



## November 2020



32nd Annual G-ACC Golf Tournament winners (left to right): Jim Wertner, Wayne Bumbaugh, Bill Blair & Steve Coleman CONGRATULATIONS!

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## Greetings!

#### Hello All!

I love giving presents. But, I have a hard time secreting them away --I tend to want to pass them out as soon as I have them wrapped and tagged! So, I'm going to start off this newsletter with an early Christmas present for you!

I'm excited to announce that our website, courtesy Cermak Technologies, has a new look! (The web address is still the same: <a href="www.greencastlepachamber.org">www.greencastlepachamber.org</a>.) Of special note is the online payment option for many of our Heritage Christmas offerings. You can now enter your **Lights of Love** (sponsored by Blaise Alexander Chevrolet) and pay online. New this year for Heritage Christmas is **Santa's Naught or Nice List** (sponsored by Orrstown Bank), which you can also access and pay with the new system. For those of you who live in the G-A community, you can also register for the **Light It Up Contest** (sponsored by Antrim Insurance Agency) via the online form. Merry Christmas a little early!

However, lest I blow past other Chamber excitement, we had a great **32nd Annual Golf Tournament** (note the winners listed on the previous page), and we celebrated two recent ribbon cuttings. **Teal Blossom Boutique** opened on the Square early in October, and **The Center of Balance** added a Reflexology Walk with a ribbon cutting this past Friday. While attending the latter, I was reminded of the power of relationship in regards to our small businesses and how vitally important it is that we support them and that they support each other. Shop Local. Save Local! (Plus treasures abound in Greencastle's shops!)

A great chance to do that is coming on November 7 with G-ACC's **Downtown And-Around-Town Open House** on November 7. You'll definitely want to check out the specials at *the shop*, All Things Country, E.L.M Department Store, ELM Shoes, Growing With Music / CVSM, The Center of Balance, Teal Blossom Boutique, Wildflower Apparel, among other G-ACC merchants.

Right on the tails of the Open House, please consider these events:

- In the northwest corner of the Square, **Growing With Music / CVSM** is having a Grand Reopening on Friday, November 13 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m.
- Wildflower Apparel, located at 106 S. Antrim Way, is having a Grand Opening on Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with door busters, giveaways and 10% off storewide throughout the day.
- Lumber Direct at 10 E. Walter Ave. is hosting their annual Shindig on Monday, November 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with sales better than Black Friday with amazing giveaways and door prizes!
- Shop Local / Save Local on **Shop Small Saturday**, sponsored by McCrea Heating & Air Services, on November 28. Save your receipts from five G-ACC retailers and enter the **Shop Small Sweepstakes**.

Sounds like we'll have lots of opportunities to bump into one another - at least with an elbow! I look forward to seeing you soon!

Valerie

## **Upcoming Events**

Election Tuesday, November 3

Open House Saturday, November 7

Lights of Love Applications Due Friday, November 13

Small Business Saturday Saturday, November 28

Heritage Christmas in the Square Fridays, December 4 & 11

Santa's Naughty or Nice List Last Day to Enter Someone for Santa's List Sunday, December 20



**VOTE TODAY!** 











#### Welcome New Members!



**Buchanan Auto Stores** 



#### Thank You Renewing Members!

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Covalt's Repair
DSS Law, LLP

Greencastle Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine
Greencastle Presbyterian Church
GW Electric
Ivy Hill Farm
Keystone Ford
Keystone RV Super Center
Lilian S. Besore Memorial Library
Sunnyway Diner
Wertime Guyer, LLC



## **HERITAGE CHRISTMAS**

## LIGHTS OF LOVE

Join us in celebrating and honoring your loved ones with the annual Lights of Love on the Heritage Christmas tree.

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217 E. Baltimore Street
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#### Members in the News

#### Hartz & Weber Recognized



Every year <u>Bartlett Tree Experts</u> recognizes a select group of employees as Bartlett Champions. These are the individuals that inspire us and share their success and knowledge without hesitation. The Chambersburg office is proud to recognize Ryan Weber as a Crew Leader Champion and Doug Hartz as a Plant Healthcare Specialist Champion. Congratulations Ryan & Doug!





#### Borough Seeks Manager

Greencastle native Lorraine Hohl submitted her resignation as Greencastle's borough manager on October 22 citing personal health reasons, having worked for the borough since June 2017 and serving as borough manager for a year.



Qualifications for borough manager outlined in the ad for the post include graduating from a four-year college or university with a degree in public management, public administration or a related field with a minimum of five years of progressively responsible experience or a combination of education and at least eight years of municipal experience. The borough manager oversees day-to-day operations of the borough; 13 full-time and three part-time employees; the administration, HR and finance, public works, wastewater and water departments; and combined budgets of \$5 million. Find more information on the position HERE.



