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Clarion Chamber Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Holidays

Saturday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 20

Chamber/Alumni Mixer
Immaculate Conception School from
5:30pm to 7:00pm

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

May 10

Joint Chamber Mixer at Deer Creek Winery with the Franklin Chamber from
5pm to 7pm

Friday, May 25

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

MARCH 17 - ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

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.

The business meeting and awards ceremony will begin at approximately 8pm. Who will be the Business of the Year for Economic Development? Or Business of the Year for Community Service? Who will be named the "Douglas L. Sharrar Volunteer of the Year"? Who will the Lifetime Achievement Award go to? Who will be the Citizen of the Year? 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.

MARCH 20 - CHAMBER/ALUMNI MIXER

The Immaculate Conception School cordially invites all Chamber Members and Alumni to a Week of Giving Mixer. This year there will be a special "Thank You" to the management team.

Come out and enjoy great appetizers, desserts, beverages, entertainment from students, tours of the school, fellowship and networking. You are encourage to attend and see what kind of difference you can make in the life of a child.

The Chamber/Alumni Mixer will be held on Tuesday, March 20th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

For more information, please contact Dawn Miller at 814-226-8433, ext 130. Hope to see you on March 20th!



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.

MARCH 28 - JOB FAIR

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.

Some of the businesses who have signed up to participate so far are:

Abraxas
ALFAC
Bureau of Blindness & Visual Services
C93 Radio
Clarion County HomeMakers
Clarion Hospital
Clarview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
Community Action
Community Resources for Independence (CRI)
Dept. of Corrections/SCI Forest
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Kronospan
New Light, Inc.
PennDOT Engineering District 10-0
PHEAA
Snyder Memorial Health Care Center
Structural Modulars, Inc.
Trinity Point Church of God



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 19. 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****

MEMBER TO MEMBER NEWS

WHAT IT...IT WAS TIME TO HANG UP YOUR KEYS?

How would you get your groceries, get to medical appointments, lab work and tests, pharmacy, bank and other essential services? This is a problem that people with vision impairments and blindness face every day. Sometimes they have family or friends that can help at times, but not always, sometimes they just don't have anyone. Maybe they can use county transportation for some appointments, but for others they need a sighted guide and someone to stay with them or it's an out of country Doctor and large facilities that are difficult to navigate. These are the services that the Venango County Association for the Blind provides when other resources are not available.

Venango County Association for the Blind (VCAB) is kicking off a vehicle drive. In the two and half years since the agency obtained a van, over 60,000 miles have been amassed on the vehicle while providing transportation primarily to medical appointments. Additionally, use of staff vehicles averages over 5,000 miles per year for these purposes. Other transportation is provided for grocery shopping, to social service agencies, banking and other essential services. In the last few years the agency has developed new programming which includes a Support group, Information/Access Technology support group, recently has started monthly large group Life Skills classes, and continues to provide occasional socialization opportunities. The agency has been actively working on Outreach in all three counties it serves (Clarion, Forest & Venango) which has increased participation, and in turn, delivery of service.

VCAB is looking to local businesses, industry and the community at large to assist in helping to meet their agency and clients needs. This transportation is specialized in that it includes sighted guide service and specialized assistance at appointments, which is essential due to the clients' unique needs. Your assistance will impact the health and quality of life for so many residents in your community. A donation in any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made to: Venango County Association for the Blind, P.O. Box 515, Seneca, PA 16346, or by going to their website at www.venangoblind.org on the "Contact Us" tab and clicking on the Donation button.

If you know of anyone who is visually impaired or blind and may be in need of services, a phone call to the agency at 814-677-1876 will get the ball rolling.



**Venango County
Association for the Blind**



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Your membership is truly appreciated! I believe that it is essential for the growth of our community to work together and to assist one another to keep us a viable and inviting area for new businesses.

Just a reminder of what your benefits include:

Daily Email Blast – Goes out every day to our members letting them know what is going on and your business is encourage to submit flyers & announcements which can be included inthe email blast to share to other members. We also share these on our Facebook page and our website calendar, where appropriate.

