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STOCKINGS FOR SOLDIERS UNDERWAY



Stockings for the Veterans & Family Memorial Care's Christmas Stockings for Soldiers initiative can be picked up through Friday, November 20 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion. Interested persons will receive a list of recommended items for soldiers along with a free stocking.

The funeral home will ship the filled stockings to troops abroad in time for Christmas.

"Sending our heroes some good tidings and holiday cheer is a great way for us to show our support and appreciation for the sacrifices they make to keep our country safe and secure," said owner Rollie Burns.

The funeral home is also an official drop off center for Cell Phones for Soldiers. People can donate their old cellphones to help troops call home this holiday season. The old cell phones will be recycled and turned into calling cards. VFMC providers nationwide have collected enough old cellphones to provide troops overseas with over five million free calling minutes.

Stockings can be picked up and cellphones can be dropped off from 8am to 7pm, Monday through Sunday at 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Customer Appreciation Day

Start off the holiday shopping season with Customer Appreciation Day on Monday, November 23, 2015. Various businesses in Clarion will be offering special sales and promotions for their customers throughout the day. Many of these sales will be "one-day-only," so you do not want to miss this opportunity to score great deals at your favorite local businesses! For a complete listing of participating businesses and promotions, visit www.clarionpa.com under Events or pick up the 2015 holiday brochure at the Clarion Area Chamber, 650 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214.

American Express Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 28, 2015, promises to be a day filled with fun and excitement as the Clarion community celebrates the American Express Small Business Saturday.

"Shop Small" this holiday season by supporting your local businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday! Customers will find great deals and special promotions at various Clarion area businesses. Stop by the Clarion Area Chamber office on Main Street between 11 am and 2 pm for free coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and candy.

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, November 18

Chamber Mixer @
Shaffer Evergreen Rentals



Friday, November 20

Senior Fall Event
Dean Martin Day! @
Zion Church



Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving



Saturday, November 28

American Express
"Small Business Saturday"



Saturday, November 28

Christmas Parade & Party
Downtown Clarion



Thursday, December 3

Chamber Mixer @
Park Inn by Radisson



Friday, December 11

Chamber Open House



Saturday, December 12

Breakfast or Lunch
With Santa @
Park Inn by Radisson



Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve
Chamber Office will be
closing at 12 Noon



Friday, December 25

Christmas
Chamber Office will be
closed for the day

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We ask that you please support them as they continue to support our community



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Christmas Parade

Line up for the parade will begin at 12 pm at the Immaculate Conception Church & School parking lot with the parade stepping off at 1 pm. The parade will head down Main Street, ending at 5th Avenue. All parade entries are welcome. The categories of entries include marching bands, musical/instrumental groups, color guard, novelty/specialty groups, drill teams, non-profit service organization or groups, equestrian and/or animal groups, Scout troops, floats, VIP's, dignitaries, celebrities and gymnastic groups. Registration is free. To register an entry for the parade or for more information, please go to www.clarionpa.com under Events or contact the Clarion Area Chamber at 814-226-9161.

Christmas Party

After the parade, make your way to S & T Bank located at 410 Main Street for the annual Christmas Party from 1:30 pm to 3 pm. Don't miss your chance for a photo with Santa Claus as well as games, activities, and refreshments for you and your family to enjoy! Children will also receive free stockings from Santa, filled with items compliments of the Clarion Area Chamber of the Business & Industry and the Clarion Area Business Community. Photos with Santa are being provided by Sonya Porter Photography.

Toy, Clothing & Food Drive

A community toy drive will also be held throughout the day. Donations of new or lightly-used toys and clothing as well as non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Clarion Area Chamber office located on Main Street. All donations benefit Clarion area families through Pennies from Heaven and Community Action.

Free Parking

Free Parking will be available for Clarion shoppers on November 23, 27, and November 30 through December 1-26; and don't forget to drop off your letters to Santa in the big mailbox located at the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry office, 650 Main Street!

For more information on these great holiday events, contact the Clarion Area Chamber office at 814-226-9161 or email info@clarionpa.com.

Love Our Locals - Shop Early, Shop Often, Shop CLARION!

Clarion Chamber's Mission Statement

The Chamber and its mission...

Your Chamber of Business & Industry is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and to improve the quality of life in our community.

Citizen(s) Continued

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| 1985 | Joanne Vavrek |
| 1986 | Don L. Stroup |
| 1987 | Lorraine Smith |
| 1988 | Donald & Bernadette Crooks |
| 1989 | Ronald A. Seidle |
| 1990 | Dr. Joseph Grunenwald |
| 1991 | Robert Bubb |
| 1992 | George W. Wolf, Jr. |
| 1993 | Ronald Perry |
| 1994 | Edward L. Weidner |
| 1995 | H. Ray Pope |
| 1996 | Inez Ward Edwards |
| 1997 | William McKissick |
| 1998 | William Phero |
| 1999 | Renee Vowinckel |
| 2000 | Don Lewis |
| 2001 | Don Montgomery |
| 2002 | John Altadonna |
| 2003 | Dr. John Johnston |
| 2004 | Dr. Robert Luderer |
| 2005 | Carol Lapinto |
| 2006 | Mary Lenhart |
| 2007 | John Morris |
| 2008 | Eric Funk |
| 2009 | Betty McKisson |
| 2010 | Rick Tote |
| 2011 | David Cox |
| 2012 | Wayne & Barbara Wright |
| 2013 | Not awarded |
| 2014 | John R. Stroup |

2016 Autumn Leaf Festival sponsored by the U.S. Army "Theme Contest" is Underway

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry (CACBI) is currently accepting submissions for the 2016 Autumn Leaf Festival™ sponsored by the U.S. Army Theme Contest.

