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Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce Committees
- Awards Banquet Committee
- Bloom Festival Committee
- Business & Community Expo Committee
- Chamber Strategic Planning Committee
- Cinco de Mayo Committee
- Finance Committee
- Golf Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Oversight Committee
- Shippensburg Beer & Wine Festival Committee

Membership Development:
- Membership Committee
- Promotions and Programs Committee

Community Outreach:
- Family Fun Day
- Community Christmas Party

Mission Statement: The mission of the Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce is to provide members with services that promote and support economic vitality as well as develop Shippensburg as a great place to live, work, play, visit and invest.

Vision Statement: To be recognized as the premier membership-based organization for professional networking, development, and stimulating economic growth in the vibrant and prospering business community of Shippensburg.
For Immediate Release  
December 5, 2019  
PA Chamber Welcomes New Members to Board of Directors

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry’s Board of Directors has added new business leaders to the board and set in place its leadership team for 2020. The elections took place at the PA Chamber’s Annual Membership Meeting, which was held on December 5 at the Blue Bell Country Club in Blue Bell, PA.

“The PA Chamber’s work to improve the Commonwealth’s business climate would not be possible without the dedication, support and leadership of the PA Chamber Board of Directors,” said PA Chamber President and CEO Gene Barr. “Our board represents diverse industries and geographic regions from across the state – with each member bringing an important perspective to how we can best serve Pennsylvania’s business community. We’re pleased to welcome our newest board members and look forward to working with the board as we embark on an aggressive pro-growth agenda in 2020.”

The following individuals were elected to serve on the PA Chamber board:
Mike Doran, Pennsylvania American Water  
Laura Haffner, Wells Fargo  
David Kerr, AT&T Pennsylvania  
Thomas McGough, Jr., UPMC Life Changing Medicine  
Hilary Mercer, Shell Oil Company  
Stacey Olson, Chevron Appalachia, LLC  
Gregory Quandel, Quandel Construction Group, Inc.  
Scott Wyman, FirstEnergy  

Those who were re-elected to the board include:
Barbara Bowker, Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union  
Laurie Carter, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania  
Lee DeJulius, Jones Day  
Jane Gleason, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.  
Carlton Godlove, Godlove Group LLC  
Christine Jack Toretti, Palladio LLC  
David Tullio, Custom Engineering Company  
Jeffrey Vrabel, Baker Tilly  
Daniel Wilson, Eat’n Park Hospitality Group  

The PA Chamber also applauded and thanked the following board members for completing their service on the PA Chamber board:
Robert DeMichiei, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
Chloé Eis切尔彻, Chloé Eis切尔彻 Textiles, Inc.  
Charles Hanna, Constellation New Energy, an Exelon Company  
Glenn “Bub” Manning, Quandel Enterprises, Inc.

The board of directors also re-elected the 2019 officers to serve for another one-year term. McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC Chairman Emeritus David Kleppinger will serve as PA Chamber Board Chair for the second year; Workers Compensation Associates, Inc. President and CEO Donald Liskay will continue to serve as first vice chair; and Giant Food Stores, LLC President Nicholas Bertram will serve as vice chair.

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry is the state’s largest broad-based business association, with its statewide membership comprising businesses of all sizes and across all industry sectors. The PA Chamber is The Statewide Voice of BusinessTM.

For more information, contact  
Tricia Harris, Director of Public Affairs  
717-726-5447
Looking to get more involved with the Chamber…Join A Committee!

- **Awards Banquet Committee** – Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 4:00pm.
  - The committee plans all details involved with our annual Chamber Awards Banquet. This event is one of the Chamber’s largest events. The Awards Banquet is held in the March/April time frame.

- **Membership Committee** – Meets 1st Tuesday of the month @ 4:00pm.
  - The committee develops new opportunities to increase the value of membership and membership outreach.

