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# Clarion Chamber Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events & Holidays

### Saturday, February 17

CLIC (Clarion Leadership & Innovation Connection)  
Speed Networking,  
Clarion American Legion,  
2pm to 5pm

### Thursday, February 22

Chamber Mixer at Foxburg  
Wine Cellars in Foxburg  
from 5pm to 7pm

### Wednesday, February 28

CLIC (Clarion Leadership & Innovation Connection)  
"Smooze & Booze" at  
Clarion River Brewing Co.  
from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

### Saturday, March 17

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

### Wednesday, March 28

Job/Education Fair  
Clarion Mall from  
10am to 3pm

### Monday, April 2

7th Annual Clarion Wine  
Walk Tickets "Go On Sale",  
tickets will be available at  
the Chamber office and at  
Northwest Bank

### Wednesday, April 4

Preparing for an Active  
Intruder, presentation will be  
held at the Clarion Mall

### Friday, April 13

Spring Legislative Breakfast  
with the Candidates, at the  
Park Inn from  
7:30am to 9am

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry's Awards Dinner is just around the corner. It is being held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Gemmell Student Complex Multi-Purpose Room located on Clarion University campus.

The evening will begin at 6pm with a social hour followed by dinner at 7pm. During the social hour and dinner, we will be having local high school students provide entertainment. We will have Abigail Keth and Nathaniel Lerch.



Chartwells will be catering the dinner. The menu will include Carved Beef Tenderloin with Au Jus, Chicken Bruschetta, Stuffed Shells, Oven Roasted Herb Red Potatoes, Ginger Carrots, Fresh Garden Salad with Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette, Specialty Bread Display with Honey Butter and Chocolate Mousse with Whipped Topping.

There will be a Carving Station at the end of each buffet line. A salad bowl will be placed at each table along with the salad dressing bowls so that guests can serve themselves. The dessert will be served.

The business meeting and awards ceremony will begin at approximately 8pm. Who will be the Business of the Year? Or Citizen of the Year? What about Life-time Achievement? This will be a night you do not want to miss.

The fee to attend is \$40 a person or \$300 for a table of 8. R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, February 28, 2018. **Reservation form were send in the mail on Thursday, February 1, 2018.**

*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.*



## BEAM RAISING CEREMONY FOR 36 BED EXPANSION

Clarion Psychiatric Center (CPC) held a beam raising ceremony for their 36 bed expansion project on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony took place at Two Hospital Drive, Clarion, PA. Staff and Community Stakeholders were able to sign their names to the beam and be a part of the structure being constructed. The Beam has CPC’s slogan embedded on it in bold letters “We Treat our Patients Like Family.” At CPC we provide each of our patients with the care we would expect for ourselves or our loved ones.

The 36 bed expansion will provide additional beds for Children, Adolescents and Adults with acute psychiatric symptoms.

Improving access to behavioral health services is an identified community need and top priority for Clarion Psychiatric Center. This expansion will help accommodate the demand for mental health services in Clarion and the surrounding counties.

The beam raising ceremony marked the construction for the 36-bed expansion onto the existing facility of 76 beds. Providing a total of 112 beds at the end of the construction project as well as a new Conference Center for Mental Health related trainings for treatment providers in the region.

Clarion Psychiatric Center has been providing inpatient psychiatric treatment for the past 30 years at their Monroe twp. location, behind the Clarion Mall. The inpatient units provide care to patients from over 50 counties in Pennsylvania and constantly strives to put patients first while adhering to the highest clinical performance standards.

The expansion project will add 72 more employees to Clarion Psychiatric Center’s existing 150 staff. The expansion project is being designed by Johnson, Johnson, Crabtree Architects, P.C with Deangelis Diamond as the Construction Manager. The total project cost will be \$12 million and is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2018.



## ST. JOSEPH’S GEARING UP FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

Despite the frigid winter, Lucinda is thinking sunshine and warm temperatures by gearing up for St. Joseph’s 79th Annual 4th of July Celebration.

As Clarion County’s oldest Independence Day event, the festival has its roots in the Church’s original summertime picnics and has become a family-friendly holiday tradition.



This year will be no exception as parishioners are preparing to host their traditional all-you-can-eat chicken and ham dinners, games of skill and chance for all ages, quilt tent, called-number games, live entertainment and a grand prize drawing worth thousands in cash and prizes. One of the newer features of the celebration is the Liberty 5K walk/run which is schedule for July 7th.

Proceeds from both events help defray the operational costs of the Parish school, which is one of the oldest Catholic schools in the Erie Diocese.

