave Kessling, Altoona Area School Board Member Dave Francis, and Mayor Eric Fritz of the Duncansville Borough who provided an inside look



at their roles and responsibilities in serving Blair County.

Looking ahead, the group's December session will shine a light on Human Services organizations. They will explore the many resources available throughout Blair County, learning more about the populations these agencies serve and how residents can access vital services within our community.

### 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 November.

#### **Celebrating 90-99 Years**

Mauk & Yates Funeral Home, Inc.

Celebrating 80-89 Years

Penn State Altoona

Celebrating 60-69 Years

Warren A. Gingrich Agency, Inc.

#### Celebrating 50-59 Years

Coldwell Banker Town & Country Real Estate New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. Sheetz, Inc. Stuckey Automotive -Stuckey Ford & Stuckey

#### Celebrating 40-49 Years

Subaru

Saleme Insurance Services, Inc. Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc.

#### **Celebrating 30-39 Years**

Altoona Housing Authority DelGrosso Foods, Inc. Dembert & Hoyne, CPA Gardners Candies, Inc. Imler's Poultry Keller Engineers, Inc.

#### Celebrating 20-29 Years

Glass Mender Mirror & Plate Div., Inc. Station Medical Center The New Specialty Lift Truck, Inc. Tyrone Area School District

#### Celebrating 10-19 Years

Adler's Landscape Nursery, Inc. **Bob Perks Cancer** Assistance Fund **DBD** Staffing Peterson Accounting Group, P.C.

Tom & Joe's Restaurant **Traficante Family** Chiropractic

#### Celebrating 5-9 Years

Aerotek Central PA Digital Learning Foundation Double Tap Gun Range Ketrow KURTZ Travel Pinnacle Professional Cleaning Services State Senator Judy Ward

#### Celebrating 1-4 Years

Borough of Hollidaysburg Care Compass Frankstown Township NAMI Blair County PA Revive Infusion & Injection Services Stuckey Automotive **Buick GMC** The Challenge Program The Learning Community of Pennsylvania

### **Congratulations!**

...to Colonial Courtyard at Tyrone for earning IntegraCare's Silver Level Award for its prompt handling of residents' call bell requests during the third quarter of 2025. Colonial Courtyard Tyrone's team responded in person to each call in an average of 2 minutes, 36 seconds to attain Silver Level status for a fifth consecutive quarter.

...to The EADS Group for being recognized by Engineering News-Record (ENR) as one of the Top 500 Design Firms in the United States for 2025. EADS has consistently ranked in the top 500 since 1987.





Young Professionals will be collecting toys for Family Services Santa Project

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