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EXECUTIVE BUSINESS EXPOSITION OPTIONS

Upgraded Business Exposition Booth - $500 investment
- Two (2) event reservations
- Guaranteed expo traffic
- List of event attendees with contact information
- Recognition in program booklet, Chamber newsletter and social media

Upgraded Non-Profit Business Exposition Booth - $400 investment
- Two (2) event reservations
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Standard Business Exposition Booth - $400 investment
- Two (2) event reservations
- Recognition in program booklet, Chamber newsletter and social media

Standard Non-Profit Business Exposition Booth - $300 investment
- Two (2) event reservations
- Recognition in program booklet, Chamber newsletter and social media

Seeking Nominations for the Annual Athena “Businesswoman of the Year” Award

As always, our Annual Athena “Businesswoman of the Year” Award, will be presented at our 128th Annual Anniversary event slated for on May 14th. The selection will be based on professional competency, achievement and dedication, and is open to members of the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce. This award is not a civic achievement award, but a meaningful effort to recognize women as an integral part of the Greater Hazleton workplace.

We need your help to identify candidates!
If you know of someone you believe would be a deserving recipient, please contact Mary Malone with your nomination. We will then contact that individual and gather the information necessary to support an official application.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 20th.

24th Annual Greater Hazleton Job Fair

The Chamber is partnering with the PA CareerLink of Luzerne County to present the 24th Annual Greater Hazleton Job Fair, which is being held at Genetti Ballrooms on March 26th. The event is being sponsored by the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board, Inc and CAN DO, Inc.


Media partners standing from the left is Julie Stefanowicz, WYLN TV 35; Bev and Patty Col- lard, Panorama Community Magazine; Liz Tolan, The Printmark Group; Denise Sellers, Standard Speaker; Jocelyn Sterenchock, CAN DO, event sponsor; Anicier Arroyo, El Mensajero International and Sam Lesarito Jr., SBTV News. Media partner missing from the photo is a representative from Latino News.

Job Fair Sponsors sitting from the left include Matt Adams, Alex Braly, Teresa Travis and Cathy Rodriguez, PA CareerLink Luzerne County Hazleton and the Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS

Amazon Delivery Service is located at 425 106th Avenue NE, Bellevue, WA 98004. Phone: 407-314-1681. Jeff Greg is the point of contact for those entrepreneurs who want to start their own package delivery company in the Hazleton Area.

National Pools is located at 1201 N. Church Street, Suite 460 in Hazle Township, PA 18202. Phone: 570-499-4993, 570-751-8435. Fax: 877-242-1346. Email: info@primecola.com (Rich Houseknecht) jparell@primecola.com (Juan Pareda) Website: www.primecola.com (Rich Houseknecht) www.primecola.com (Jareda). The goal of PrimaCola is to show people how to make more income, properly protect themselves and become debt free and financially independent through proper financial concepts and business opportunities.

Hazleton Honda Powered by Lithia is located at 651 Airport Road, Hazle Township, PA 18202. Phone: 570-929-5090.

Hazleton Computer, Inc. is located at 50 West 23rd Street, Hazleton, PA 18202 and the Laurel Mall. Phone: 570-450-0620.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton is hosting a blood drive along with Miller-Keystone Blood Center (MKBC) at the hospital’s Business & Education Center, first floor on April 16, June 11, August 13, October 15, and December 17.

Biros Utilities is now offering temporary fencing for construction sites and special events in addition to their port-a-potties.

The Northeast Regional Cancer Institute has released the latest “Cancer in Northeastern Pennsylvania: Incidence and Mortality for Common Cancers” surveillance report. The report is available at: http://cancermpa.org. This unique, locally focused report was compiled by Cancer Institute Surveillance Coordinator, Karen Kruck, PA and Medical Director, Samuel Lesko, MD, MPH. The report documents that both incidence and mortality rates for cancer are significantly higher in NEPA than the U.S.