As they have in prior years, the organizing committee is seeking Grand Prize Ticket sponsors to assist in funding the Grand Prize drawing. Sponsorships are procured in the form of advertising. This is an inexpensive opportunity to increase public awareness of your business while at the same time supporting the quality educational programs offered at St. Joseph School.

### **All Grand Prize Ticket sponsors are listed:**

- \* On the Grand Prize Ticket
- \* On the Festival website and Facebook page
- \* On posters displayed throughout the grounds on July 4th
- \* On over 25,000 placemats distributed to restaurants in the tri-county area

The committee is also seeking a Print Media sponsor who will be recognized on all hardcopy promotional materials (posters, rack cards and placemats).

Complete details are available on the enclosed insert in this edition of the newsletter. St. Joseph parishioners and festival organizers are grateful to the many individual and corporate sponsors from the surrounding area for their past contributions, and look forward to another successful community event in 2018.

## SPLASH LAGOON AND PITTSBURGH ZOO TICKETS

Even though “Phil” has indicated there is still 6 weeks of winter, the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry continues to offer discounted tickets for Splash Lagoon and the Pittsburgh Zoo. You can find the link to purchase your Splash Lagoon tickets on the Chamber website [www.clarionpa.com](http://www.clarionpa.com). Stop by the office to purchase your Zoo tickets and make plans to see the “March of the Penguins”.

Beginning in late April/early May, the Clarion Chamber will once again offer discounted tickets for Cedar Point, Idlewild, Kennywood, Sandcastle and Waldameer Park & Water World.

Call or stop by the Chamber office to find out more on this Chamber member benefit.

## ALF THEME CONTEST - Submission Deadline is February 16

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry is still accepting logo submissions for the 2018 Autumn Leaf Festival™ sponsored by the U.S. Due to the timing of the return of students to school, the **deadline for submitting your logo ideas is Friday, February 16, 2018.**



The logo submissions are judged by the following:

- \*\*\*Logos should reflect the theme, **“A.L.F. - A Timeless Tradition”** in a way that is appropriate for the 65th Annual Autumn Leaf Festival™ sponsored by the U.S. Army.
- \*\*\*The design must be submitted on white, 8 1/2” x 11” paper.
- \*\*\*The design must be original, meaning that it is not taken from another source.
- \*\*\*Contestants must reside, work or attend school in Clarion County
- \*\*\*Include your name, address, email & telephone number on the back of the entry.

The top ten (10) logos that best capture the theme will be posted for public viewing at the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry office. Voting will also be available online at [www.clarionpa.com](http://www.clarionpa.com) and on the Chamber's Facebook page. The public voting process will take place from February 19, 2018 through February 23, 2018.

The logo winner received two tickets to the Miss Junior Teen and Miss Teen ALF™ Scholarship Program, two Autumn Leaf™ tumblers and a sweatshirt. The winner also receives invitations to the VIP Brunch, Sponsor Reception and the ride in the Clarion Hospital “Tournament of Leaves” Parade. In addition, the winner is invited to the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner which is slated for Saturday, March 17, 2018.

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

**Remember** - anyone living, working or attending school in Clarion County can submit their logo ideas. All submissions must be made no later than **5:00 pm on Friday, February 16, 2018.** All entries become the sole property of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry.

***You can mail or hand deliver your submission to the CACBI office:***  
***Autumn Leaf Festival™***  
***Attn: 2018 Logo Committee***  
***650 Main Street***  
***Clarion, PA 16214***

For more information, please feel free to contact the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry office at 814-226-9161

## SPEED NETWORKING — SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Do you ever find networking a little awkward? Have you ever gone to a “networking” event where everyone talked to people they already knew? Join us for a new way to network! Formatted similar to speed dating, speed networking will provide a structured way to network, allowing you to meet a large number of people in a short amount of time. During the rounds, you'll also have the opportunity to get professional headshots taken by Whitling Photography! Come meet other young professionals (suggested under 40), and expand your network!

This event will be held at the American Legion, 530 Main Street on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 2pm to 5pm. Beginning at 2pm will be Registration and Open Networking, then from 2:30pm to 4:30pm will be the actual Speed Networking followed by the last 1/2 hour of Open Networking and the Conclusion of the event.

The cost to attend is \$5.00 per person (pay at the door) and this will include digital headshots and hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar will be available for other refreshments. Sponsors for the Speed Networking is S & T Bank, Whitling Photography and the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry.

Make your reservation today

Registration is required and space is limited. You can register online at <http://bit.ly/2ELDJPh>. The deadline to register: **Monday, February 12th.**



## JOB / EDUCATION FAIR — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, Clarion Mall and NWPA Career Link are working together to provide a “Job/Educational Fair” on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 10am to 3pm.