- **Bloom Festival Committee** – Meets 4th Tuesday of the month @ 4:30pm.
  - The committee plans all details of the Chamber’s Annual Bloom Festival which is held in June and to build the event into a successful downtown Shippensburg event.

- **Cinco de Mayo Committee** – Meetings TBD.
  - The committee plans our annual Cinco de Mayo Mega Mixer. This mega mixer is held in partnership with the Chamber, Carlisle, Greencastle-Antrim, Mechanicsburg and West Shore Chambers and is held in May.

- **Promotions & Programs Committee** – Meets 1st Thursday of the month @ 4:00pm.
  - The committee develops programming that benefits membership and promotes the Chamber as a resource of information and learning.

- **Beer & Wine Festival Committee** – Meets 2nd Thursday of the month @ 4:00pm.
  - The committee plans all details involved with the Chamber’s annual Shippensburg Beer & Wine Festival which is held in September.

- **Business & Career Expo Committee** – Meets 4th Thursday of the month @ 4:00pm.
  - The committee plans all details involved with our annual Business & Career Expo which is held in October. This event helps to bring awareness to the community of local businesses and service organizations.

- **Golf Tournament Committee** – Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12:00pm.
  - The committee plans all details involved with our Chamber Golf Tournament which is held in April.

- **Family Fun Day Committee** – Meetings TBD.
  - The committee plans our annual Family Fun Day. This is a fun, free community event aimed at providing families with valuable information on programs available in our area designed for children and youth of all ages. This event is held in August.

- **Community Christmas Party Committee** – Meetings TBD.
  - The committee plans our annual Community Christmas Party which provides a fun, free evening of toys, food, and entertainment to families of the Shippensburg area. This event is held in December.

**Denotes committees that meet year-round**

For more information or to join a committee, contact Wendy Forrester, Office Manager
(717) 532-5509 or chamber@shippensburg.org

November Lunch & Learn and F&M Trust Chamber Mixer

Our November Lunch and Learn was held on November 13th at the Courtyard Marriott Shippensburg. Our featured speaker was Dr. Maggie Sidor, Interventional Pain Management Specialist with WellSpan Interventional Pain Specialists. Dr. Sidor spoke on the “Opioid Crisis” and provided some educational statistics and valuable information.

F&M Trust hosted a “Networking @ Night” Chamber Mixer on November 14th. Chamber members enjoyed refreshments and beverages while networking with F&M Trust representatives. Guests in attendance had the opportunity to check out the recently completed renovations at the branch and register to win a gift basket provided by F&M Trust. The lucky winner of the gift basket was Randy Wilson of REEL/PD. Congratulations to Randy!
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8.5 x 11 size (flat)
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Contact us for more information!
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It’s your worst-case scenario. A major storm was predicted and this time, the predictions were right. Many power lines are down, and your electricity may be out for several days. You are low on everything—food, pet supplies, toilet paper, batteries, diapers and your medication.

Imagine how you would feel in this situation. While you can’t predict which weather forecast will come true, you can plan so when a severe weather event strikes, you have the tools and resources to effectively weather the storm. The Department of Homeland Security offers several resources to help you prepare for major weather events and natural disasters. Visit www.ready.gov/make-a-plan.

Preparedness Actions and Items

- Stock your pantry with a three-day supply of non-perishable food, such as canned goods, energy bars, peanut butter, powdered milk, instant coffee, water and other essentials (i.e., diapers and toiletries).
- Confirm that you have adequate sanitation and hygiene supplies including towelettes, soap and hand sanitizer.
- Ensure your First Aid kit is stocked with pain relievers, bandages and other medical essentials, and make sure your prescriptions are current.
- Set aside basic household items you will need, including flashlights, batteries, a manual can opener and portable, battery-powered radio or TV.
- Organize emergency supplies so they are together in an easily accessible location.

With advance warning

If a severe storm such as a hurricane is expected with high winds and sustained rain, you may need to take extra steps to safeguard your home. Shutter windows and securely close exterior doors. Fully charge all cell phones, laptops and devices so you have maximum power in the event of a power outage.

