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ANNUAL MEETING

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Friday, December 8th, 2023 the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Meeting celebration at the Indiana Country Club. The Chamber Annual Meeting and Celebration is an event the Indiana County Chamber of commerce hosts at the end of the calendrer year to celebrate what has been accomplished, as well as to mingle and relax as it is held near the holidays. 2023 was the 111th Annual Meeting held. This year there was much to celebrate as the Chamber had been awarded the title Chamber of the Year for the second time in four years, as well as gaining the title of accreditation, as the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce is only the second chamber to achieve accreditation in the State of Pennsylvania through PACP.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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As the late afternoon sun gleamed across the rolling green fields at the Indiana Country club, guests filed in under gilded light, with the entryway framed by a lush Christmas tree. Guests were greeted by the Chamber Ambassadors with warm smiles, awaiting check in and gathering their respective name tags. Many were anticipating what was to come, as a few awards were to be announced that evening.

The event boasted a diverse variety of foods. As opposed to a traditional meal, guests had the opportunity to create their own plate, as tables filled with delicious dinner and dessert items were spread throughout the main dining room. Some of the dishes included fresh cut ham, sliders featuring various meats and cheeses, dessert options such as cookies, brownies, and the crowd favorite a mashed potato bar which hosted the option to build a sweet potato bowl or a traditional cup, featuring various accompaniments such as brown sugar butter, bacon, sour cream, cheese, and much more.

As the event began Chamber President Mark Hilliard had thanked everyone for attending, and recognized everyone who has helped the Chamber of Commerce, as everyone involved has made the Chamber's accomplishments this year possible.

After words from guest speakers, three awards were announced. The class of 2024 inductees for the Business Hall of Fame were announced, the male and female Civic Leaders of the Year were awarded, as well as the appointments for the board in 2024.

Overall, the event had a good turnout, and many enjoyed the celebration. Many of the guests enjoyed the center pieces which were a variety of exotic houseplants. Guests were able to experience good company, great food, and fantastic live music.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: INDIANA THEATER

On Wednesday December 13th, 2023 the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours event hosted by the Indiana Theater on Philadelphia St. Business After Hour Events are a regular Chamber event held in order to connect with members and the community, while providing an opportunity for members to showcase their business.

The Indiana Theater has a rich history. The Indiana has been a staple in the community since 1924, even throughout its renovations it has remained successful. It has been a hub for cinema and local entertainment for decades. The theater itself was closed in the 1980's, and for a bit the building was used for a variety of purposes such as live performances specifically from the 2012-2015 era. Recently the building was used as a sector of Amplify Church.

The Indiana Theater is back and actively screening movies as well as participating in other community activities such as their work with the Northern Appalachian Folk Festival, open mic nights featuring music and poetry, and other live performances. The theater has many unique events such as Silent Film Sundays and various months dedicated to showcasing different genres/types of cinema and directors amongst other activities. The theater has retained its beautiful vintage interior and charm, while also growing with the community and providing ample opportunities for the residents of Indiana county to explore film and express their creativity.

The Business After Hours Event was lovely, as the Theater held Door Prizes for guests and plenty of refreshments. The vintage architecture of the building was decked out in holiday decorations, with a guest favorite being the Santa that welcomed all who entered. Guests had the opportunity to try various classic movie theater hors d'oeuvres, such as pigs in a blanket and classic movie theater popcorn drenched in butter.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS: INDIANA THEATER

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There were other refreshments as well such as a charcuterie board with various meats and cheeses, as well as guests' choice of drink including wine and beer. The Theater also offered activities for attendees afterwards with a 7 p.m. showing of *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947) to add to the Holiday spirit. Although the showing was open to the public, guests were encouraged to stay and enjoy the film.

Overall, the Business After Hours event was wonderful as many guests enjoyed the refreshments and atmosphere of the historical building. The Chamber would like to thank the Indiana Theater for hosting a Business After Hours event to end the 2023 year.



PACP ACCREDITATION

This year the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce has achieved the status of accreditation, making it the newest accredited chamber in Pennsylvania and is the second chamber in the state to be accredited.

The Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals (PACP) Accredited Chamber program was created to implement a standard for organizational competency and use an objective set of criteria to assess chamber performance. Although this program is completely voluntary, the steps in which it is required to achieve the status of accreditation is long and rigorous. Reforming and writing codes of conduct, updating office standards, and defining various organizational structures within the Chamber. To become accredited, a Chamber must provide overwhelming evidence that they are performing optimally in areas such as organization, they have a mission focus, there is professional administration, financial management, communications, and advocacy on a local, state, and national level.

