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Servant Leaders in action:
LBC Alumni presents campaign donations



On September 25th, the Leadership Blair County Alumni held their annual breakfast where servant leaders, representing decades of Leadership Blair County classes, gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the Alumni as well as to hear a keynote presentation by Senator Judy Ward.

"This year's servant leadership efforts were amazing and included five WeCare Grant awards and the highest number of Leadership Blair County scholarships ever granted. The excitement of the morning culminated in the presentation of the Gifts of Hope donations to Easter for Eli," said Sherri Stayer, Class of 2012 and member of the LBC Advisory Group and LBC Alumni Committee.

The Alumni chose Easter for Eli's Christmas Stocking program as this year's Gifts of Hope project recipient with the donation of hundreds of items to be stuffed into stockings to be gifted to hospitalized children over the holidays. The items were presented to representatives from the Easter for Eli organization, in addition to a check for $1,000 which will be used to purchase additional stocking items.

All graduates of Leadership Blair County are encouraged to join the LBC Alumni. For more information contact Matt Fox at mattF@abcdcorp.org.

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ONE OPEN AT A TIME

September 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 September are:

Altoona First Savings Bank
Benzel's Bretzel Bakery
Blair Companies/American Eagle Paper Mill
Care Compass
Contact Altoona
DiAndrea Media
FNB
Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Imler's Poultry
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Shirley's Cookie Company
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Green Drinks: Connecting around sustainability

The Chamber's Sustainability Committee is excited to host a Green Drinks Get-Together on October 15 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Sugar Run Brewing Company, 511 Municipal Drive, Duncansville.

This informal gathering is an opportunity to connect with others who are interested in sustainability and share ideas, resources, experiences, and conversations in a relaxed environment. Sustainability can mean many different things to different people, and that's exactly what makes this conversation so valuable. Whether you work in a sustainability-related field, are involved in sustainable initiatives, or are simply passionate about our environment and finding ways to make a positive impact, we'd love for you to join us.

Committee members will be there to make introductions and help get conversations started, but from there, the dialogue will happen organically. Our goal is to create a welcoming space where people can meet others who share their interests, exchange ideas and resources, and build genuine connections.



No registration is required, and everyone is welcome! Feel free to invite coworkers, friends, or others who may be interested in being part of the conversation.

Come grab a drink, meet new people, and help us grow the sustainability conversation in our community.

We hope to see you there!

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 September.

Celebrating 60-69 Years
First Commonwealth Bank

Celebrating 50-59 Years
Mount Aloysius College

Celebrating 40-49 Years
Domestic Plumbing & Heating

Celebrating 30-39 Years
Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc.
Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies
Moore Power Sales, Affiliate of Sandler Training
Railroaders Memorial Museum & World Famous Horseshoe Curve
WE 3 M's Horell Cleaning

Celebrating 20-29 Years
Altoona-Blair County Airport
B & B Mobile Power Cleaning & Restoration System
Gordon's Therapeutic Massage
Graystone Court
Jeff S. Long Construction
Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services
Shirley's Cookie Company, Inc.
The Blairmont Club

Celebrating 10-19 Years
Epic Pyrotechnics, LLC
Figure 8 Communications, Inc.
Fort Roberdeau Foundation
Garvey Manor Nursing Home
Notary & Copy Stop, Inc.
Roaring Spring Community Library
The Nehemiah Project
The Salon Professional Academy

Celebrating 5-9 Years
Aircon Engineering Inc.
DQE Communications
Dreams Go On
PHN-Altoona Behavioral Health
Toni White Insurance Services

Celebrating 1-4 Years
Comcast Business
Ember Aesthetics
Fisher's Party Central
Forno Alto LLC
Innovative Manufacturers Center (IMC)
Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Company
UMF Medical
UPMC Western Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies

Congratulations

...to Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak which has been ranked in the 2026 Inc. 5000 list which is compiled of the fastest-growing private companies in America. The ranking recognizes companies that have achieved remarkable growth while driving innovations, creating jobs, and shaping the future economy.



Nomination deadline approaching

You can still submit nominations for the Agricultural Community Excellence (ACE) Award, however, the deadline is October 9. This honor celebrates the driving forces behind Blair County's agricultural community. Nominations can include farm families, individuals, agribusinesses, and nonprofit organizations. The ACE Award will be presented at the Farm-City Dinner on Nov. 10 at Morrisons Cove Memorial Park in Martinsburg. Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Chamber's website by clicking here.

A great night is on the menu at After Hours

Ditch your evening cooking plans. Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg is hosting an After Hours on Oct.14. The food and hospitality at Presbyterian is legendary so be sure to stop by from 5-7 p.m. and enjoy catching up with friends and maybe win a doorprize. Use the Inglenook Building entrance at 201 Jackson Street. Cost is only $5 per person. Don't miss out. Register HERE.