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Gala to recognize outstanding businesses and individuals

The stars will be shining at the Chamber's Gala & Annual Celebration, April 28, at the Blair County Convention Center. This special evening is dedicated to honoring the remarkable individuals and businesses that set the standard for excellence throughout our region.



Each year, the Blair County Chamber presents a full slate of prestigious awards to individuals and businesses whose leadership, innovation, and service make a lasting impact across Blair County. The program will also feature a special overview celebrating the continued progress of both the Chamber and ABCD Corporation. Guests will enjoy an elegant evening complete with banquet stations, a memorable awards presentation, and live musical entertainment by The Big Band Sound. With a red-carpet welcome and the perfect excuse to break out your sparkle, this signature event is a tribute to the people and organizations that make our community extraordinary.

The Chamber is proud to announce the 2026 award recipients:

- ATHENA** - Sister Paula DelGrosso;
- Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership** - Travis Seymore
- George** - Heather Thomas
- Joseph P. Rosenhamer Chamber Spirit** - Toni White
- Judith A. Rossi Educator of the Year** - Dr. Randy Frye
- Non-Profit Spotlight** - Easter for Eli
- The Chamber Extra Mile** - Briana Shriver
- Small Business of the Year** - Berry Solutions Group
- Business of the Year** - Primary Health Network

Join us for a night of recognition, inspiration, and well-deserved applause. Make your reservations at blairchamber.com.

How to be your best at a job fair

Do you feel like just another number when you attend a job fair? Do you struggle with how to stand out in the crowd? Learn what employers look for and how to highlight your strengths with tips offered through a PA CareerLink Blair County workshop. You can join in-person or virtually through Microsoft Teams. Choose a workshop that works best for your schedule: March 10, 17, and 24, from 11 a.m. to



12 p.m. To reserve your spot you can register online at pacareerlink.pa.gov or call the office at 814-940-6201. Whether you're a first-time attendee or a seasoned job seeker, this workshop will give you the tools to get noticed.

Operation Our Town to present awards

Operation Our Town will once again partner with the Chamber at a special Breakfast Club on March 12, brought to you



by series sponsor [Altoona-Blair County Airport](#) and [Contour Airlines](#). Among the presentations that morning will be District Attorney Peter Weeks who will provide an update on current drug trends as well as an overview on the many accomplishments of Operation Our Town. The Community Partnership Award will be presented to Donna Gority for her dedication to our community. There will also be a presentation of the 2026 Law Enforcement Awards. Breakfast Club begins at 7:45 a.m. at the Blair County Convention Center. Speaker sponsor is [Value Drug](#). Click [here](#) to register.



February All-Stars

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars."

The All-Stars for February are:

- [Altoona-Blair County Airport/ Contour Air](#)
- [Lung Disease Center of Central Pennsylvania](#)
- [UDNI](#)
- [Wells Fargo](#)

Smart. Strong. Safe

A women's self-defense workshop

A quick Google search on the number of physical assaults on women reveals sobering statistics. It also serves as a powerful reminder of why preparation can sometimes make the difference in survival.

The Chamber's WE-LEaD (Women Encouraging Leadership, Education, and Development) committee has planned a hands-on women's self-defense workshop, sponsored by [Keller Engineers](#), on March 24, from 5 - 7 p.m., at Blair School of Martial Arts, located at 114 Hollidaysburg Plaza, Duncansville.

The workshop will be led by Sa Bom Nim Chelsi Tedeschi, owner of [Blair School of Martial Arts](#).

"Attendees can expect a welcoming, supportive workshop with awareness tips, simple self-defense techniques, partner drills, and guidance to help participants leave feeling confident and prepared with basic self-defense skills,"



Sa Bom Nim Chelsi Tedeschi

Tedeschi said.

The workshop is beginner friendly with movements and defense techniques for people of all ages, fitness, and strength levels.

Cost to attend the workshop is \$35 for Chamber Members and \$45 for non-members. For easy registration, click [here](#).

Don't miss this After Hours!

Take a well-deserved break from the workday to unwind, relax, and connect with fellow members and friends at the next Chamber After Hours on Tuesday, March 10, from 5 - 7 p.m., at the [Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art](#) located at 1210 Eleventh Ave., downtown Altoona. Conversation and creativity will come together as your \$5 admission includes access to an evening of art, food, doorprizes, and fun. Click [here](#) to register.

Welcome new members!

The Chamber would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who share our vision of building a strong business community:

[Penny Properties](#)

[Swift Kennedy & Associates](#)

[The Last Juicebox Project](#)

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 February.

Celebrating 50-59 Years

Bovard Heating and Cooling -
A Division of Goodco
Mechanical

Celebrating 40-49 Years

ARC Federal Credit Union
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Improved Dwellings for Altoona

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Blair Senior Services, Inc.
Fine Line Cabinets, Inc.
HH Brown Shoe Co., Inc.
Hollidaysburg Area
School District
Mosebach Electric

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Adams Electric
Al's Tavern, Inc.
Bettwy Systems, Inc.

Blair County

Blair Regional YMCA
Complete Insurance Services
HealthFirst
Neil Port & Associates, LLC
Ravine, Inc.
Reclamere, Inc.
Stephen C. Pramuk, CPA, PC

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Altoona Honda
Budget Blinds of Altoona
DelGrosso's Amusement Park
DiAndrea Media, Inc.
J.C. Orr & Son
Serviam Construction, LLC

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Bartlett Tree Experts
Billie J. Friday Agency
Cheryl Johnson
Clearfield Wholesale Paper

GFT

Lung Disease Center of
Central Pennsylvania, LLC
Lung Disease Foundation
of Central Pennsylvania
Old Carolina Barbecue
Company
Sleep Disorder Network

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Antis Township
Ecotopian EarthCare Co-op
Edward Jones investments -
John Biesinger
Healthy Community Living
Mountain Filtration Systems, Inc
Rail City Realty
Rural King
State Representative
Scott Barger
Sullivan Law Offices LLC
U.S. Representative John Joyce

Congratulations!

...to [Kish Bank](#) for its 2025 Kish for the Cure campaign that raised, through employee-led fundraising, a record-breaking grand total of over \$103,000 in support of local cancer-related non-profits.

...to Randy Green, president of [McCartney's Workplace Solutions](#), upon being named to the PA Business Central Top 100 list, as well as being honored as the recipient of the Rotary Club of Altoona Paul Harris Fellow Award.

SAVE the DATE

UPMC Altoona & UPMC Health Plan
Chamber Golf Classic

May 14

Iron Masters Country Club

Registration/Breakfast - 8 a.m.

Shotgun start - 9 a.m.

Lunch following the tournament

Register [HERE!](#)