Latrobe Bulletin

Greater LATROBE | Laurel Valley REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER PAGE

New connections, new opportunities highlight the month of September

September has been a busy month for the Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce, with new businesses joining the Chamber, community traditions being celebrated, opportunities for professional development taking shape and plans underway for an exciting year ahead.

The Chamber continues to welcome new businesses to its membership. Among the newest members is **SSM Industries, Inc.**, a full-service commercial and industrial mechanical contractor with more than 30 years of experience. The company provides a wide range of services, including HVAC, plumbing, refrigeration, process piping, sheet metal and industrial fabrication, design-build, BIM coordination, maintenance and mechanical service. Its Latrobe office serves commercial and industrial customers throughout the Latrobe and Greensburg markets.

Also joining the Chamber and downtown Latrobe business community is **Mystic Thrift Emporium**, located at 223 Main St. The shop offers affordable, size-inclusive secondhand clothing and shoes alongside crystals, incense, herbs, candles, sage and other unique spiritual items. With an emphasis on sustainable shopping, affordability and one-of-a-kind finds, Mystic Thrift Emporium brings another distinctive shopping option to downtown Latrobe.

Family Farm and Home has also joined the Chamber. The retailer offers farm and livestock supplies, pet products, lawn and garden items, hardware, workwear and outdoor essentials, serving customers looking for products that help them "Live, Work & Grow." The Chamber looks forward to connecting Family Farm and Home with businesses and organizations throughout the region.

September also brought several opportunities for the Chamber to celebrate businesses and community organizations. The Chamber joined the **Westmoreland Cultural Trust** for the Time Capsule Dedication Ceremony commemorating 100 years of The Palace Theatre in Greensburg. For a century, The Palace has provided a gathering place for arts, entertainment and community events. The Centennial Time Capsule will preserve a snapshot of the region for future generations and serves as a reminder of the important role cultural institutions play in a thriving community.

The Chamber also celebrated the opening of **Latrobe Aesthetics & Botox** with a ribbon cutting at **Scott E. Learn DMD's** office. LAB combines medical aesthetics with individualized care and offers services including dermal fillers, lip flips, PRP, neurotoxins and Botox, as well as therapeutic applications for TMJ, chronic pain and other medical needs.

Another new Chamber member, **The Roaming Bean – Strykie Trailer**, was welcomed with a ribbon cutting this month. The mobile coffee business brings specialty drinks and treats directly to customers and can also be booked for company events, weddings, showers, parties and other special occasions.

Member connections remain an important part of the Chamber experience. **Coffee Tree Roasters** recently hosted Chamber members for a **Morning Mingle**, providing coffee, breakfast and an opportunity for local business professionals to meet, reconnect and build relationships. Events such as **Morning Mingle** demonstrate the Chamber's ongoing focus on creating opportunities for members to connect beyond traditional business settings.

The Chamber also launched a new program this month designed to provide small business owners with practical financial information. The **Morning Brew**, presented in partnership with **Citizens Bank**, is a series of one-hour breakfast meetings focused on financial topics that directly affect small businesses.

The inaugural **Morning Brew**, held September 24 at **Westmoreland County Community College's Latrobe Campus**, focused on "Getting Paid Faster." Participants learned about tools and strategies for collecting payments more efficiently and managing cash flow, including ACH payments, wire transfers, credit card processing and bill pay. **Citizens Bank** provided a complimentary continental breakfast for Chamber members, while future Chamber members were also invited to participate.

The Chamber is also preparing to recognize some of the region's most dedicated businesses, organizations and volunteers at its **81st Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony** on Oct. 19 at the **Fred Rogers Center** at **Saint Vincent College**.

This year's award recipients are:

• Community Service Award: **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #907**

• Non-Profit of the Year: **Latrobe Area Historical Society**

• Small Business of the Year: **Randy Redinger and Sons Auto Service**

• Volunteer of the Year: **Andrew Lazarchik**

The Chamber will also recognize businesses and organizations that have maintained Chamber membership for 50 years or more. This year's honorees are: **Kuhns Electric Supply, Latrobe Country Club, Fox & James Inc., Derry Area School District, Mullen Refrigeration Service Inc., Ferguson Law Associates, Scalise Real Estate Company, Laurel Valley Graphics, Westmoreland County Airport Authority, Clearview Federal Credit Union, Westmoreland County Community College, Kelly, Sparber, White & Associates, LLC, and Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center**.

These longtime members represent decades of partnership with the Chamber and a shared commitment to supporting local businesses and strengthening the communities they serve.

Looking ahead, the Chamber is also inviting the community to follow along with **Monday Miles**, a new social media series promoting the Chamber's upcoming spring 2027 travel experience to **Malaysia and Singapore**. Each Monday, the Chamber is sharing facts and highlights from destinations included in the 12-day adventure.

One featured destination is Batu Caves, where travelers will climb 272 colorful steps into a limestone mountain estimated to be more than 400 million years old. The site is also home to a massive statue of Lord Murugan and has been an important Hindu religious site since the late 19th century.

From welcoming new businesses and creating opportunities for members to connect, to supporting community service initiatives and celebrating longtime members, the Chamber continues to carry out its mission of **Connecting Business, Community & Education**.

September's activities are just one example of the many ways the GLLV Chamber works throughout the year to strengthen relationships, support local businesses and help build a vibrant regional community.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!

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We would like to welcome all of the new members who signed up in the past month!

- Mystic Thrift Emporium
- Family Farm and Home

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
Dollar Bank
Wednesday, Oct. 14, 5:05 p.m.
5300 US-30, Greensburg, PA 15601

We're shaking up Business After Hours and putting a little friendly competition into your networking night!

Forget the typical after-hours routine. This time, we're bringing Financial Feud to the stage! Think Family Feud meets the business community, with teams, fast answers, unexpected responses, friendly competition and plenty of opportunities to make new connections along the way.

Teams will go head-to-head, guessing the most popular answers to questions about money, business, spending, saving, and everything in between. Who knows what your fellow business professionals are thinking? Who can guess the top answer? And, most importantly…who's taking home bragging rights?

You'll still get everything you love about Business After Hours—great food, drinks, conversations, and the chance to connect with fellow Chamber members—but this time, there's a little more on the line.

Come ready to play, laugh, compete, and connect. Bring your business cards, your competitive spirit, and a teammate or two. You may come for the networking, but you just might stay for the feud!

81st ANNUAL
Dinner and Awards Ceremony
Monday, Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m.
Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College

Join us on Oct. 19 at the Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College for the Chamber's 81st Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony.

The Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony is an opportunity to recognize the individuals, businesses, and organizations whose leadership, service, and commitment have made a meaningful difference in our business community and throughout the region.

Guests will gather for an evening of celebration and connection as we honor the Chamber's 2026 award recipients, reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, and recognize the contributions that continue to strengthen our local communities.

For 81 years, the Chamber has worked to connect business, community, and education throughout the region. We invite our members, community partners, and friends to join us as we celebrate this year's honorees and continue that tradition.

Learn more about the Chamber at gllv.org

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- 107.1 WHJB (Classic Hits)
- Crystal Concepts
- Dino's Sports Lounge
- Doing Better Business Inc.
- Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton - Blairsville
- Lancashire Outpost
- Mailey's Provisions
- Mary Kay Cosmetics
- McCullough Machine, Inc.
- Phoenix Physical Therapy
- Physical Therapy Institute
- Sabrina Murray Travel
- Twisted Computing
- Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling
- William N. Hamilton Jr.
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