During a prolonged outage

In the event of an outage, turn off appliances, TVs, computers and other sensitive electronics. This will help avert damage from a power surge and will also help prevent overloading the circuits during power restoration. That said, do leave one light on so you will know when power is restored. If utilizing a small household generator, consider using LED holiday lights to illuminate a living area. A strand of 100 white lights draws little energy yet produces considerable light. Solar lights also work, if they can receive some sunlight during the day for charging.

After the storm, avoid downed power lines and walking through flooded areas where power lines could be submerged. Allow ample room for utility crews to safely perform their jobs – including on your property.

Power in planning

Advance planning for severe storms or other emergencies can reduce stress and anxiety caused by the weather event and can lessen the impact of the storm’s effects. Act today, because there is power in planning.
“Silver bells, silver bells
It’s Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, (ring-a-ling) hear them ring (ting-a-ling)
Soon it will be Christmas day”

The song Silver Bells by Ray Evans and Jay Livingston has been made famous by a number of artists over the years. It is a holiday favorite that is all about noticing the signs of Christmas everywhere we look.

If you are like me, so often Christmas seems to come and go before we have a chance to enjoy it. Every year I determine I am going to slow down and enjoy the holiday, but every year it seems to pass by too quickly and it’s gone before I know it. I think the lyrics of Silver Bells can help us notice and enjoy Christmas before it is gone again. If we will just take time to look there are reminders and symbols of Christmas all around us. Twinkling lights, church bells (even if they are not silver), the hustle and bustle of shoppers, children asking how long until Christmas Day, the snow falling and creating a Currier and Ives scene on the country side and of course those stoplights blinking bright red and green. The next time you are stuck at the long light at Fayette and King St. think of it as a Christmas light. Perhaps it will make the wait a little more enjoyable… and remind you of the season.

And as the big day grows closer, take some time to read the Christmas story again and contemplate the incredible gift that God gave us in His Son. After all Christmas is a celebration of Jesus’ birth so why wouldn’t we want to be reminded of its true meaning?

Perhaps some of these suggestions have sparked in you your own creative ways of remembering and enjoying the season? If so, share them with someone else. Help them to see Christmas in all the different ways it surrounds us. And as you help others to see the symbols of the holiday, you will be reminded of it again too.

I love the song Silver Bells and it is a great reminder of how to see Christmas everywhere we look. However, if I had written the song, I would have made one change. The song says, “Strings of street lights, even stoplights Blinkin’ bright red and green As the shoppers rush home with their treasures Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch This is Santa’s big scene And above all this bustle you hear Silver bells…”

For me, this is Jesus’ big scene. Christmas exists because Jesus was born. So I hope the silver bells and all the other signs of the season remind you of Him.

If you would like to know more about why Jesus was born and the life that only He can give, please contact us at Shippensburg First Church of God 717-532-8421.

If you are looking for another way to remember the true meaning of Christmas, join us on Christmas Eve at 5:30 PM for a family Christmas service and at 11 PM for our annual Christmas Cantata.

Source: Pastor Jim Rogers
Shippensburg First Church of God

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Volvo’s Gold Rush Excavator Gives Back

To celebrate the 10th season of Gold Rush on Discovery Channel and its new EC200E crawler excavator, Volvo Construction Equipment is giving the proceeds from the sale of its Gold Rush Excavator to a non-profit chosen by Discovery viewers.

Over the past couple of months, the sales and marketing team has been preparing for its Gold Rush Excavator giveaway. Until March 6, 2020, employees are encouraged to vote between two non-profits who will benefit from the proceeds of the giveaway: Building Homes for Heroes or Habitat for Humanity.