Theme submissions are judged by their usability. The criteria are as follows: appropriate for media, catchy wording, appealing and marketable on merchandise and printed advertisements.

The theme winner receives a \$50 gift certificate, two tickets to the Scholarship Program, Two (2) ALF™ tumblers and a sweatshirt. The winner also receives invitations to the VIP Brunch, Sponsor Mixer Reception and to ride in the Clarion Hospital "Tournament of Leaves" Parade. In addition, the winner is invited to the Annual Awards Dinner.

The creator of the winning theme will be notified as soon as a decision is reached by the panel of judges. The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry Board of Directors will be judging the theme. All decisions made by the judges are final.

Anyone living, working or attending school in Clarion County can submit theme ideas. **All submissions must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 7, 2015.** This deadline is firm and will not change.

All entries become the sole property of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry. When entering a theme, the name, address and phone number of the creator should be included with the entry. You may mail or hand deliver your submission to the CACBI office:

Autumn Leaf Festival™ sponsored by the U.S. Army; Attn: Theme Committee, 650 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214.

To email your entry, or for more information, contact the Clarion Chamber at (814) 226-9161.

Who will be our 2015 Winners????

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Suzan Hahnfeldt, State Farm Insurance - Sponsor of the PA State Old Time Fiddler's Competition

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Central Electric Cooperative, Inc. - Drill Team Sponsor for the Tournament of Leaves Parade

Chartwell's Dining at Clarion University - Sponsor of the VIP Brunch for the Tournament of Leaves Parade

Clarion Psychiatric Center - Sponsor of the Cornhole Tournament

DMS Printing - Printing Sponsor for the Autumn Leaf Festival™

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Q102/ZDB/ZDD - Sponsor for the Children's Carnival

Wolf's Auto Outlet - Sponsor of the Power Wheels Derby

We Would Also Like to Thank:

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1986 Owens-Illinois

1987 Strattan Homes

1988 Pizza Hut

1989 First Seneca Bank

1990 Zacherl Motors - *Business Development*

1990 TCI of Pennsylvania - *Community Service*

1991 New Bethlehem Bank - *Business Development*

1991 Clarion Care Center - *Community Service*

1992 Clarion Hospital - *Business Development*

1992 American Legion Post # 66 - *Business Development*

1992 Clarion Ford Mercury - *Community Service*

1993 County Market - *Business Development*

1993 Burger King - *Community Service*

1994 Colony Homes - *Business Development*

1994 Commodore Homes - *Business Development*

1994 Bell Atlantic - *Community Service*

1995 BiLo - *Business Development*

1995 Clarion County Career Center - *Community Service*

1996 Inez's Decorative Arts - *Business Development*

1996 Borough of Clarion - *Community Service*

1996 Rhea Lumber - *Business Education Partner*

1996 MacMillan Bloedel - *Industrial Development*

1997 Country Fair - *Business Development*

1997 Wolf's Den - *Community Service*

1997 Clarion University - *Community Service*

1997 Gross Motors - *Business Education Partner*

1997 James Mays & Carolyn Mays-Atwell - *Abby Mays Developer*

1998 Dan Estadt's Sports - *Business Development*

1998 Clarion Psychiatric Center - *Business Development*

1998 WCCR-C93 - *Community Service*

1998 Comfort Inn of Clarion - *Community Service*

1998 Wal*mart - *Community Service*

1998 Clarion Ford Mercury - *Business Education Partner*

1999 Car Mate Trailers - *Business Development*

1999 Keystone SMILES - *Community Service*

2000 Microtel Inn & Suites - *Business Development*

2000 C & A Trees - *Community Service*

2000 Captain Loomis - *Community Service*

2000 Structural Modular Inc. - *Business Education Partner*

2000 Fran Palo - *Lifetime Achievement Economic Developer*

2000 Robert Kaufman. - *Lifetime Achievement*

2001 Riverhill Battery Warehouse - *Business Development*

2001 Chartwells - *Community Service*

2002 New Era Homes - *Business Development*

2002 Computer Support - *Community Service*

2002 Clarion Holiday Inn - *Community Service*

2002 Clarion Electric Supply Co. - *Business Education Partner*

2003 Eagle Contracting Inc. - *Community Service*

2003 Wellness Health Options - *Community Service*

2003 Colony Homes - *Business Education Partner*

2003 Orville Lerch - *Lifetime Achievement*

2003 Douglas L. Sharrar - *Douglas L. Sharrar "Volunteer of the Year"*

2004 Quality Inn of Clarion - *Business Development*

2004 Crooks Clothing Company - *Community Service*

2004 Car Mate Trailers - *Business Education Partner*

2004 WWCH-WCCR Radio - *Business Education Partner*

2004 Jennifer Keth - *Douglas L. Sharrar "Volunteer of the Year"*

2005 Clarion Development Corporation - *Business Development*

2005 The Clarion House Bed & Breakfast - *Community Service*

2005 Francis J. Palo, Inc. - *Business Education Partner*

2005 Richard Kooman, II - *Lifetime Achievement*

2005 Robin Mason - *Douglas L. Sharrar "Volunteer of the Year"*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! continued

