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November - December 2020

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UPVCC Calendar

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**Education Upended . . .
What's Now, What's Next?**
Business & Education Meeting
Thursday, November 19
8-9am
Virtual Event

Holiday Fireside Event
Thursday, December 10
4-6pm
Bear Creek Mountain Resort

Welcome New Members



Keystone Tax Service of Pennsburg LLC, 772 Main St. in Pennsburg prepares all types of tax returns. Allow their experienced team to take away the stress of filing your taxes. At Keystone Tax Service, they believe you should understand your tax return. They value their clients and want you to feel free to ask them questions until you are comfortable. *Chamber Representative: Wendy Jones, 215.679.7227, www.keystonetaxservice.com*



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Happy Holidays from the Chamber

Thursday, December 10 | 4-6pm

Bear Creek Mountain Resort

101 Doe Mountain Ln., Macungie

\$15 Per Person

Join us for a festive fireside gathering with s'mores and holiday cheer. Catch up with old friends, make new connections and celebrate new beginnings.



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News & Notes from UPV Chamber President, Luanne B. Stauffer

If you need a smile, take a look at the pictures in this issue and view additional event photos in our online albums. We were gifted with beautiful weather for both of our in-person events this fall. The photos are a reminder of how important it is to have opportunities to get together. Both events were held in full compliance of CDC guidelines and we managed to have a great time in spite of the restrictions.

With perfect weather, the 20th Annual Golf Outing was a dream come true. COVID couldn't dampen the universal enthusiasm of golfers and volunteers. To make it even better, the generous sponsor support set an all-time net revenue high for an event that funds nearly one third of the UPV Chamber budget.

Just a few weeks later, we held our first ever Bingo & Bubbly fundraiser for PerkUp's education initiatives. With strong sponsorships and cheerful participants, Designer Bag Bingo was a smashing success under blue skies at Green Lane Park.

We have two more events planned for 2020. We hope you can join us virtually on November 19 for a discussion on the all-important, ever-changing world of education in the time of COVID. For the first time in over thirty years, we won't be gathering to share a meal and enjoy holiday music by the The Uptones; but if you're willing to brave the cold, we'll celebrate around the firepit on December 10 at Bear Creek Mountain Resort. Registration is limited so sign up early.

Although the challenges of meeting in person will continue into 2021, we have some creative ideas for a mix of virtual and in-person events. In January, we'll start virtual with the Legislative Affairs Series, followed by other virtual events through March. If all goes as planned, we'll weave in some open-air events including the business expo and job fair. Stay posted and we'll provide updates after the New Year.

This has been an inside-out, upside down year . . . and it's not over. We've never experienced anything like COVID-19 and its economic impacts but we can still make a difference in our community. It may seem difficult to spend dollars locally when products can be delivered to your door without risk. However, local purchases are more important now than ever. Our community businesses are open and they need us to frequent them. Remember, their role extends beyond products and services. They sponsor our youth sports teams, donate to local nonprofits, support arts and culture, serve on boards and commissions, and perhaps most importantly, provide jobs.

We encourage you to be intentional with all of your purchases, especially through the holidays. What matters most is that we work together to stay safe, connected and healthy.

20th Annual Golf Outing

Event recap & thank you to our committee, volunteers & sponsors

Macoby Run Golf Course | September 17, 2020



Golf Outing Winners

1st Place: Jim Healy - SGS foursome
2nd Place: Reed Sign foursome
3rd Place: G. Hager & Conceptual CAD foursome
Longest Drive (men): Randall Stauffer
Longest Drive (women): Donna Moyer
Closest to the Pin: Tom Klee
On The Green: John Brodie
Putting Contest: Jim Reiss
Mulligan Raffle: Dave Czarnecki
Ansell Ball Drop: 1st Place: Chris Calabrese
2nd Place: Bruce Clemens
3rd Place: Brian Gerhart
Showa Apple Watch Raffle: Mike Kelly
DuPont Hacker's FunPack Raffle: Scott Orzechoski

