

# CHAMBER



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- 11/24 OFFICE CLOSED
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## Don Bair Named Outstanding Citizen of the Year



Donald A. Bair, known throughout the community for his work to teach people who have special needs to lead independent lives, is the chamber's Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

"Don Bair is committed to making our community a better place to live – not just for you and me, but for everyone," said Carrie Stuart, chamber president. "Sometimes when people hear of a need, they don't do anything about it. But Don is a doer and a helper. Where there is a need, he is there. He lives his life to help others. Don is the embodiment of an outstanding citizen, and the chamber is pleased to recognize his tireless work to strengthen Adams County."

Nearly 40 years ago, Bair's life was changed the instant a drunk driver veered into his car, killing his two daughters, Heather and Debbie, and severely injuring his son Alex.

While many would not have been able to find the strength to move on, Bair made a decision to turn the tragic experience into something good. Shortly after the crash, he began traveling to the Adams County Courthouse to tell his story to people charged with driving under the influence. His goal was to prevent them from becoming repeat offenders.

His son, who suffered mental disability from the accident, inspired Bair to work with Adams County's disabled citizens. Through The Arc of Adams County, he has helped disabled citizens learn how to work, live and volunteer, guiding them to believe and trust in their abilities and lead independent lives.

Bair has been a coach and mentor with the Special Olympics for more than 30 years. Most recently, he mentored Michael Silvis, who advanced in the program as global messenger, coach, then attended the Athlete Leadership University. Throughout the year, he leads the athletes in helping residents of Cross Keys Village – The Brethren Home Community play bingo.

Bair also teaches a special needs Sunday School class, called The Miracle Workers, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Littlestown. The group volunteers at the church with the support of the congregation and staff. They offer the message a few times each year and visit other congregations.

Through his church, Bair assists Appalachian Outreach Inc., working to relieve the strain of poverty on the people of Appalachia in West Virginia by gathering and delivering furniture. Bair is also involved with Habitat for Humanity.

"Don is always ready to volunteer for anyone in need, but I think the most amazing gift he shares with all of us in Adams County is his ability to share his unconditional love, knowledge and support to all in need," said Jo Ann Smith The Arc of Adams County advocate. "He believes everyone has the ability to change someone else's life for the better."

## Joann Motter Named Chamber Volunteer of the Year

Joann Motter is the chamber's Volunteer of the Year, recognized for her outstanding efforts to support the area's oldest and largest business organization. The award was presented during the chamber's Annual Meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 8, at The Lodges at Gettysburg.

"Whatever you need, whenever you need it, Jo is there for the chamber and Adams County's business community," said Carrie Stuart, chamber president. "She does the small things we ask of her with such great love that she makes a huge impact. Jo's quiet volunteer work for the chamber has touched every



*The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce is Adams County's largest and oldest business organization and supports the local business community by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, networking and information. Nearly 540 local businesses and organizations are members. For more information, visit [gettysburg-chamber.org](http://gettysburg-chamber.org).*



# 98TH ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 8, 2017  
5:30-7:30 P.M.

THE LODGES AT GETTYSBURG  
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Learn how we're planning for the chamber's next 100 years, then help us recognize new and outgoing board members and Adams County's Citizen of the Year and Chamber Volunteer of the Year.

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## —BOARD OF DIRECTORS—

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## — MEMBER RENEWALS —

*Thanks to the following businesses for continuing their commitment to the chamber and local community by renewing their member investment:*

### **20-29 Years**

Gettysburg Concrete Co.  
Hanover Concrete Co.  
James Gettys Hotel  
SpiriTrust Lutheran The Village at  
Gettysburg

### **10-19 Years**

Adams County SPCA  
Borough of Arendtsville  
Gettysburg Battlefield Resort  
Musselman Greenhouses  
New Age Associates Inc.  
Scott, Carolyn  
Staff Music & Amusements  
State Farm Insurance - Michael R. Ball  
Thrivent Financial  
Tom Knox Used Cars Inc.

### **5-9 Years**

Adams County Community Foundation  
B & D Law Group  
Confederate Woods Veterinary  
Hospital Inc.  
The Arc of Adams County  
Unger, Richard L.

### **1-4 Years**

Bar-Ray Products Inc.  
Mason Dixon Distillery  
Retire Cents  
TrueNorth Wellness Services

single one of our members, and we are so appreciative of her selfless time, talent and friendship."

For the last seven years, Motter has volunteered in numerous capacities for the chamber – even while fighting serious illness. She began by volunteering to help with office mailings and evolved into big help to staff during the chamber's busiest months. She helps answer phones, process ticket sales, and fold and organize hundreds of volunteer t-shirts for the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival. She packs hundreds of welcome bags for the chamber's annual golf tournament. Motter also recruits volunteers to assist with various duties. She and her husband, Gene, also attend nearly every chamber Membership Mixer throughout the county. ●



# Business News

The **bolded** businesses in Business News are Chamber members. Submit news (between 50-75 words) to [news@gettysburg-chamber.org](mailto:news@gettysburg-chamber.org) by the second Tuesday of each month for inclusion in the following month's publication.



