

Our 33rd Annual Membership Banquet was held recently at the beautiful Orndorff farm venue, Valley View Farm. A delicious dinner was catered by



Back Bay Catering that guests enjoyed while listening to live music from Luke Schroyer, owner of LPS Guitar.



We would like to thank all of our sponsors EQT-Event Sponsor, Baily Agency, Community Bank, First National Bank of PA, Washington Health Systems Greene, Lippencott Alpacas, Padgett Business Services, Logan and Gatton Law Office, First Federal Savings and Loan, Wilson Account Group, State Representative Pam Snyder, Blueprints, Pecjak's Sunoco, Milliken Throckmorton Funeral Home, Trader's Plumbing & Heating, Inc. A special thank you to Valley View Farm, Back Bay Catering, Luke Schroyer of LPS Guitar, All Seasons Mat and Linen Services and our event volunteers for making the event a success!



Fox Ford— 100 years

25 years of membership Nova Care & Producer Supply Company

We celebrated business anniversaries of Fox Ford-

100 years and Community Bank-120 years and

Company for 25 years of chamber membership.

recognized Nova Care and Producer Supply

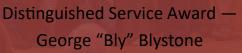
Community Bank— 120 years

Our Posthumous Distinguished Service Award was presented to the family of Richard "Rick" Black for his contribution to the community during his lifetime.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to George "Bly" Blystone for his impact in preserving the history of our area through his involvement with the Y.A. Young Machine Shop in Rices Landing and the Greene County Historical Society where he marked his 50th anniversary of involvement. He is also a champion of those fighting

Posthumous Distinguished Service Award — Presented to the family of Richard "Rick" Black

addiction and works tirelessly with Steps Inside and the Greenbrier Treatment Center.









Our McCracken Legacy Award was presented to the Waynesburg V.F.W Post #4793 & it's auxiliary along with General Wayne Pup Tent #33 & it's auxiliary for their positive impact on the community and exemplary civic community leadership.



McCracken Legacy Award — V.F.W. Post #4793 & it's auxiliary along with General Wayne Pup Tent #33 & it's auxiliary

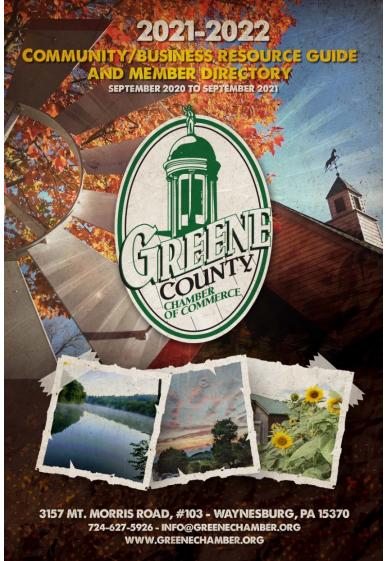


V.F.W. Post #4793 & it's auxiliary along with General Wayne Pup Tent #33 & it's auxiliary





We closed our banquet by announcing the Scholarship Auction winners. This annual project assists with the fundraising for the chamber's annual scholarship. During the evening, it was announced that in the 31 years of the scholarship program, the chamber has presented over \$46,000 to Greene County students to help further their education.



2021-2022 Greene County Chamber of Commerce Community/Business Resource Guide and Member Directory

It's here!

The latest edition of the chamber's membership directory has arrived. Packed inside is information about our area, it's history and it's resources. Also inside you will find a complete listing of our members as of September 1st, 2021 with their pertinent information. There is also display advertising from many of our members that showcases what they have to offer.

The directories are being hand delivered or mailed right now. Each member

business will receive a copy and if you would like more for your staff or office, please just let us know and we will be happy to make that happen.

Thank you to Alan Laick of Laick Design for the design and layout of the directory, Direct Results for the printing, and to the members whose photos appear in the publication. This directory is something that the chamber takes great pride in and we hope that it is a tool that you use every day in your business.



Welcome New Members!



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Nursing Program receives funding for White Coat Ceremony

The Waynesburg University Nursing Program was recently a recipient of grant funding from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation to initiate its inaugural White Coat Ceremony. The ceremony was held Saturday, Oct. 23, in Roberts Chapel on the University's main campus.