Golf Outing Committee

Co-chairs: Scott Orzechoski, QNB Bank
Jeff Stauffer, Stauffer Glove & Safety

David Czarnecki, 215Secure/CzarStar Security
Harrison Kauffman, Lechner and Stauffer, Inc.
Jamie Frank, Lechner and Stauffer, Inc.
Joseph Procak, Joseph Procak Real Estate Appraiser
Kelly Stauffer, Stauffer Glove & Safety
Steve Weida, UGI

Event Day Volunteers

Sandy Shellaway - Volunteer Coordinator
Cathie Dickey - Volunteer Coordinator

Allyn Roche, Upper Perkiomen School District
Andy Pistoria, Tri County Area Federal Credit Union
Arno Kott, Retired
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Bryon Young, The Open Link
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Joe Procak, Joe Procak Real Estate Appraiser
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Kelly Stauffer, Stauffer Glove & Safety
Kevin Keyser, The Valley Café
Kim Licata, Harleysville Bank
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Mary Young, The Open Link
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Sarah Dandridge, Harleysville Bank
Scott Little, Harleysville Bank
Shane Thrush, Upper Perkiomen High School
Sharon Shipe, Sharon Shipe Photography | UPSD
Steve Hess, Retired
Steve Pestrock, Steve Pestrock Photography
Steve Rothenberger, Brode & Brooks, Inc. Realtors
Steve Thomas, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc.
Tina Thomas, Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc.
Tracey Sell, QNB Bank
Tom Klee, QNB Bank
Upper Perkiomen High School Students

Golf Outing Sponsors

Platinum: QNB Bank
Venue: DuPont Company
Ball Drop: Ansell
A Round of Golf: 3M
Golf Cart: 215Secure/CzarStar Security
Eagle:
Entrance Systems, Inc.
Gillespie Electric, Inc.
Legacy 360 Financial, LLC
St. Luke's University Health Network - Quakertown | Upper Bucks Campus
Stauffer Glove & Safety
UNIVEST-Banking, Insurance, Investments
Putting Contest: Reed Sign Company
Raffle: Showa
Clam Chowder Station: Mann-Slonaker Funeral Home, Inc.
Beer Station: Valley Lock & Door
Beverage Cart:
Blommer Chocolate Company
Brode & Brooks, Inc., Realtors
Harleysville Bank
Birdie:
Baringer-Hartman Insurance Group & Real Estate Excel
Michelle Forsell, Esq.
Perkiomen Animal Hospital
Perkiomen School
Tri County Area Federal Credit Union
Commemorative Photo: Knoll, Inc.
Beverage/Snack Station:
MCR Safety
Rita's Italian Water Ice
Upper Perkiomen Valley YMCA
Beverage Station:
Titanium Finishing Company
CRC Group
Snack Station:
Perkiomen Valley Printing, Inc.
US Tape Company
Meeting: The Valley Café
Longest Drive: JDF Associates
On the Green: Minuteman Press of Quakertown
Closest to the Pin: Titanium Finishing Company
Hole-in-One: Sands Ford of Red Hill
Par Sponsors:
Pennsburg Ace Hardware
The Barndt Agency, Inc.
Bless Precision Tool, Inc.
Canon Capital Management Group, LLC
Durn & Bieler Insurance Agency
Eyecare of the Valley
Falk Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.
Highway Materials Inc.
Horizon Engineering
Macoby Self Storage
Meinzer Law Offices
Meltblown Technologies
Senator Bob Mensch
Midgard, Inc.
Morgan's Magical Ears
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Mullaney Law Offices
Red Hill Dental Office
Robert A. Graber, Jr. Wiring
Shellaway Auto Sales, LLC
Tom's Help Desk, Inc.
Upper Perk Chiropractic Center / The Center for Nutrition and Wellness
Upper Perk Family Dental
Upper Perk Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab
Upper Perk Shoppers Guide
Young's Home Comfort