**ACNB Bank** held its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Community Shred event, giving people the chance to get rid of old confidential documents safely. In all, 184 local residents shredded 12,900 pounds

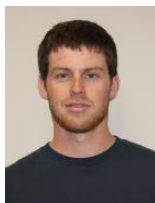
of documents – the most the bank has ever collected. Attendees donated \$2 per box to the United Way of Adams County, helping to raise \$1,261 for the organization. Participants also brought 270 pounds of nonperishable food support the Bag the Bounty food drive.

## Adams Economic Alliance

**(AEA)** is the new umbrella name for three Adams County organizations – the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, the Adams County Industrial Development Authority and the Adams County General Authority. A new branding campaign incorporates the new name and logo, and was first unveiled to members and community leaders at an Investor Appreciation Reception the evening of September 7. "The primary goal for comprehensively branding the three organizations together is to simplify our identity to the public," said Robin Fitzpatrick, president of the organization. "Our services and commitment to the public remain the same – business retention, expansion, attraction and relocation."



Spangler



Rinehart

Adams Electric Cooperative recently announced the promotion of two employees, Tony Spangler and Max Rinehart, both of Gettysburg. Spangler was promoted to lead lineman in the cooperative's Gettysburg District. He started

with Adams in 2005 as a trainee. Rinehart advanced to journeyman second class in the co-op's Gettysburg District. He started with Adams in 2012 as a first year apprentice.



Jane Seagraves has been promoted to vice president of marketing and development of **APPI Energy**, a Salisbury, Md., energy consulting firm. She has been integral in developing relationships with the trade associations and chambers of commerce that endorse the firm for eight years. Seagraves will

continue to build APPI Energy's relationships and oversee the development and implementation of marketing initiatives.

**Belco Community Credit Union** employees recently volunteered to help fill cleaning buckets with items needed to aid those who were victims of the recent hurricanes through Mission Central. The credit union also made a \$500 donation to Mission Central's hurricane relief efforts. Mission Central is the mission warehouse of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church.



Rebert



Messick



Doyle



Coia

One of the country's most successful real estate companies, **Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Homesale Realty**, has announced two promotions, a new executive hire, and a hand off of one of its founders. After 34 years of leadership, Managing Director Doug Rebert has decided to pass on his leadership responsibilities. Rod Messick has assumed the role of Homesale's Chief Operating Officer. Rick Doyle, Board member and divisional president, has now has been named a Managing Director of the Company. Regina Coia is the company's new President of Realty Operations. Berkshire Hathaway Homesale Realty has 27 offices serving Pennsylvania and Maryland, including an office in Gettysburg at 1270 Fairfield Road.

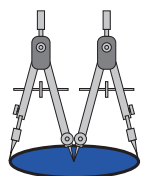
Linda Gorter, program director of **Big Brothers/Big Sisters of York & Adams Counties**, has been tapped to use her extensive business and administrative experience in her new role as acting executive director of the organization. She replaces Michael Smith, who resigned after six years to pursue a new position. Joe Kirkenir has returned to the agency as the director of development and communications.

The 232-acre farm known as **Brown's Ranch Inc.** has been purchased by John Boyer of Elizabethtown, Lancaster County. Boyer plans to launch a cow-calf operation on the property. Currently a defense contractor, Boyer grew up in the agricultural industry and studied animal science at Texas Tech. The farm has the distinction of bordering the **Gettysburg National Military Park** along Confederate Avenue; the property's home was used during the Battle of Gettysburg as the headquarters for Confederate General A.P. Hill.



The **Children's Aid Society** hired Megan Menkis as a therapist at The Nicarry Center. Menkis received her master's in art therapy from Marywood University in August 2017 and previously earned her a degree in studio art with a minor in psychology from Messiah College. The society provides child centered art and play therapy, individual counseling for children and adolescents age 2-18, referral services, community education, support groups, a free children's clothing bank, emergency respite care for children 2-6 years of age in a 24-hour crisis nursery, family advocacy, and parent support group.

**Core Design Group** has been named one of the Top 50 Fastest Growing Companies by the *Central Penn Business*



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*Journal*. The listing identifies the region's most dynamic companies that have made significant contributions to the strength of the local economy. The York-based team of architects and engineers has been designing places that people enjoy when they are working, playing, learning, living or praying for 10 years.

The **County of Adams'** grant coordinator, Anne Thomas, was recently recognized for 30 years of service by the commissioners. She has assisted in more than 350 projects and administered \$16 million in grant funding.

**DOCEO Office Solutions** has hired Art Fairbanks as a technology consultant. He will educate and provide office solutions to customers including multifunction printers, desktop printers, wide-format systems, hardware/scanning systems and document management software. Fairbanks brings more than 25 years of business equipment sales experience to DOCEO.