"Since 1993, the White Coat Ceremony has been an early and essential touchpoint of humanism on the path of a physician," said Dr. Richard I. Levin, president and CEO of the Gold Foundation. "Today... the White Coat Ceremony is all the more relevant in emphasizing the importance of the human connection in healthcare. We are grateful for the leadership of Waynesburg University in elevating the message, both during the ceremony and throughout the years of education, that empathy and respect are critical parts of optimal care."

Members in the Spotlight

The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage to emphasize the importance of compassionate patient care at the very start of the educational program.

Waynesburg's event included remarks by Waynesburg University President Douglas G. Lee and Dr. Kathy A. Stolfer, director and chair of the Department of Nursing. A virtual keynote address was presented by Dr. Deborah Trautman, PhD, RN, FAAN, president and CEO of the American Association of Colleges and Nursing (AACN). Dr. Trautman was introduced by Dr. Lorraine Frazier, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAHA, dean of the Columbia University School of Nursing and a Gold Foundation trustee, and Dr. Kellie Bryant, DNP, WHNP, CHSE, assistant dean of Clinical Affairs and Simulation Center at the Columbia University School of Nursing. Also in attendance were faculty members of the Department of Nursing, who pinned students as they came forward in their newly donned white coats.

The White Coat Ceremony was initiated in 1993 at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons by Dr. Arnold P. Gold, MD, a professor and pediatric neurologist.

According to the Gold Foundation, Dr. Gold was a passionate advocate for humanistic healthcare. He and his wife, Dr. Sandra Gold, started The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which has expanded the White Coat Ceremony internationally. The application process is managed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Today, nearly every medical school in the United States, hundreds of nursing schools and many other health profession schools around the world participate in this tradition.

About the Arnold P. Gold Foundation

The Gold Foundation champions the human connection in healthcare. The foundation engages schools and their students, health systems, companies, and individual clinicians in the joy and meaning of humanistic healthcare, so that patients and their families can be partners in collaborative, compassionate and scientifically excellent care.

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Greene County Forgivable Advance for Small Business Assistance

The Purpose:

The Forgivable Advance for Small Business Assistance (FASBA) provides up to \$50,000 grants for small, local businesses who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These are federal grants to fund local programs to relieve businesses of the economic disaster and keep the county thriving.

This is not a first-come, first serve program.

To be eligible, a business must:

- Demonstrate it experienced a 25% annual or quarterly disruption due to the COVID-19 crisis
- · Provide evidence of viability before crisis
- Document at least one Full Time Equivalent (FTE) job created or retained where the employee meets the definition of low to moderate income OR business and job located in 20% poverty and general distress 30% poverty, central business district and general stress
- Businesses that earn \$1 Million or less in revenue are eligible
- Have at least 1-year business operations and at least 1-year tax returns
- · Evidence up-to-date on taxes or have a payment plan
- · Business has 100 or fewer employees worldwide

Ineligible Businesses:

- · Non-profits
- Real Estate Developers
- Businesses providing assistance in the form of lobbying or other political activities
- "Sin" businesses, as defined by HUD

Funds can be used for:

Payroll

(FASBA)

- Rent/Mortgage
- · Utilities (gas, phone, etc.)
- · Supplies (up to 90 days)
- · Inventory (up to 180 days)
- Insurance
- Accounting
- Legal
- Advertising

Businesses can prove compliance and the advance can be forgiven in 120 days!

Interested?

Visit www.co.greene.pa.us/business for more information and to download the application. Businesses are encouraged to prescreen by contacting Crystal Simmons, CDBG/HOME Program Director.

(724) 852.5260



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GRANTS FOR BUSINESS!



Greene County businesses and residents affected by the flooding on July 29th, 2021, may apply for lowinterest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration, SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman announced today.

Administrator Guzman made the loans available in response to a letter form West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice on September 22nd, 2021, requesting a disaster declaration by the SBA. Businesses and residents in the declared areas can now apply for low-interest disaster loans from the SBA.

The declaration includes Monongalia County and the adjacent counties of Marion, Preston, Taylor, and Wetzle in West Virginia; and Fayette and Greene in Pennsylvania.