For more photos of this event, please visit bit.ly/UPVGolf20

Golf Outing & Clambake

Macoby Run Golf Course | September 17, 2020

Thank you for supporting the golf outing through online silent auction donations

215Secure/CzarStar Security
 Pennsburg Ace Hardware
 Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center
 Black Sea Jewelers
 Blommer Chocolate Company
 Campania International, Inc.
 Creative Cabinetry, LLC
 Faber Spirits/Single Prop Rum
 Green Lane Park (Montgomery County Parks,
 Trails & Historic Sites)

Knoll, Inc.
 Senator Bob Mensch
 Michelle M. Forsell, Esq.
 Perkiomen School
 Red Hill Dental Office
 Samuel Adams Pennsylvania Brewery
 Stauffer Glove & Safety
 Upper Perkiomen School District -
 Work Program

UPVCC
 UPVCC Board of Directors
 Weis Markets
 Weyerbacher Brewing Co., Inc.
 The Valley Café
 You've Got Maids

Very special thanks for your support and services

Alan Kern, Sodexo - Perkiomen School
 Dan Louis, Theta Consulting
 Home City Ice
 Jamison Publick House
 Pizza Como PC Pub

Rita's Water Ice - Pennsburg
 Samuel Adams Pennsylvania Brewery
 Shane Thrush & UPSD Students
 Spinnerstown Hotel, Inc.
 Steve Pestrock Photography

The Valley Café
 Tosco's Brick Oven Pizza & Restaurant
 Tosco's Italian Delight
 Tosco's Pub & Grill

Clambake Sponsors



Recap of Events

Bingo & Bubbly

Designer Bag Bingo & Bubbly

Green Lane Park | October 18

It was a picturesque fall day at Green Lane Park for the Chamber and PerkUp's first-ever Bingo & Bubbly event. Participants enjoyed a complimentary split of bubbly and Lindt and Blommer chocolates as they tried their luck at Designer Bag Bingo and raffles. Beautiful weather and an energetic Bingo caller added to the fun of the day. Thank you to all participants, donors, sponsors and volunteers for making this event successful.



Very Special Thanks

Arno Kott
 Barb Matkowski
 Blommer Chocolate Company
 Bob McCarty, Valley Lock & Door
 Cathie Dickey
 Dan Louis
 Dave Czarnecki, 215Secure/CzarStar
 Security, Rotary Club of Pottstown
 Green Lane Park (Montgomery County
 Parks, Trails & Historic Sites)
 Jeff Stauffer, Stauffer Glove & Safety

Lindt Chocolate Shop
 Michele Fillippo, PerkUp Project
 Coordinator
 Rotary Club of Pottstown -
 Charles Albitz, Steven Smith
 UPV YMCA
 UPHS Leo Club
 Designer Bag Bingo Committee

Special Thanks to our Raffle Contributors

Bear Creek Mountain Resort & Conference Center
 Black Sea Jewelers
 Friends of PerkUp
 Green Lane Park
 (Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites)
 Jamison Publick House
 Knoll, Inc.
 Pennsburg Ace Hardware
 QNB Bank
 St. Luke's - Quakertown | Upper Bucks Campus
 UPVCC

Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors:

Platinum sponsor



Premier Raffle sponsors



Bubbly sponsor



Gold sponsors - Raffles & Special Games



Silver sponsor



Bronze sponsors



Calendar of Events & Renewals

11.19 Education Upended - What's Now, What's Next?

Thursday, November 19, 8-9am

Virtual Event - Zoom link will be provided after registration

Sponsors: Knoll, Inc., Tri County Area Federal Credit Union, Uninvest-Banking, Insurance, Investments, Upper Perkiomen School District

Responding to the shock of COVID has required massive efforts to develop new education delivery models in a short period of time. How are our schools adjusting to the monumental disruptions created by COVID? Join us for a conversation followed by Q&A with the leaders of education in our community - Dr. Allyn Roche, Superintendent of the Upper Perkiomen School District and Mark Devey, Head of School at Perkiomen School.