Monthly Newsletter – Goes out in hardcopy format to our members as well as in a pdf format for those members who wish to read it online. Each year, as a member in good standing, you are eligible to submit 1 (one) free flyer for your business. We are able to print flyers in house in black ink. If your business would like to provide copies – we will need 400 of them.

Website Listing – Each member is listed on the Chamber's website. You are asked to provide up to 3 searchable key words that are also included in your listing. Your website is also linked to our website.

Brochures – Not only are we a Chamber, we are a Visitors Center. We ask members to provide us with flyers and/or rack cards for our office to provide individuals when they stopped or call the Chamber office. And, we put together approximately 500 Welcome Packets for incoming Freshmen at Clarion University. If you would like to have flyers and/or rack cards included in these packets, we will need to have them in our office no later than late March.

Referrals – When someone calls or stops in, we recommend and provide information for our chamber members.

Committees – If you or your employees would like to be more involved on a committee or as a volunteer, give me a call.

Business Directory – Each year we update and print 2000 copies of the Business Directory to hand out to visitors, incoming Freshmen at Clarion University, hotels/lodging facilities and groups who are holding conferences and/or meetings in our area. Your business is listed alphabetically and categorically. All members in good standing are included in the directory.

****NOTE: Letters will be coming out to the Chamber members within the next two weeks regarding updates and advertising for the 2018 Business Directory & Community Profile.****

APRIL 2 - CLARION WINE WALK TICKETS ON SALE!

Tickets for the 8th Annual Clarion Wine Walk sponsored by Northwest Bank will go on sale April 2, 2018 at 8:30am. The event itself will be Friday, May 18, 2018 in downtown Clarion featuring 15 wineries and 14 businesses.

The event will feature an "Early Bird" registration starting at 4pm with "General" registration beginning at 5pm. The prices for "Early Bird" are \$30 (Pre-Sale) and \$35 (Day of Event). "General" Registration is \$25 (Pre-Sale) and \$30 (Day of Event). All participants MUST BE 21 to participate.

The winery and business pairings for 2018 are as follows:

Allegheny Cellars Winery (Faller's Furniture)	August Falls Winery (American Legion)
Bee Kind Winery (Dacora Jewelers)	Courtyard Wineries (White Pillars/Chamber)
Deer Creek Winery (Antiques on Main)	Elk Mountain Winery (The Fulmer House)
Flickerwood Wine Cellars (American Legion)	Foxburg Wine Cellars (Clarion Bicycle)
Kingview Mead (American Legion)	Laurel Mountain Vineyard (F.L. Crooks & Co.)
Shadow Vineyard (H & R Block)	Starr Hill Vineyard & Winery (Gates & Burns)
Twisted Vine Winery (DE Sports, Inc.)	Wapiti Ridge Wine Cellars (Main Street Center)
Winery at Wilcox (Dan Smith's Candies)	Means Cork & Cap

All proceeds from the Clarion Wine Walk will benefit the free fireworks display for the Clarion Hospital "I Love Clarion" sponsored in part by Clarion University and Pennsylvania American Water that will take place on July 3, 2018.

For more information on the Clarion Wine Walk, you can contact the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry at 814-226-9161 or email info@clarionpa.com.

APRIL 4 - PREPARING FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

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. A complete program description is enclosed in the newsletter.

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)

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.

Two Ways to Register

Online: <https://pfaai-clarionpa.eventbrite.com> or by phone to the Chamber: 814.226.9161

APRIL 13 - SPRING LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

The Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, Clarion County Economic Development Corporation and Clarion Vocational Services will be holding a "Spring Legislative Breakfast" on **Friday, April 13, 2018.**

Jennifer Reis, Manager, Government Affairs for the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry is the featured speaker. She will be giving an update on the State Budget and discussing the PA Chamber's 2018 Legislative priorities which include responsible State Spending, Taxes, Workers' Compensation Reform and Regulatory Reform.

Jennifer join the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry's Government Affairs team in 2012 as manager of Government Affairs. Reis' primary responsibilities include managing ChamberPAC, the political arm of the PA Chamber; organizing Government Affairs events; and lobbying on general business issues.

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.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. We hope to see you on April 13 for the Spring Legislative Breakfast at the Park Inn by Radisson.



MAY 3 thru MAY 5 - 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.

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