Geoff Hayden, CEO of Hayden Electric, has been chosen for the Boy Scout Citizen Award for 2020. This is a prestigious award for a fine Chamber member.

FNBB Bank presented a $2,500 check to The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development (The Institute) to help fund their community based research designed to help public, private and non-profit leaders make informed decisions to improve the region’s quality of life and standard of living.

The Institute was formed as a partnership of 13 colleges and universities and the business community in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre/ Hazleton Metropolitan Statistical Area and serves as an economic and applied research and consulting organization that provides customized client solutions and strategies.

Honda Motors powered by Lithia is in Hazle Twp. Raised $4150 for the Hazleton Animal Shelter. The money was collected at the rate of $50 per vehicle sold between Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020.

Nicole Dudek, one of Pennsylvania Place Senior Living’s team members, will be awarded the 2019 Ceca Annual Award for “Caregiver of the Year”.

State Security is equipped to handle and complete security needs on a regular or per event needs. The owner, Wister Yuhas, has decades of experience in this field and has owned and operated State Security Solutions for the past 20 years.

The report is available at: http://cancernepa.org. This unique, locally focused report was compiled by Cancer Institute Surveillance Coordinator, Karen Kruck, PA and Medical Director, Samuel Lesko, MD, MPH. The report documents that both incidence and mortality rates for cancer are significantly higher in NEPA than the U.S.
Upcoming Chamber Events

Business Succession Planning Seminar
This program will walk business owners through some of the concerns they may have in planning for the continuation or disposition of their business interests and estate taxes. Principal topics discussed include: types of assets and property, forms of businesses and tax implications, valuing your business, buy-sell agreements and wills, trusts and gifts.

Wednesday, March 18th
TIME 9:30 am to 11:30 am
LOCATION Chamber Office
9 W. Broad Street
Downtown Hazleton
COST $10 member rate
$15 non member rate

Women's Mixer & Workshop
Come together and celebrate International Women’s Day! Maurice Gathering will host the arrangement Do It Yourself Workshop, hors d’oeuvers & beverages, door prize drawings, a business resource table!

Wednesday, March 18th
TIME 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
LOCATION Maurice Gathering
55 S. North Street
Hazel Township
COST $10 member rate
$15 non member rate

How to Hire, Retain & Grow a Sales Person
In this program new ideas will be presented on recruitment, selection, and performance. Learn best practices on how to hire a sales person for your organization and what role the CEO/President plays in that person’s success. We will cover job description, interviewing, leadership, onboarding / sales success and more.

Wednesday, March 25th
TIME 10 am to 11:45 am
LOCATION Scoveni Ballrooms
7 S. Judson Street
Hazleton
COST $275 member rate
$350 non member rate

24th Annual Greater Hazleton Job Fair
The 2020 Greater Hazleton Job Fair will provide participating businesses with an informal, yet confidential forum to discuss career opportunities with hundreds of individuals from throughout the entire Greater Hazleton Area. This job fair has been averaging approximately 400 to 500 job seekers for the past several years.

Thursday, March 26th
TIME 10 am to 1 pm
LOCATION Hazleton Public Library
1021 Brockton Mountain Drive
Mountain Valley Golf Course
COST $25 member rate
$35 non member rate

Women's Luncheon
Open to ALL women from throughout Greater Hazleton! The 2020 Women's Luncheon is hosted by the Hazleton Women in Business Committee. The luncheon is held in conjunction with Women's Health Day, April 2nd. Enjoy an array of complimentary hors d’oeuvres, beer & wine! Mountain Valley Special - FREE greens fees with $15 tax refund using the day of the mixer! For tee times please call the pro shop!

Tuesday, March 31st
TIME 12 noon to 1 pm
LOCATION Brass Buckle Restaurant
334 Main Street
Canyon
COST $18 member rate
$25 non member rate

14th Annual Ladies Night Out
An evening of networking, relaxation, self-nourishment and shopping! Hors d’oeuvres, wine, cocktails, selection of venders & raffle of door prizes.