12.10 Holiday Fireside Event

Thursday, December 10, 4-6pm

Bear Creek Mountain Resort, 101 Doe Mountain Ln., Macungie

Sponsors: 215Secure/CzarStar Security, Frederick Living, Gillespie Electric, Inc., Perkiomen Valley Printing, Pro PDR, Inc. Painless Dent Repair, QNB Bank, Stauffer Glove & Safety, Valley Lock & Door

Legislative Affairs Series Event

Montgomery County Commissioners

January, 12-1pm

Virtual Event - Zoom link will be provided after registration

Series Sponsors: Gillespie Electric, Inc., PPL

Luncheon Sponsors: Falk Funeral Homes and Crematory, Inc., Good Shepherd Physical Therapy, Perkiomen School, QNB Bank

Sponsorships for 2021 are now available!

In keeping with the practice of reserving the right of first refusal for previous sponsors, we're currently confirming our schedule of events and revising sponsorship details. Please contact the Chamber if you would like to retain your previous sponsorship or are interested in sponsoring an event in 2021.

Newsletter Advertising Opportunities

The Chamber's bi-monthly newsletter, *The Exchange*, is distributed in print and sent via email to over 500 of our members. Members rely on the newsletter to stay up to date with Chamber news, local business, community information and upcoming events. Each newsletter is also posted on the Chamber's website for public viewing.

Business Card Ad 3.5"W X 2"H	Quarter Page Ad 3.75"W X 4.75"H	Newsletter Flyer \$150 Insert in <i>The Exchange</i> (included with digital newsletter on UPV Chamber website)
1 publication \$125	1 publication \$175	
3 publications \$300	3 publications \$400	
6 publications \$500	6 publications \$600	

Please email schultzk@upvchamber.org or call 215.679.3336 if interested in advertising.

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Member Renewals

The following members recently celebrated a membership anniversary and renewed their investment in the UPV Chamber:

Black Sea Jewelers
Butter Valley Golf Course
Conceptual CAD, LLC
Frederick Living
Goschenhoppen Historians, Inc.
The Grand Theater
Grand View Health
M&J Gourmet

Marlborough Township
Master Supply Line
Dr. David McSurdy & Staff
Montgomery County Community College
Nester Brothers, Inc.
New Goschenhoppen United Church of Christ
Perkiomenville Auction House, Inc.
Red Hill Christian School

Senior Insurance Solutions, LLC
Sharon Shipe Photography
Spear Excavating
Town and Country Newspaper
Upper Perkiomen School District
Wisler Pearlstine, LLP
Young's Home Comfort

The following members have generously donated to PerkUp



Hereford Township
Nester Brothers, Inc.
Rita's Italian Water Ice

PPE Kits Available for Pick Up!



As part of the Alliance of Montgomery County Chambers of Commerce, we are distributing PPE kits to small businesses in the area through a partnership with Montgomery County. The PPE Kits will be distributed to UPV Chamber member small-businesses with 50 or fewer employees (one kit per 10 employees).

Each kit includes:

- (1) thermal thermometer
- (5) containers of disinfectant wipes
- (5) bottles hand sanitizer
- (5) face masks
- (5) face shields
- (1) #MaskUpMontco Window Cling
- (1) #MaskUpMontco Floor Sticker

We would like to extend our thanks to David Zellers, Montgomery County, PA Commerce Department, and Office of Public Health for this partnership opportunity. As an agent for the County we are required to record the name of the recipient as well as the number of kits provided. We understand that you may belong to multiple chambers and if that is the case, please only accept kits from one organization. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and pick up your free PPE Kit(s).

Kits will be available for pick up, CONTACT FREE at the Chamber office every Tuesday and Thursday from 9AM-1PM. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Additional pickup times available upon request. Please contact the Chamber office to reserve your kit(s) 215.679.3336 or email info@upvchamber.org.

Upper Perkiomen Valley Office **Now Open!**



410 Pottstown Avenue, Pennsburg



Monday-Wednesday

Drive-in.....8:30am-5:00pm

Lobby.....9:00am-5:00pm

Friday

Drive-in.....8:30am-7:00pm

Lobby.....9:00am-7:00pm

Thursday

Drive-in.....8:30am-6:00pm

Lobby.....9:00am-6:00pm

Saturday

Drive-in.....8:30am-Noon

Lobby.....9:00am-Noon