Benefits of becoming accredited as a Chamber through the PACP can speak for itself. Accredited Chambers gain increased credibility among their Board of Directors and membership, it can help with membership recruitment and retention, and helps differentiate the accredited chamber from other chambers and business associations. Becoming accredited can benefit the community that the Chamber serves such as setting higher standards voluntarily, providing reassurance that the local chamber is committed to providing excellence, and providing assurance to new members joining the Chamber that they are investing in a business entity which works to serve them to the highest quality.

This was a long and challenging process, but a fantastic achievement. We would sincerely like to thank our organization manager Steven Lomax for this step forward.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MID-WINTER MAYHEM

KOVALCHICK
CONVENTION AND ATHLETIC COMPLEX
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA



**JAN.
12-14**



CHAMPION FORCE CHEER



**CHAMPION FORCE
ATHLETICS**

**JAN.
21**



TWIRLFEST



**FEB.
3**



**HERITAGE CONFERENCE BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**



**FEB.
9**



KWL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS



**FEB.
11**



PA STATE TAXIDERMY & WILDLIFE TRADE SHOW



**MJA
RN.**



Coffee Talk Live Event

Hosted by

Aroma Joe's®

January 30th, 2024

8 a.m.-9a.m.

2057 Oakland Ave

Indiana, Pa 15701

Join the Chamber and friends for coffee and conversation
at our Coffee Talk Live hosted by Aroma Joe's!





BUSINESS
AFTER HOURS



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
FOR THE ALLEGHENIES

Makayla's Dream



February 22nd, 2024

5-7p.m.

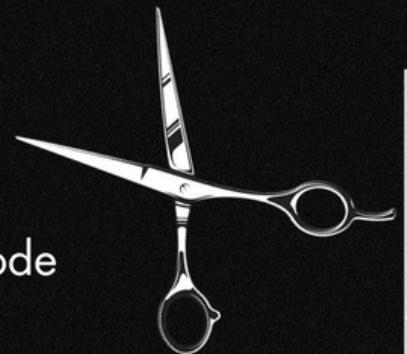
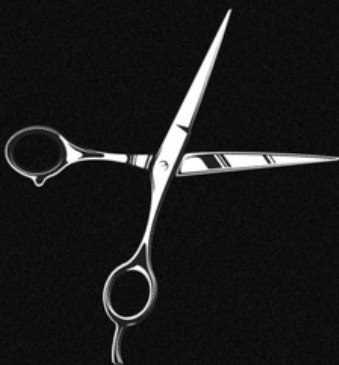
441 Hamill Rd. Indiana, PA, 15701

The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (CFA) and Great Clips invite you to a Chamber After Hours! Join us for drinks, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, and learn about scholarships available through CFA, including

Makayla's Dream



Register by scanning the QR code



ROTARY CLUB OF INDIANA-MIDDAY

PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday February 10th, 2024
4pm Doors Open!

- FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES -
420 PHILADELPHIA STREET
INDIANA, PA 15701

*\$25 per person includes beverages
and buffet dinner*

Add a horse for only \$25!
(Catered by Just Ask Catering)

Tickets available by visiting our Facebook Page
"Indiana Mid Day Rotary Club" OR open the
camera on your smart device, scan QR code and
follow the link

Questions? Contact us at:
indianamiddayrotary@gmail.com



ROTARY CLUB OF INDIANA-MIDDAY

PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All Sponsorship Opportunities include social media and event banner recognition.

\$100 General Sponsor (Unlimited)

Includes: Name recognition

\$100 Race Sponsor (9 Available)

Includes: Name recognition prior to corresponding race

\$100 Bidding Window Sponsor (5 Available)

Includes: Name recognition prior to corresponding race

\$250 Final Race Sponsor (1 Available)

Includes: Name recognition prior to corresponding race

\$500 Dinner Sponsor (2 Available)

Includes: Name or logo on signage on the buffet and at guest tables

\$500 Open Bar Sponsor (2 Available)

Includes: Name or logo on signage at the bar and at guest tables

\$750 Event Sponsor (2 Available)

Includes: Microphone recognition throughout the evening as the event sponsor, name or logo on signage of event entrance, on the guest tables and on the 50/50 tickets. Also includes 2 event tickets



All Net Proceeds Benefit the Rotary Club of Indiana-Midday community and educational programs that offer Grants and Scholarships within our community.

The Rotary Club of Indiana-Midday is a social welfare organization under 501(c)(4) of the IRS.

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ROTARY CLUB OF INDIANA-MIDDAY

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Saturday February 4, 2023

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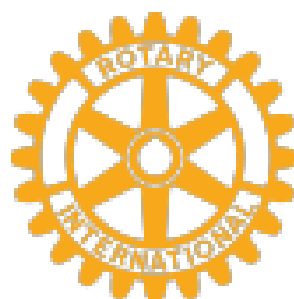
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Please send check made out to Indiana Midday Rotary Club to:

PO Box ____Indiana, PA 15701



SAVE THE DATE!