Thursday, April 9th
TIME 5:30 pm to 8 pm
LOCATION The Press Eatery
400 W. Broad Street
Downtown Hazleton
COST $12 member rate
$15 non member rate
$30 table non member rate
$50 table member rate

Networking Mixer
This event has become an annual favorite with well over 100 business professionals in attendance! Take this opportunity to meet with other service providers and share networking services with members from the Schuylkill Chamber! Enjoy an array of complimentary hors d’oeuvres, beer & wine.

Wednesday, April 15th
TIME 5 pm to 7:30 pm
LOCATION Mountain Valley Golf Course
1301 Brookland Mountain Drive
Mountain Top
COST Free to attend

Red Carpet Breakfast
Guest speaker is Senator John R. Gordner representing the 27th District

Thursday, April 23rd
TIME 7:45 am to 9 am
LOCATION Criminal Defense Law Office
31 W. Broad Street
West Hazleton
COST $20 member rate
$25 non member rate

16th Annual Icebreaker Golf Outing
Your first opportunity to hit the golf course for the 2020 season! Two person scramble, awards include: longest drive, longest put, closest pin to the cup, championship flights, includes buffet lunch, range, golf cart and a drink after the round.

Friday, April 24th
TIME 11 am start, 12 noontime lunch
LOCATION Blue Ridge Trail (Road Course)
260 Country Club Drive
Mountain Top
COST $75 per player + $20 per golfer Sponsor includes 2 golfers

Women's Bed & Breakfast
Mrs. Angela Herr
57 Quality Road
Lakeville, PA 18704
Phone: (570) 455-2736
emilybedandbreakfast@gmail.com

EMC Cleaning Service Inc.
Mr. R. Cazato
350 W. Broad Street
Downtown Hazleton
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Fax: (570) 955-1218
emccleaningserviceinc@gmail.com
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paulabelt-law.com

April 2020

Great White North
Video by DVP

30 YEARS
Gillespie Helicopter Service
15 YEARS
Edward Business Systems
10 YEARS
2000 Computer Services
5 YEARS
5 Techs LLC
IMKO Workforce Solutions

Independent Life Home Care & Concierge Solutions
Mr. Rick Hynick
488 S. Mountain Boulevard
Mountain Top, PA 18707
Phone: (570) 904-8823
Fax: (570) 904-8823
rhy@independentlifeusa.com
www.independentlifepa.com

Machining Technology Inc
M. Lankes, Kopp
1324 Harwood Road
Hazle Township, PA 18202
Phone: (570) 459-9496
laktea@tdt.net
www.machining-tech.com

S Tommy’s Family LLC
Mr. Lawrence Farrone
1301 St. John’s Road
Drums, PA 18222
Phone: (570) 578-2846
lfarrone@cloud.com

Yo-Mo Studios
Mr. Juan Ariel Herro
148 S. Vine Street
Hazleton, PA 18201
Phone: (800) 401-9004
yomo.studios@gmail.com

Antonia’s Jewelry Repair and Pool- Helms Insurance co-hosted the 10th annual mixer of 2020 at Antonia’s store located on Airport Road in Hazleton. Pictured at Antonia’s is Helms Insurance and Toni Christmas from Antonia’s Jewelry & Pool- Helms.

Catholic Social Services hosted a mixer in late February where they celebrated 80 years in the community and attendees were able to check out the completed renovations and re-opening of the St. Joseph Food Pantry, as well as hear about all the other services Catholic Social Services, as a whole, our community offers.

Picture is Dave Morelli, Joseph Morelli & Co. Inc., Stephanie Gaudino, Catholic Social Services and Laini Falsetti, Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce.

Happy Anniversary to these Chamber Members!

March 2020

30 YEARS
Harrel Automotive, Spencer Co., Pecora Realtor PC
30 YEARS
Wendy’s Restaurant
15 YEARS
Eisenhardt Equities Inc
10 YEARS
Mountain Top Council of Governments
5 YEARS
Advanced Landscape & Lawn Professionals

April 2020

Save the Date
6th Annual Anniversary Celebration
Thursday, October 1st

Chamber Board Meeting

2019-2020ında, Antwanda, Entrepreneurship Education Coordinator from the Penn State Hazleton Launchpoint and the Chamber Board of Directors at a recent board meeting.

