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**Love Our Locals -
Shop Early, Shop Often,
Shop LOCAL!**

Upcoming Events & Holidays

Wednesday, December 13

First Day of Hanukkah

Thursday, December 14

Clarion Chamber
OPEN HOUSE
11am to 2pm

Wednesday, December 20

Last Day of Hanukkah

Monday, December 25

Christmas

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

Friday, January 19

Deadline to submit
nominations for Business of
the Year and Citizen of the
Year

2018 Events

Saturday, March 17

Clarion Chamber's Annual
Awards Dinner
Gemmell Student Complex
6pm Cocktails
7pm Dinner
8pm Awards

Friday, May 18

7th Annual Clarion Wine
Walk in Downtown Clarion
4pm Early Bird

Friday, May 25

Delta Contractors & Design,
Inc. Chamber Golf Outing
Clarion Oaks
Tee-Off at 10am

SHOP LOCAL, SHOP EARLY, SHOP CLARION!



Everyone is extremely busy this time of year, but we here at the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry ask you to remember to "Shop Local, Shop Early, Shop Clarion" this holiday season and throughout the year.

Shopping, Eating, Spending and Enjoying Local helps maintain the diverse, distinct character that we have here in Clarion County.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

I want to take this moment and opportunity to "Thank You" for your continued support of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry through membership investment, 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.

The Staff and Board of Directors strive throughout the year to promote and support our members. You are not just a member. Each of you are unique and I hold each of you with highest regard.

I look forward to working with all of you in 2018 and for many more years and calling each of you a Chamber Member. My hope to each of our Chamber members is that you have a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"



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.

TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry's Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Gemell Student Complex Multi-Purpose Room located on the Clarion University's campus. Currently, the Chamber is accepting nominations for the following categories: Citizen of the Year; Business of the Year (Community Service Division); Business of the Year (Economic Development Division) and Education Business Partner. **All nominations MUST be submitted by 5pm, Friday, January 19, 2018.**

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 this 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.
5. Past "Citizen(s) of the Year" recipients are ineligible.

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.).

Business of the Year (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 with the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry for at least 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.

To nominate an individual and/or business that meet the listed criteria, please submit the name(s) along with supporting documentation of qualifications. ***Nomination forms are enclosed in this newsletter.***

Please address nominations to the following: Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, c/o Annual Dinner Committee "Awards Nominations", 650 Main Street, Clarion PA 16214.

MEMBER TO MEMBER NEWS

VENANGO COUNTY

ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

Season's Greetings from the Venango County Association for the Blind. This year, the Association will be participating in the 2017 Barrow-Civic Theatre Christmas Tree Extravaganza. Our craft class has been making ornaments throughout the year. Due to the response in past years, we are offering our tree as "A MEMORY TREE". We would like to offer you the opportunity to remember your loved one on our memory tree. Your loved one's name will be displayed prominently on a handcrafted origami ornament (made by a visually impaired client) during the Christmas Tree Extravaganza until January 1, 2018. This a meaningful way to pay tribute to a loved one. In addition, your gift will make a difference in the lives of blind and visually impaired clients by helping us continue transportation services, grocery shopping, assistive technology groups and support groups.

Two ways to make your gift:

- Visit our Memory Tree at the Barrow-Civic Theatre - Ornaments and Envelopes are available there or
- Send your information and personalization for the ornament, along with your gift to:

Venango County Association for the Blind
P.O. Box 515
Seneca, PA 16346

For more information about our services, visit us online at venangoblind.org or contact us at 814-676-1876 or 866-415-1107.

We will be posting a picture of the "MEMORY TREE" on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/venangocountyblindassociation.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

The Venango County Association for the Blind is looking for a volunteer to assist with light office duties, primarily telephone calls and mailings. It is preferable that the volunteer be available one to two times per week. These do not need to be full days. The individual should be willing to learn about our services and will be fully trained for any expected responsibilities. Some computer skills and creativity are helpful but not required. For more information, please call our agency at 814-676-1876, and please ask for Pricilla or Krysta.

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