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Wishing ALL Members of the
Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce
a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

~ NEW YEAR MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT INCENTIVE ~

Do you know a new business in Greater Hazleton OR a business that is currently NOT a member of our Chamber?

If so, contact Dan Guydish, our Chamber Membership Director, and make a referral NOW, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR
NEW YEAR MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT INCENTIVE!

For every successful referral you make, you will receive a complimentary ticket to a Red Carpet Breakfast Program OR Women’s Networking Luncheon in 2020!

NEW MEMBER INCENTIVES INCLUDE:

• Any NEW business who joins the chamber NOW RECEIVES OVER 2 MONTHS OF FREE MEMBERSHIP!
• this means you will be in good standing until May 2021!!
• By joining the Chamber you receive all the perks of membership....
  • Over $500 of FREE advertising
  • Business listing on our website, with a link to your website
  • We only refer chamber members
  • Free networking opportunities
  • Take advantage of the over 100 chamber events offered annually
  • Exclusive Advertising opportunities for chambers
  • Member to Member Discounts
  • & MUCH MUCH MORE!

Advertise Your Business With the Chamber in the New Year
2 options for excellent exposure!

1.) Newsletter Advertising
Provide us with 800 flyers. We will fold, stuff and mail them along with this bi-monthly newsletter.
Marketing Investment $250

2.) Website Advertising
Showcase your company logo, images, information & link to your website from our Chamber Homepage
Marketing Investment
3 months $200; 6 months $350; 1 year $600
All opportunities are first-come, first-served
~ Limited Space Available ~

Contact Leann to secure your space

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The Chamber’s Women’s Networking Committee held their 15th Annual Holiday Tree Decorating Contest. 21 businesses participated in the contest and the winners were announced at the annual holiday social, which was sponsored by MMI Preparatory School and hosted by The Pines Restaurant & Spirits. Skuba Entertainment provided DJ entertainment and magic mirror photo booth fun for the evening and Billig-Helmes Insurance provided a crystal wine stopper favor to each guest who attended.

First place - Physical Therapy & Balance Center at Hazleton
Top photo pictured from the left is Michele Heldman, Kathie Oh and Lana Fowler from Fyzical, along with Denise Corcoran, Committee Co-Chair
Second place - Landmark Community Bank
Third place - Honey Hole Winery
Fourth place - Soul to Sole
Fifth place - Antonio’s Jewelry & Repair
Sixth place - Hazleton Honda
Honorable Mention - Billig-Helmes Insurance

Honorable mentions included El Mensajero International, Hazleton CareerLink, Hazleton Integration Project, Lehgh Valley Hospital - Hazleton; Comfort Inn; Hampton Inn; Penn State Hazleton; OneSource Staffing Solutions; Manpower; FritzingerTown Senior Living; Web.com; Providence Place Senior Living and Kaas Logistics.

Prizes included: 30 second commercial production, ten 30 second commercial spots and 40 RDS spots on WYLN TV 35 ($150 value); One month PeLitmark Group digital billboard advertising package on RT, 93 & 309 ($600 value); 1/4 page ad in the Standard Speaker valued at $450; Holiday Greetings Ad at no cost Jan 2 on SEPTV programming ($425 value); 1/4 page ad in Panorama Magazine ($275 value); 1/2 page ad in El Mensajero International ($80 value); 1/4 page ad in Latino News ($75 value).

Thank you to Women’s Networking Committee members who contributed tricky tray donations! And a special thanks to the Chamber Women’s Networking Holiday Contest committee for planning the contest and holiday social from start to finish. Pictured in photo from left are Chamber Women’s Networking Volunteer Committee Members: Kim McNulty, Women’s Networking Committee Chair from MMI Preparatory School, Jessica Spare, Luzerne Bank, Lisa Marie Halecky, Women’s Networking Holiday Committee Co-Chair from Lehgh Valley Hospital – Hazleton; Michele Udyniosi, Manpower; Nina Bonas, Robert Moore & Associates and Mandyneen Speir, Hazle Drugs.

Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce
2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, January 10th
Red Carpet Breakfast featuring Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat

Tuesday, January 28th
16th Annual Icebreaker Golf Outing at Blue Ridge Golf Course

Saturday, April 25th
Annual New Member Gathering

Thursday, August 20th
53rd Annual Golf Outing & On-Course Business Exposition

Thursday, October 1st
Annual Membership Anniversary Celebration

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OneGroup Dryfoos Insurance sponsored our 24th Annual Downtown Holiday Mixer, which they hosted at their location, 28 S. Vine Street in Downtown Hazleton. Over 70 chamber members attended and enjoyed an evening of holiday cheer with their fellow members.

Pictureed on the right from the left is Justine Oberto, Client Advisor & Business Insurance Specialist and Lew Dryfoos, Pennsylvania Regional President both from OneGroup Dryfoos Insurance and learn Fallabile, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce.

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Victims Intervention Program in Honesdale with those wishing to donate. Local families in need from the Catherine McAuley Centers of Lackawanna and Luzerne County, Children and Youth Services of Wayne County and Employees from "Best Nursing Homes" for short-term rehabilitation care. St. Luke's Rehabilitation and Nursing Center located at the St. Luke's Miners Campus in Coal.

More than 200 St. Luke's Miners and St. Luke's Sacred Heart campuses' Skilled Nursing Facilities were over 150 in attendance including current and former students, teachers and parents, local churches and donors. Attendees were treated to a program highlighting the impact that ICS has had on the community over the years and how it plans to continue to bless the City of Hazleton in the future.


Employees from FNCB Bank, recently donated $1,700 and 220 gifts to 17 local families as part of the Bank's "Adopt-A-Family" holiday project. More than 200 FNCB staff members participated this year in Adopt-a-Family, the Bank's signature holiday gift-giving event. The program matches local families in need from the Catherine McAuley Centers of Lackawanna and Luzerne County, Children and Youth Services of Wayne County and Victims Intervention Program in Honesdale with those wishing to donate.

**SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS**

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The November Women's Luncheon was held at Bonanza Steakhouse in Hazle Township. The event was sponsored by CAN BE and the guest speaker was Stephen A. Seach, Esquire from The Seach Law Offices who presented on Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney.

Chamber Women's Networking Committee Members standing from the left are Laura Jones, Lehigh Valley Hospital – Hazleton; Kim McNulty, Committee Chair, MHP Preparatory School and Barbara Hunsinger, Lehigh Valley Hospital – Hazleton. Sitting from the left is Jocelynn Steenbock, CAN BE, event sponsor and Stephen A. Seach, Esquire, The Seach Law Offices, event speaker.
Community Reading Day

Community Reading Day was held in late November. More than 2,000 students were treated to a story by business and community volunteers.

More than 70 volunteers read to over 80 classes in the Greater Hazleton School District, Holy Family Academy, and Head Start classrooms. Highmark Blue Cross sponsored the event.

Pictured is Marci Hosier from MMI Preparatory School reading to a second grade classroom at Freeland Elementary/Middle School.

Best Cigar Pub

Best Cigar Prices held a ribbon cutting ceremony to honor the opening of their brand new Best Cigar Pub, which is located in the CAN DO Corporate Center in Drums.

Pictured are, from left: Butler Township supervisors Dr. Frank Polidora, Charles Altifiller and Brian Kiesnews; Luzerne County Manager David Potts; Elisa Batt and husband Ronaldo Batt, Chairman of the Board of Best Cigar Prices; Greg Fox (Holding son Owen), CEO of Best Cigar Prices and Best Cigar Pub; Alana Fox, Greg’s wife; CAN DO President and CEO Kevin O’Donnell; Champion Builders Owner Joe Mack; Champion Builders Foreman Ed Baker; Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce President Mary Malone; Rick Malcolm, architect for CAM Architects; and Best Cigar Pub General Manager Chris O’Neill.

Mid Penn Bank

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to honor the opening of Mid Penn Bank located at 1215 North Church Street in Hazle Township.

Pictured left to right is Mid Penn Bank Advisory Board Member CPA, Michael DeCesmo, Mid Penn Bank Advisory Board Member Attorney Christopher Slusser, Mid Penn Bank Regional President Mark Ketch, Mid Penn Bank Commercial Loan Officer Luci Kulsh, Mid Penn Bank Chief of Staff Joann Devlin, Mid Penn Bank Director Bob Mosley, Mid Penn Bank President and CEO Rory Ritrievi, Mid Penn Bank Branch Manager Sybil Zola, Hazleton Township Supervisor Dennis Dudeck, Mid Penn Bank Customer Service Representative Glenda Roberts, Mid Penn Bank Advisory Board Member Jenn Mosley, Mid Penn Bank Head Teller Andrea Marques, Mid Penn Bank Teller Jessica Dowd, Dan Guydish, Mid Penn Bank Advisory Board Member Marybeth Hayden, Betty Bernstein, Attorney Richard Bernstein, Daniel Kostick and Lex Stotz.