Currently the Clarion Chamber is accepting nominations for the 2015 Annual Awards. Nominations are accepted in the following categories: "Citizen of the Year", "Business of the Year - Community Service Division," "Business of the Year - Economic Development Division," and "Business of the Year - Education Business Partner". All nominations MUST be submitted by **5:00pm Wednesday, January 6, 2016**.

The winner for each category will be showcased during the Clarion Area Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner on Saturday, March **14, 2015**. The dinner and awards ceremony will be held on the campus of Clarion University.

The following is a breakdown of each award category along with the criteria.

-- Citizen(s) of the Year

1. Community involvement as a volunteer, employee or employer for the Clarion community during the past year.
2. Individual contributions toward the continual "quality of life" and growth of Clarion County with special emphasis on recent accomplishments
3. Award is open to anyone who lives or works in Clarion County
4. Award is open to couples as well as individuals

-- Business of the Year

"Community Service Division"

1. The business must be a member in good standing with the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for at least one year prior to nomination
2. Community involvement (e.g. time and hours donated toward community projects, sponsorships, little league, etc.)
3. Contribution of financial resources (e.g. facilities, labor, equipment, etc.)

"Economic Development Division"

1. The business must be a member in good standing with the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for at least one year prior to nomination
2. Increased employment for Clarion County
3. Facility expansions and improvements

"Education Business Partner"

1. The business must be a member in good standing of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for a period of one year prior to nomination
2. The nomination should consist of a narrative that explains the contributions the private sector business has made to support one or more schools in Clarion County -- the interdependence of business and education.

To nominate an individual and/or business that meet the listed criteria, please submit the name(s) along with supporting documentation of qualifications to Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, c/o Annual Dinner Committee -- Award Nominations, 650 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214.

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Thank You!

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Eagle Contracting, Inc.
Golden Living - Shipperville
Phoenix Rehab
United Way of Clarion County

Member to Member News

Upcoming holiday events at C & A Trees

November 21st - Homemade Pumpkin Rolls by Michael Verdill. You can place your order today by calling 745-3670.

November 24th - Make plans to "Shop With Us & Lunch On Us" from 11am to 2pm

November 27th - Customer Appreciation Day. Check out what we have just for you!!

November 28th - Picture Day! Let us help you create a lasting Christmas Memory. Appointments are a must and can be scheduled at 724-867-0975.

New Office Manager

Please welcome Colleen Smith as the new Office Manager for the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry. She started with the Chamber on Tuesday, October 6th.

Colleen Smith was raised in upstate NY but returned to her PA roots in 2007. She graduated from Sawyer Business School in Rochester, NY with a secretarial degree and brings 18 years' experience as a Secretary, Office Administrator, coffee shop owner and Secretary/Treasurer for a local municipality.

She is women's ministry director for the Pittsburgh District Church of the Nazarene and children's Sunday school teacher in her church. Colleen and her husband, Mark reside in Clarion and they enjoy the time they are able to spend with their two sons, daughter in law and two precious grandchildren.

Thank You to Our Members!

As we continue to head into November, we will take time to have a Thanksgiving feast, be on the search for that great deal or special during a day of Black Friday shopping, participate and support our local businesses during the American Express Small Business Saturday, and make sure everything is ready for the first day of deer season. We will all be extremely busy as November leads into December.

We here at the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry are reminded that November is a month to take time to give thanks. We want to take this moment and opportunity to **"Thank You"** for your continued support of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry through your membership investment, your sponsorship, volunteerism, participation and continued support. Each and everything that you do for the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry and the community enables us to make Clarion County a great place to live, work and play.

We look forward to working with all of you in 2016 and hope that each of you have a very "Happy Thanksgiving" holiday!

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The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry would like to "Welcome" this new member.

Holiday "OPEN HOUSE" & FOOD DRIVE



On behalf of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry Board of Directors and Staff, we are inviting you to attend the Annual Clarion Chamber's Holiday "Open House" on Friday, December 11 from 12 noon to 4 pm.

There will be a huge variety of great holiday dishes to enjoy as well as meeting with board members & staff and your fellow chamber members.

This year we are adding a Food Drive to our Open House. There is a strong need for non-perishable food items for our Community Food Banks. We are asking that when you stop by the Chamber office, please bring 1 or 2 non-perishable food items to share with those in need. We are also taking monetary donations to purchase hams to be delivered to Community Action on December 18th,

Hope to see you on December 11th.