February 21, 2024

Attention Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana Counties! You are invited to the Career Pathways to Apprenticeships Summit

Employers

Are you looking for a way to grow your workforce?
Are you interested in creating a pathway that brings new hires, addresses advancement, and has a proven record for retention?

Are you interested in attracting potential employers to the area with a solid plan for hiring and retention?

Economic Development Partners

Are you interested in running courses that meet in-demand needs and match your cohort minimum requirements?

Educators

Are you interested in providing job seekers opportunities to work in high demand, good paying occupations?

Workforce Partners and Community-based Organizations

Additional Details to follow.

NWPA **REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP**
AMBASSADOR NETWORK

RENEWING MEMBERS

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553 Autobody & Super Car Restoration
A-1 Vending Company
A. C. Miller Concrete Products, Inc.
Affinity Health ServicesAntria, Inc.
B&G Brothers Rentals
Bayada Home Health Care
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices The
Preferred Realty
Borough of Clymer
Brandon's Home Improvements
Burrell Township Library
Campus Connection
Campus Corner
Catalyst Connection
Center Township Board of Supervisors
Chamber Friend
Chamber Friend
Chamber Friend
Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort & Conference
Center
Concordia-IRMC VNA
Cowburn & Keppich, O.D.
Crimson Hawk Housing
Crimson Wealth Management Group
Cronan Rentals
CrossFit Indiana
Cummings Landscaping, LLC
Disobedient Spirits
Don Huey Automotive & Truck Repair
Dr. Mushtaq Syed
Eberly College Of Business
Evans & Mack CPA
Evergreen Insurance, LLC
Fairmans Roof Trusses, Inc.
Farmers Insurance - Monica Jones Agency
Fasttimes Screen Printing & Sign Co.
FAVOR Western PA, RCO (Recovery Community
Organization)
Flower and Balloon Gallery, LLC
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Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Howard Hanna Kuzneski & Lockard
Indiana Audiology
Indiana Country Club
Indiana County Area SHRM (Society of Human
Resource Mgt.)
Indiana County Career T.R.A.C.K.
Indiana County Humane Society
Indiana County Jimmy Stewart Airport
Indiana County Republican Committee
Indiana County Technology Center
Indiana Networking
Indiana University Of PA
IRMC Physicians Group
IUP Alumni Association
IUP Research Institute
IUP University Museum
Joseph VanHannak, MA, LPC, NCC
Junior Achievement Western Pennsylvania
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K & K Mine Products
K.H. Controls, Inc
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Kencove Farm Fencing Supplies
Kerr Promotions
Keystone Veterinary Services
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Lentz Kitchen And Bath
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Mark Arbuckle Nissan
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McNaughton Brothers Moving & Storage
Meadow Lane Golf Course
MGK Technologies, Inc
Michael B Shoes
Mohawk Lanes Inc
Mountain Creek Properties
Nelson & Associates Insurance Services LLC
New Life Community Church of Ind. PA
New Story
Ninth Street Deli
Nonlethal Technologies
Northern Appalachian Folk Festival
Oakland Cemetery
PA Careerlink Indiana County
PA Production Services
Palladio LLC
Paradise Landscaping
Patrons Mutual Fire Ins
Penn Mechanical Group
Penn View Equipment Co Inc
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Pizza Hut/KFC
Quality Inn and Suites
Rairigh-Bence Funeral Home Inc.
Reliant Holdings, Inc
Renda Broadcasting of Indiana
Reporex Fabricated Systems
Reschini Group
Rhonda Lightner Appraisals
Rizzo & Sons Industrial Service Co., Inc.
RJB Rentals Co
Robert And Bevs Truck Accessory Center LLC
Romeo's Pizza Inc

Ronald C. McCrory CPA LLC
Royal Oil and Gas Corporation
Salzgiver Inc.
Saltsburg Borough
Salvation Army The
Scenery Hill Manor
SeeWorld Satellites
Sekula Sign Corporation
Senator Joe Pittman
Senior LIFE Indiana
Service Master of Ind. Co.
Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Shadco LLC
Sheesley & Associates
Sheetz Inc
Shirley Eye Care
Shoemaker Monument Co
Shoemaker Richard L. Funeral Home
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Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc.
Stifflers Greenhouse
Strike Zone Lounge
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The Arc of Indiana County
The Artists Hand Gallery & Espresso Bar
The Home Made Restaurant
The Jimmy Stewart Museum
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