He updated them on operations which took place from October 2019 to January 2020 and discussed programming coming up in 2020.
Women's Networking

The women's networking committee is hard at work planning events for 2020. Picture are committee members who met for our January planning meeting.

Standing from the left is Carole Shearer, Penn State Hazleton; Lori Kane, CareerLink of Luzerne County; Candi Boone, MBT Bank; Sue Farley, Catholic Social Services; Samantha Fenscha, Edgewood; Jessica Adamczyk, Heritage Hill Senior Community; Gennys Alvarez and Vilma de la Torre, One Source Staffing and Nadine Veert, International Paper.

Sitting from the left is Denise Costanza, ARCL; Mandie Hendricks, Merrill Lynch—Butler Jordan Bender Group; Anne Frey, DB Services; Marc Hoser, MMI Preparatory School; Nancy Stasko, CAN DO, Inc and Nina Bonus, Moore & Associates, PC.

Committee members missing from the photo is AJ Onuschak, Top of the 80’s Restaurant; Barb Hursinger, LVHN; Betty Cencroca; Cathy Gallegano, Partners in Education; De Ann Miller, Haski Inn Ladds; Donna Bara, Billing-Helmes Insurance; Jessica Sparr, Luzerne Bank; Kim McKibby, Committee Chair from MMI Preparatory School; Laura Jones, LVHN; Lisa Marie Halesky, LVHN; Marylynne Span, Hazel Drug, Melanie Broyan, LVHN; Pam Polchin; Ruth Lyons and Teri Pecora, Hazleton Honda.

If anyone is interested in becoming part of this planning committee, please contact Lenee at the Chamber.

The first Women’s Luncheon of 2020 took place the last Tuesday in January. The event was held at Top of the 80’s Restaurant in Hazleton and was sponsored by MassMutual of Eastern PA. The topic was Women’s Networking Committee Member.

2020 Women’s Events ~ SAVE THE DATES ~

Women’s Day Mixer & Design It Yourself Workshop at Smith Floral: Wednesday, March 18th

Luncheon Programs: Tuesday, May 19th, July 28th, September 29th and November 24th

14th Annual Ladies Night Out: Thursday, April 2nd

Women’s Summer Mixer at Emily’s Bed & Breakfast: Tuesday, July 21st

J. Zapata Mexican Food

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held to honor the opening of J. Zapata Mexican Food’s newest location, which is in center court at the Laurel Mall in Hazleton.

Pictured left to right is Yajaira Brito and Sally Yurid from BB&T now Trust Bank; Tom Gerhard representing Congressman Dan Muser; Lisa and Rocco Amrizzo, Laurel Mall; Ricardo Santes, Owner; and Chamber Board Members, AJ Onuschak, PPL; Donna Bara, Billing-Helmes Insurance; Pastor Rodney Murphy, Faith Assembly of God Church; Pat Verastaro, T. Verastaro Beer Distributor and Gary Dansin, Video by UVP.

Skokoski & DeCosmo Law Offices

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to honor the opening of the new Skokoski & DeCosmo Law Offices, which are now located at 165 Susquehanna Boulevard, Route 93 in West Hazleton.

Pictured in the photo front row from the left is Dan Guydish, Chamber Membership Director; Tom Gerhard, representing Congressman Muser; Charles Peake and Sharon Gabos, Legal Assistants; Frank Skokoski, Esquire; Charles DeCosmo, Esquire; Dainie Chura, West Hazleton Council; John Chura, West Hazleton Mayor; Lou Pacelli, West Hazleton Council President; State Representative Tarah Toohil and Toni Fritz, Chamber Board Member. Back row from the left is Gary Dansin, Pastor Rodney Murphy and Terry Malloy, Chamber Board Members.