#### ACNB Bank Awards Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations, Eric Alleman! Eric received the 2020 ACNB Volunteer of the Year award in recognition of his leadership and service. Last year Eric dedicated more than 330 service hours to community organizations and giving back. More from <u>ACNB</u>.

#### Lizzy's Donates 100% of Pink Sundae Purchases

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 100% of the purchases of <u>Lizzy's</u> Pink Sundaes has been donated to the BCACV (Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley). Thank you for giving back to the community!









#### How to Receive Funding for Your Small Business



"This is one of the best discussions I've heard. Period. This was as well done as it could have been." -Mike Ross, President, FCADC

Penn State Mont Alto's LaunchBox & the Chambersburg Chamber recently held a valuable conversation entitled: "The Landscape of Business Funding and Access to Financial Capital in a Pandemic Environment." The panel was made up of: Tim Henry, President and CEO, F&M Trust; Jeff Gayman, Executive VP and President, Orrstown Bank; and Brad Warner, CEO, Patriot Federal Credit Union. Listen to the full discussion HERE.



The Members of SEK, CPAs & Advisors (SEK) are pleased to share that effective December 1, 2020, SEK will acquire the not-for-profit/governmental practice of Stambaugh Ness, a CPA firm located in York, PA that serves clients in 40+ states.





Krista M. Gardner, CPA is the Managing Director of the not-for-profit/governmental practice at Stambaugh Ness and will join SEK as a Member of the Firm. Erin M. Fike also works exclusively with not-for-profit and governmental clients and will join SEK as a Senior Associate. Gardner and Fike are based in York and will serve clients of all South-Central Pennsylvania offices. Read more <u>HERE</u>.

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#### Conococheague Institute Appoints New Executive Director

Matthew Wedd has been named the executive director of the Conococheague Institute by the organization's Board of Directors. Hired in June 2020 as operations manager, amidst a pandemic, Matthew managed to rejuvenate the site by improving accessibility for all, making programs and events attainable despite Covid-19 guidelines, and bringing in a talented collection of volunteers to help the Conococheague Institute achieve its mission. Read more HERE.

#### HCC Recognizes 2019 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year



Hagerstown Community College recently recognized Robert Ball, adjunct instructor in cybersecurity, as the 2019 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year. Ball's commitment to curriculum and student success makes him a valuable team member for the Technology and Computer Studies Division and for the Learning Support Center.

## Legislative Updates



A representative of Rep. Schemel is available to help constituents on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Antrim Township Office, 10655 Antrim Church Rd., Greencastle.



You can follow Rep. Schemel on Facebook

Rep. Schemel can be reached at: 1402 East Main Street Waynesboro, PA 17268 (717) 749-7384



Following unanimous approval in both the House and Senate, legislation to freeze Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for state government officials beginning Dec. 1, 2020, through Nov. 30, 2021, has been signed into law. Responding to difficult economic conditions brought on by COVID-19 and subsequent mitigation efforts, Act 79 of 2020 will freeze pay for members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the governor, lieutenant governor, treasurer, attorney general, auditor general, the heads of departments, members of boards and commissions and the judiciary. Earlier this year, the House Republican Caucus also placed a freeze on hiring and froze employee salaries for one year.



Following Governor Tom Wolf's veto of a bill that would have helped the state's restaurants, bars and clubs, the state House tried to override his actions. Despite my vote to reject the veto, the effort failed to get the required two-thirds majority vote after a dozen House Democrats who originally supported the bill changed their votes.



A representative of Sen. Ward is available to assist local residents every month on the third Tuesday at Greencastle Borough Hall, 60 N. Washington St.



You can follow Sen. Ward on Facebook

or write to Senate Box 203030 Harrisburg, PA 17120-3030 Phone: 717-787-5490

Fax: 717-783-5192



A bill I authored to improve the Community-Based Health Care Program was sent to the governor recently to be signed into law. Under current law, funding for federally qualified health centers and similar facilities is capped at 25 percent of the total amount of funding distributed by the program. My bill would remove this cap and ensure all applications can be considered in a competitive review process. This approach would ensure the facilities in the best position to serve patients would receive funding, regardless of the type of provider.



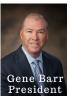
The Senate approved a comprehensive package of bipartisan reforms recently to support our first responders and improve the delivery of fire and EMS services throughout the state. The bill contains key improvements to grant and loan programs for fire companies, new measures to support recruitment and retention of fire personnel and critical changes in the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. Legislation was also approved to increase funding to the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund by approximately \$11 million.