Hazleton Honda

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to recognize the new owners’ management of Hazleton Honda. Hazleton Honda powered by Lithia (out of Medford, Oregon) took over the dealership on Airport Road in Hazle Township.

Pictured from left Anthony Hanley, BDC Representative; TJ Chirico II, Sales; Amilcar Arroyos, Chamber Ambassador; Juan Almonte, Business Manager; Fran Calarco, Hazle Township; Dennis Dudeck, Hazle Township Supervisor; Michael Pardini, Sales Manager; Adam Welsh, General Manager; Teri Pecora, Sales; Tammy Zeka, Sales; Denise Corcoran and Carole Shearer, Chamber Ambassadors; Dan Guydish, Chamber Membership Director and Chris Pavlick, representing State Representative Tarah Toohil.

ServPro of Hazleton/Dallas/Lake Harvey

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to honor the opening of the new office of ServPro of Hazleton/Dallas/Harvey’s Lake, which is located at 1 W. Broad Street in Downtown Hazleton. They offer damage restoration services.

Pictured from the left is Dan Guydish, Chamber Membership Director; Chris Pavlick representing State Representative Tarah Toohil; Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat; and Nick Buranno, Chris Matthewson and Mary Cumming, all of ServPro of Hazleton/Dallas/Harvey’s Lake.

Barry Issett & Associates Inc.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to honor the opening of the brand new offices of Barry Issett & Associates Inc. Their offices are now located on the top floor of Hayden Tower at the Markle Building, 8 W. Broad Street in Downtown Hazleton.

Pictured from left to right is John Patton, Chamber Treasurer; Mark Katchur, NEPA Region Marketing Manager; State Representative Tarah Toohil; Hazleton Mayor Jeff Cusat; Greg Pavlick, NEPA Region Vice President; Kim Kyra, Human Resource Director; Kevin Campbell, President and CEO; Krista Schneider, Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress; Mary Malone, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce and Kevin O’Donnell, CAN DO, Inc.

Lesley Hair & Beauty Supply

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to honor the opening of Lesley Hair & Beauty Supply, which is located at 14 N. Laurel Street in Downtown Hazleton. Plans are underway to open a hair salon in the mezzanine level of their suite.

Pictured from the left is Krista Schneider, Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress; Dan Guydish, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, Jennifer Santana, Anthony Valdes and Luisa Valdes, Lesley Hair & Beauty Supply; Joseph Zeller representing the City of Hazleton; George Lettieri, DHD, Inc and Chris Pavlick representing State Representative Tarah Toohil.

Junior Leadership Hazleton

JLHLearns About the Importance of Community Service

Pictured: Yovitina Tufino and Karen Pupula, among other JLH students, took a short break from the November 11th session activities. Students learned about the Importance of Community Service and how they can be active participants.

Speakers included Pat Ward, President and CEO, United Way of Greater Hazleton, who explained the United Way and its member agencies; Bob Curry, Founding President, Hazleton One Community Center, provided the class with the history and a tour of the Community Center; and Krista Schneider, Executive Director of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress brought the students up to speed on the role of the Alliance and of the status of the projects underway and planned for downtown Hazleton.

JLH Provides Thanksgiving Fun for Helping Hands Children

Students from the Junior Leadership Hazleton Class held a Thanksgiving Party at The Helping Hands Society in Hazleton. The JLH project team played games, helped with seasonal crafts, provided snacks and taught the children about Thanksgiving. The children were given books donated by the Weatherly PTA.

Pictured are Junior Leadership Hazleton Helping Hands Project Team Members were: Row 1, L-R: Kriste Semanchik, Sabrina Camargo, Anaisa Hino, Bridget Reed. Row 2, L-R: Joshua Bruno, Louis de Angelo, Kelly Rows, Michele Brittin & Amanda Haddock Helping Hands Staff, Amanda Coleto, Zandor Szpor, Gavin Verczky. Samantha Sarchin was not available at the time of the photo.