The excavator will be auctioned at the Richie Bros. Auctioneer event in Orlando in February 2020. Both of the nonprofit organizations will receive a portion of the proceeds from the auction, but the amount will be based on the total number of votes. Check out what makes each organization so special to Volvo CE:

- **Building Homes for Heroes** — For five consecutive years, Building Homes for Heroes has met the goal of gifting homes to American veterans in need. On average, one home is given away every 11 days to injured veterans, and their families, across the United States! Above and beyond building homes, the non-profit helps injured veterans rebuild their lives and conquer dreams they never imagined, including finding employment and starting new businesses, winning gold medals in the Warrior and Invictus Games, pursuing higher education and more!

- **Habitat for Humanity** — Driven by the vision that everyone needs a safe place to call home, Habitat for Humanity works in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in over 70 countries! Families and individuals in need partner with Habitat for Humanity to receive assistance to build, or drastically improve, their home. With the help of volunteers, Habitat homeowners contribute sweat equity during the building process, and in return, pay an affordable mortgage.

**Where is the Gold Rush Excavator Now?**
The Gold Rush excavator is currently touring across Volvo CE dealerships in the U.S. and Canada. The Excavator will continue its tour of North America before heading to Las Vegas for ConExpo 2020. Stay tuned for updates on where the Gold Rush Excavator is headed to next.

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New Members!

**Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC)**
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**Grand OPENING**

**DANCE ACADEMY XIV**

Please join us on January 3, 2020 for the grand opening/open house of our newly located and renovated dance studio!

RIBBON CUTTING at 4:30 P.M. - DEDICATION at 5:30 P.M.

1 East King Street, Shippensburg, PA 17257
Connections

Most of you that know me well also know my love for coffee, so it comes as no surprise that I was anxiously awaiting the opening of our new local Starbucks store. As I move past the camel colored leather chairs and the collection of Scandinavian influenced wooden tables and neutral flowered art murals, I realize that it is more than the cup of coffee that I enjoy.

Like many of you, I love the atmosphere, the simple themes of color and design that differ slightly, but also have a sense of familiarity from store to store. It is new yet “familiar”. The Starbucks marketing team has intentionally created a space that feels warm and inviting and replicates a sense of “home” no matter where you go. They focus on the gathering of their customers, which from a marketing perspective is brilliant in our fast-paced, technology-based, individualistic society.

As I sit with my cup of brew, I dig a little deeper to reflect on what the space “feels” like. What emotional connection and mood does this space bring me, the consumer? More importantly, this space provides an environment of face to face human connection. I watch a group of teenage friends gathering with their favorite caffeinated concoction laughing together, a couple, perhaps on their first date, enjoying their conversation, a gentleman on his laptop setting up his portable office at a quiet table by the window. I thought about all of the reasons I love to come to Starbucks (and many other cafés for that matter) and the human connection goes way beyond an enjoyable cup of coffee.

In his book, Lost Connections, Johann Hari explores how lack of connection with others and self, and lack of purpose and belonging, contributes to depression and anxiety. Though I am not finished reading the book, it has been an interesting read so far, and I can verify that a lack of human connection is a common thread in many seeking counseling. This is a cultural issue that has become an epidemic and is further intensified during the holidays. Holidays can be especially difficult for many of us for a variety of reasons—grief, loneliness, broken relationships, financial stresses, and much more.

If you are feeling lonely and lack human connection in your life, explore some of the reasons that may be keeping you from connecting with others in ways you would want to. What are some specific changes you can make to your daily routines and how you organize your time? Here are some tips that may be helpful not only during the holidays but to help you build meaningful relationships in your life.

* If you are able, volunteer in your community. Homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and local community organizations are always looking for volunteers.
* Call and connect with one friend that you have been meaning to reach out to.
* Take a friend or someone in need a meal.
* Sign up for a local art, cooking, or fitness class.

If you are struggling with anxiety, depression, or lack of connection, we are here to help. At Sanctuary Christian Counseling, we help grieving individuals, distressed teens and couples in conflict find peace, solutions and connection.

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