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Upcoming Events & Holidays

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Community Breakfast @
Eagle Commons
8am Breakfast

Wednesday, January 17

CLIC (Clarion Leadership &
Innovation Connection)
Lunch & Learn Series @
Clarion University SBDC
located at Trinity Point
(info inside)

Friday, January 19

Deadline to submit
nominations for Business of
the Year and Citizen of the
Year
(info inside)

Friday, January 26

Preparing for an Active
Intruder, presentation will be
held at the Clarion Mall
(info inside)

COMING THIS SPRING

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

SIX-PART PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Clarion County's young professionals organization had a successful first year and has big plans in store for 2018. The Clarion Leadership and Innovation Connection (CLIC) is an affiliate program of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, and was created in June 2017 to foster connections between young professionals (suggested under 40) in the area. After focusing on networking events and building momentum, CLIC will look to incorporate a variety of professional development and volunteer opportunities in 2018.

To kick-off the New Year, CLIC will be hosting a six-part professional development series—Positive Leadership 101. The workshop will be taught by Don Morgan, PhD, Positive Psychology Practitioner and Consultant, MM Consultants Group and Kathleen Ellwood Crosby, Professional Coach and Trainer. The series will take place over lunch with one session per month, starting on January 17, 2018 from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Topics covered will range from communication effectiveness to conflict management and dealing with stress. For just \$60, participants can attend all six sessions, with lunch included. All are welcome to attend, not just young professionals. **(A detailed flyer is enclosed listing all of the dates and topics.)**

You can register for the six session online at <http://goo.gl/forms/RVHTQDmdESmZykBF2> or email us at clarioncllic@gmail.com.

Other events slated for 2018 include a speed networking event, book club, and tours of local businesses. CLIC will also continue to hold monthly Coffee Chats the second Tuesday of each month at Michelle's Café. These Coffee Chats will each feature a round table with a guest speaker from the local community to share their experiences as entrepreneurs and other leaders.

CLIC is also looking for volunteer opportunities in 2018. If your organization could use volunteers, contact CLIC to discuss your needs, and how the young professionals at CLIC can help.



For more information about CLIC, check out the our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ClarionCLIC or email clarioncllic@gmail.com.

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.

CHAMBER'S ANNUAL DINNER AND ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry would like to announce the date for the 2018 Annual Awards Dinner. The event will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Gemmell Student Complex Multi-Purpose Room located on the Clarion University's campus. The evening will begin at 6:00pm with a social hour and musical entertainment by Nathaniel Lerch on Piano and Abigail Keth on Fiddle. Dinner will take place at 7:00p.m. followed by the awards portion of the evening starting at 8:00p.m. Your dinner invitation will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

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).**

PREPARING FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

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 or survival if you should have such an incident.

On Friday, January 26 - 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 you 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 (formerly "The Simple Things") next to the movie theatre.

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)

Register at pfaai-clarionpa.eventbrite.com by 12 noon on Friday, January 12 and receive \$10 off admission price!

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

Do you have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry? If you do, please take a few moments and complete the questionnaire enclosed and return to Tracy at the Chamber office no later than Friday, January 19.

If you have questions about the duties and responsibilities of a board member, please feel free to contact Tracy at your convenience.

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