"SBA's mission-driven team stands ready to help small businesses and residents impacted by the flooding/" said Administrator Guzman. "We're committed to providing federal disaster loans swiftly and efficiently, with a customer-centric approach to help businesses and communities recover and rebuild."

"Businesses and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets," said SBA's West Virginia District Director Karen Friel.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations, the SBA offers <u>Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)</u> to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL Loan assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

"Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property," said Kem Fleming, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements may include a safe room or storm shelter, sump pump, French drain, or retaining wall to help protect property and occupants from future damage caused by a similar disaster.

Interest rates are as low as **2.855** percent for businesses, **2** percent for nonprofit organizations, and **1.563** percent for homeowners and renters, with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <u>DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov/ela/s</u> and should apply under SBA declaration # 17198, not for the COVID-19 incident.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or emailing <u>DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov</u>. Loan applications may be downloaded at <u>sba.gov/disaster</u> Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Nov. 29, 2021**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 29, 2022**.

SUPPORTING WORKPLACE MENTAL HEALTH

MYBENEFIT

Focusing on employee wellness not only benefits your employees but can boost your company's bottom line as well. Estimates that one in five Americans experience some form of mental illness, most without getting treatment, means that many will continue to struggle with their issues, impacting both family life and work life, if employed. And although mental health struggles have long pre-dated COVID-19,

the pandemic only served to exacerbate the health challenges for many individuals.

For the employer, the benefits of supporting employee mental health can be substantial. By showing an interest in the health and well-being of their staff they can help employees navigate through issues like anxiety, depression, burnout and traumas. In addition to showing they truly care about their employees, providing mental health support can also increase productivity and improve the overall morale of the office.

The first step concerned employers can take is to look critically at their benefit portfolio to assure that the resources they are providing adequately meets the needs of their working populace. Start by reviewing the mental health benefits provided by any base health insurance benefits, Employee assistance programs (EAPs) and Telehealth services, then make sure all these programs are being effectively communicated to employees so they will be able to take advantage of the resources being provided to them.

Finally, employers can create opportunities for management and human resource personnel to open up supportive conversations with employees regarding mental health issues, helping to reduce the stigma wherever possible by sharing any of their own personal experiences and challenges.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce offers its members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, including voluntary offerings. For more information about My Benefit Advisor, visit our website at greene.mybenefitadvisor.com or contact Mike Galardini at (800) 377-3539.



Join Vitalant's Campaign for First-time Donors on Blood Drives

Recruit first-time donors* to give blood at your blood drive in November, December and January and you'll be automatically entered to win one of 5 - \$300 Amazon.com Gift Cards in three monthly drawings.**

Blood drive coordinators have the amazing ability to motivate members of their communities to help patients by donating blood, especially when it comes to first-time donors. Because of you and your blood drives, over 75,000 people in 2021 so far have made their first blood donation at a Vitalant blood drive. Thank you!

Over **216,000 new blood donors are needed every year** for us to safeguard the blood supply for patients, and the number one reason people say they donate blood is *because* they were personally asked. That's why we're launching a nationwide campaign to engage new donors on blood drives.

Use your awesome ability to motivate members of your community to help patients and join our national effort to engage first-time donors on blood drives. Here's how:

- 1. Host an on-site and/or virtual blood drive in November, December and/or January.
- 2. Complete your drive with 20% total donations made by first-time donors.
- 3. Be entered to win a \$300 Amazon.com Gift Card and celebrate your impact!

5 Ways to Engage First-time Donors

- Host a blood drive sign-up table in the lobby of your building or organization (wherever you're hosting the blood drive). Talk to people about the importance of being a blood donor and schedule donors for the upcoming blood drive.
- Talk to 5 new businesses in the area. Ask them to support the blood drive and provide them with flyer(s) to promote the drive.
- Ask 5 of your regular donors to help join your recruitment efforts. They can post on social media or text/ call 5 people they know about the upcoming blood drive. Encourage them to bring a buddy to the drive.
- If you're hosting a drive at work, talk to your human resources department about including blood drive information in new hire packets and presentations. Identify 5 new employees and personally invite them to schedule an appointment at the blood drive.
- Include a specific ask for first-time donors in your blood drive outreach emails, phone calls and collateral
 using the blood facts and statistics below.