I was pleased to join my fellow lawmakers, education advocates and parents for a news conference at the Capitol recently in support of Senate Bill 1230 and House Bill 2696, legislation I introduced with Representative Clint Owlett to ensure Pennsylvania students have the resources they need to succeed. Our legislation would create Back on Track education scholarship accounts (ESAs) for families who are in need of additional learning support during these difficult times.



## PA Chamber of Business & Industry



#### **PA Chamber Condemns Acts of Intolerance**

Chamber President and CEO Gene Barr issued a statement condemning acts of intolerance and hate speech, including recent incidents in which racial slurs were directed at Pennsylvania's Second Lady Gisele Fetterman and literature scribbled with Nazi references was sent to state Rep. Aaron Kaufer (R-Luzerne) which is particularly offensive and disturbing given Rep. Kaufer is a public servant of the Jewish faith. Find the full statement HERE.

#### Poll Finds a Majority of Pennsylvanians Don't Want Government-Run Health Care

A new poll released by the PA Chamber shows that a majority of likely voters in the Commonwealth are opposed to the creation of a government-run health care system. Read more about the recent poll <u>HERE</u>.

#### **News Report Shows 2 Million Jobs Lost in Event of \$15 Minimum Wage**

A report by the Employment Policies Institute has shown that a nationwide \$15 an hour minimum wage would be the loss of more than 2 million jobs. A story in The Center Square details the report, which was published by two university professors conducting a state-by-state economic impact analysis that included the impact of COVID-19. The report notes that if a federal minimum wage were enacted to reach \$12.60 in tipped wages and \$15 an hour in the standard minimum wage by 2027 (i.e. the "Raise the Wage Act"), 33 states would be required to raise their tipped wages by \$8 or more in the next six years. They conclude that "such growth could be considered unsustainable for many businesses, localities and states," and predict that Texas would lose the most jobs by 2027, followed by Pennsylvania, which could lose more than 143,000 jobs. Find the full article and better solutions as proposed by the PA Chamber HERE.



#### U.S. Chamber Leads Suit Against Overreaching Restrictions on Work Visas

On October 19, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and others filed a lawsuit in the Northern District of California against recent regulations that will undermine high-skilled immigration into the United States. U.S. Chamber CEO Thomas J. Donohue released the following statement after the suit was filed: "The rules being implemented by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Labor undermine high-skilled immigration in the U.S. and a company's ability to retain and recruit the very best talent. If these rules are allowed to stand, they will devastate companies across various industries." More HERE

#### **Report on Childcare Amidst COVID**

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation released a new report, "Piecing Together Solutions: Returning to Work and the Childcare Dilemma," outlining how childcare challenges are affecting working parents amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Key findings include:

- Lack of childcare is a main barrier to returning to work.
- Limited childcare options add a financial burden for parents.
- K-12 school decisions have a significant impact.

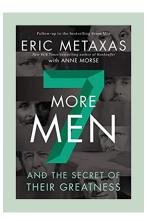
Read the article and find the link to the report **HERE**.

## **Book of the Month**

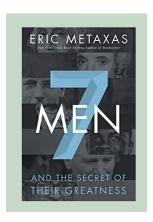
## 7 MORE MEN And the Secret of Their Greatness

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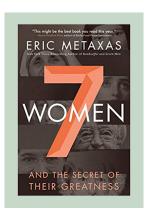




In <u>Seven More Men</u>, the sequel to the enormously successful <u>Seven Men</u>, #1 New York Times bestselling author Eric Metaxas offers more captivating stories of some of the most inspiring men in history. A gallery of greatness comes to life as Metaxas reveals men who faced insurmountable struggles and challenges with victorious resolve.



Heroes and role models have always been tremendously important—essential for inspiring our lives and shaping the world. But in the last few decades, the need for men of valor and integrity is more vital than ever. Award-winning biographer Eric Metaxas restores a sense of the heroic in the compelling profiles of Martin Luther, George Whitefield, William Booth, George Washington Carver, Sergeant Alvin York, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, and Billy Graham. Each man evinces a particular quality: the courage to surrender themselves to a higher purpose, and the willingness to give something dear to them away for the good of others.



With vitality and warmth, Metaxas draws electrifying insights for our daily lives from the inexhaustible richness of history. Inevitably inspiring, this anthology reminds us that certain qualities are worthy of emulation. Becoming acquainted with these seven heroes cannot fail to make your life immeasurably richer.



#### **Board of Directors**

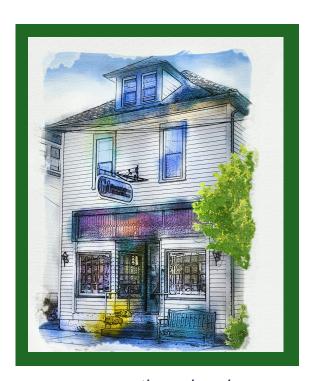
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