As a business/educational participant, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with area businesses and meet with potential employees and/or students.

There is a \$30 registration fee. An 8 foot table, 2 folding chairs and electrical supply will be available along with a wonderful lunch provided by Red River Roadhouse located in the Clarion Mall.

Set-up time will be from 8am to 9:30am. Space is limited. You can mail or fax the enclosed reservation form no later than Monday, March 12.. We look forward to working with you and providing a source of opportunity for our community.

***\*\*Flyer is enclosed in this newsletter for the Job/Education Fair\*\****



## PREPARING FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SEMINAR - APRIL 4

Increasingly, mass shootings are in the headlines and a concern to many organizations. Would you know how to respond if you heard shots fired? There are many steps that can be taken to increase your odds of survival if you should have such an incident.

On **Wednesday, April 4**, Rick Capozzi will instruct you on how to prepare for an encounter with an active shooter. This engaging seminar will help prepare you for a day that you hope never happens. This hands-on seminar will better equip you, whether you are a “sheepdog” who is prepared to defend yourself and others, or you are someone who wants to have a better understanding of how to get yourself and others to safety if you hear shots fired. During this fast-paced and highly informative program, you will:

- \* Review strategies recommended by Homeland Security
- \* Move from condition white (oblivious) to condition yellow (aware)
- \* Discuss the numerous response considerations and how to choose the most appropriate option for your scenario
- \* Participate in a building walk-through, discussing response options by area
- \* Run multiple drills in a controlled environment that will build muscle memory
- \* Develop a survival mindset

This presentation will be held at the Clarion Mall. We will be using the space next to the movie theatre (formerly “The Simple Things”) .

Investment:

\$50 Regular Admission (8am to 11:45am and includes breakfast)

\$60 Extended Version (8am to 2pm and includes breakfast, lunch and concealed carry segment)

More information will be coming out in the next couple of weeks.

## SPRING BREAKFAST WITH THE CANDIDATES - Hold the Date!!!!

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, Clarion County Economic Development Corporation and Clarion Vocational Services will be holding a “Spring Breakfast with the Candidates” on **Friday, April 13, 2018.** Keep watching your emails and newsletters for the list of invited guests to speak at this year’s Spring Breakfast with the Candidates.

The breakfast will be held at the Park Inn by Radisson from 7:30am to 9am. An “All-American Breakfast Buffet” will be available. The cost is \$20 when paid in advance and \$25 at the door. To reserve your spot, please contact the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry office at 814-226-9161 or email [tracy@clarionpa.com](mailto:tracy@clarionpa.com).



## OUTDOOR RECREATION SHOW

The 6th Annual Outdoor & Recreation Show will take place at the Clarion Mall from Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5 and will take place from 10 am to 9 pm daily.

The Outdoor & Recreation Show is an effort to collaborate with more local businesses and increase involvement of the community. Businesses/Organizations/Non-Profits are invited to come and set-up an exhibit and/or display of materials for those attending the Outdoor & Recreation Show. Everyone wants to be able to enjoy the outdoors with their family, so come to the Outdoor & Recreation Show and find out how you can get active in Clarion’s community! This event allows members of the community to interact, learn, and enjoy the splendor of the outdoors. The event is comprised of geocaching, informational tables, activities and games. The purpose of the event is to enable families to become more engaged with family fun and values as well as with community organizations and agencies.

On Saturday, May 5, you will have the opportunity to bring your dog and/or cat to the Rabies Clinic. The Rabies Clinic will run from 12 noon to 2pm and the cost is \$10 per animal for a 3-year vaccine. Clarion County Treasurer, Thomas McConnell, will also be on hand for you to purchase your dog/cat licenses ranging from \$6.50 to \$8.50.

For more information regarding the Outdoor & Recreation Show as a vendor, please contact the Clarion Chamber office today.

## CLARION ROTARY AUCTION

Clarion Rotarians have been out and about soliciting items for their Annual Rotary Radio Auction which will take place on Saturday, March 10 on C93 (92.7 FM).

From 8:30am to 3:00pm you will have the opportunity to bid and win over 325 items just by tuning in to 92.7 FM.

The Rotary Auction provides an opportunity to showcase our wonderful business and 100% of the auction proceeds are used to support Clarion County.

Check out some of the items by going to the Clarion Rotary Facebook page and keep checking [www.clarionrotary.org](http://www.clarionrotary.org) to see the complete list of items from the amazing businesses throughout Clarion County and the surrounding areas.



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