Looking for more ideas? Contact your Vitalant donor recruitment representative to brainstorm additional ways to engage first-time donors tailored to your community and location.

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877.258.4825 or visit us at vitalant.org Find us @vitalant:



Blood Facts & Statistics



- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- One in 7 people entering a hospital will need blood.
- · A single blood donation can help more than one patient and could help as many as three.
- · Vitalant needs 5,300 donations every day to support patient needs in the 900 hospitals we serve.
- · Vitalant needs over 216,000 new donors annually to safeguard blood needs for patients.
- · The majority of the population is estimated to be eligible to donate blood but only 3% do.
- First-time donors get an initial screening of their blood type when they make their first blood donation
 at a Vitalant blood drive or donation center (not applicable in Nevada due to state restrictions).
- All blood types are critically needed, especially Type O.
- Type O is often needed in an emergency as well as for routine lifesaving surgeries, cancer treatment and more.
- Blood donation is an essential activity.
- All Vitalant blood drives and donation centers follow strict protocols to ensure the safety of donors, volunteers, patients and staff. Review current COVID safety measures at <u>vitalant.org/COVID-FAQs</u>.
- Blood donations decline as much as 20% during the winter months due to cold and flu and weather impacts.
- January is National Blood Donor month, a time to bring awareness to the constant need for new blood donors.

There is a critical blood and platelet shortage. The pandemic has impacted the number of people giving. In fact, about 92,000 fewer donors have visited Vitalant blood drives over the past year than the previous year. About 1,000 more new and existing donors are needed each week to replenish the blood supply.

Helpful Quick Links

- Blood donor eligibility, <u>vitalant.org/eligibility</u>
- Donation process, vitalant.org/blood-donation-process
- Online scheduling, vitalant.org or your unique blood drive link.
- Day-of donation health screening, vitalant.org/donate/health-history-guestionnaire



Campaign Guidelines

- · Host an on-site and/or virtual blood drive in November, December and/or January to qualify.
- Complete your on-site and/or virtual blood drive with at least 20% of the total donations from firsttime donors and be automatically entered to win one of 5 \$300 Amazon.com gift cards in three monthly drawings.
- · The gift card is redeemable by email. No exceptions apply.
- When you host a virtual blood drive as an extension of your on-site blood drive, successful donations
 will be added together to calculate the total number of first-time donors. (Contact your donor
 recruitment representative to add a virtual blood drive to your on-site drive. It allows members of your
 community to give blood on behalf of your group at any Vitalant location.)
- Results of a virtual blood drive will be combined with the results of an on-site blood drive when applicable, resulting in one entry when the first-time donor target is reached. Donations made to the virtual blood drive must be made in the same month as the on-site blood drive to qualify for the monthly drawings.
- · The total amount of first-time donors will be calculated after the blood drive is complete.
- The total amount of first-time donors must be at least 20% of the total donations made at the on-site blood drive, virtual blood drive or a combination of the two, to qualify.
- Vitalant tracks first-time donors based on successful donations.***
- The person designated in Vitalant's blood drive planning database as the 'primary coordinator' for the blood drive is eligible for entry.
- Primary blood drive coordinators who meet the criteria are automatically entered into the random drawing. They do not need to opt-in to participate.
- 5 primary blood drive coordinators will be randomly selected at the completion of each month of the campaign.
- Gift card winners will be notified by phone and email. They will have 7 business days to respond and claim their gift card. Following 7 business days, the gift card will be considered declined and a new recipient will be selected.
- A blood drive coordinator is eligible to win one gift card per month. A blood drive coordinator is eligible to win more than one gift card throughout the campaign timeframe.

*The total percent of first-time donors only includes completed donations and must be at least 20% of the total donations collected to qualify for entry, except in New Jersey, Ohio and Philadelphia. See below.

**Vitalant will hold one drawing per month and give away (5) \$300 Amazon.com gift cards per month. All blood drive results will be pulled when the month is over.

***In New Jersey, Ohio and Philadelphia, Vitalant tracks first-time donors based on the total number of registered donors. At least 20% firsttime donors must be registered to qualify.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to making more moments possible for patients and their families. Thank you for partnering with Vitalant. Together, we can reach more people and make a bigger difference.





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