**Eicholtz Company** has been named 2017 Business of the Year by the New Oxford Chamber of Commerce. The family-owned business has provided office equipment sales and service since 1906, from early typewriters to today's digital copiers and printer technology. Their success is due to loyal customers, service technicians, customer service and hard work, paired with professional services at affordable prices.

**FX Smith's Sons**, a fifth generation cigar manufacturer in McSherrystown, is relocating operations to the Dominican Republic where it already has interests. The local site may continue to play a role in distribution.

**Gettysburg College** was named one of the 2017 Best Places to Work in PA Large Companies by the *Central Penn Business Journal*. The college will be recognized during a celebration dinner Nov. 30 in Lancaster.

National Park Service (NPS) staff at **Gettysburg National Military Park** are supporting parks throughout Florida, the Caribbean and the Atlantic coast to assist with clean-up and damage assessment efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irma. At least 20 staff members from the park were deployed as part of the NPS Eastern Incident Management Team.



 Mike Beatty, estimating and planning manager at **Graphcom Inc.**, is moving into a new role as the interim director of operations for Graphcom's print production. With Beatty's new role, he will be responsible for overseeing operations for mailing, offset printing and digital printing. Beatty also will be the direct report for the day shift supervisor, night shift supervisor, scheduling manager, data processing manager, pressroom manager and pre-media manager. With Beatty at the helm as Graphcom's new interim director of operations, print production will see an increase in efficiency.

**HACC**, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, welcomed six new board members to its foundation board. The foundation raises private and corporate revenues in support of HACC. New board members are: Joseph Alsberry, executive vice president of South Central PA Works; Timothy DeFoor, Dauphin County controller; Jasmyne King-Smith, coordinator for Parent Involvement and Homeless Student Project for the School District of Lancaster; Erica Koser,

associate with McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC; Ronald Rebeck, director of HACC's Harrisburg Campus Nursing Program; and Mark Whitmoyer, founder of Conservation Concepts Inc.

Active military and veteran students at **HACC**, Central Pennsylvania's Community College, may now benefit from six new funds created by the Rotary Veterans Initiative (RVI). The funds support students pursuing their educational and career goals in the following areas: advanced emergency medical technician (EMT) training; commercial driver's license (CDL) training; corporate and business services; healthcare education; manufacturing, logistics and environmental technology; and Police Academy training. Additionally, RVI established two funds for entering and continuing military and veteran students who enroll in a degree program. In total, these eight funds will provide \$40,500 in scholarships for veterans, active duty military personnel or members of the National Guard and Reserves who demonstrate financial need.



Golec



Bernier-Robinson



Turley

As One Management Inc. has named Maggie Golec General Manager and Susanne Bernier-Robinson Director of Sales of **Hilton Garden Inn Gettysburg**. Golec formerly held the sales director position, while Bernier-Robinson is new to the company, coming most recently from the Greater



## Trusting God

For 29 years, Phil Stone sat at the window of the television sports world calling play-by-play of NFL Football and Major League Baseball for NBC Sports. But then he started to wonder if there was more to life than calling sports games. He surrendered his heart to Christ and started to listen to God's call for his life. He put God first, which led him to a cross-country move, a career change and a new way of life.

## Adams County Community Prayer Breakfast

**Wednesday, Nov. 15**

7 a.m. Breakfast & Registration | 7:30 a.m. Program  
Wyndham Hotel | 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg  
Register at [gettysburg-chamber.org](http://gettysburg-chamber.org) or 717.334.8151





Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce. Former General Manager Christina Turley has been promoted to As One Management's Regional Director of Operations, with the primary responsibility of supporting the company's portfolio of hotels.

**Hollabaugh Bros. Inc. and Mason Dixon Distillery** have partnered to create a pear-laden brandy, Pear Eau Di Vie. The process began in the spring when Hollabaughs inserted a pear fruitlet, still attached to the tree, down the neck of a bottle and tied it on the tree. A few months later, a perfect pear grew in the bottle. Then Mason Dixon added 92 proof alcohol to the bottle. Bottles will be available at the distillery in December, with 75 numbered bottles containing the pear, and 50 numbered bottles with no pear.



**Lark** now carries Pinky Up teas and tea accessories, including flavors like tiramisu, cinnamon bun and coconut crème. The unique gift shop hosted a tasting, complete with finger sandwiches and scones, and plans to host more similar events in the future.

Members of **Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church** donated more than \$2,500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance as part of a special collection for victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The disaster and refugee assistance arm of the Presbyterian Church USA is responsible for supporting those impacted by natural or human-caused disasters worldwide.

**Mason Dixon Distillery** is one of 12 distilleries that are taking part in the new Keystone Craft Spirits Trail. The trail, designed to help promote craft alcohol tourism in the midstate, includes distilleries from Harrisburg, Lancaster,

Lebanon and York, as well as Gettysburg, Baltimore and the Philadelphia suburbs.



Hanover-based Acorn Wealth Partners recently underwent a rebranding process and is now **Retire Cents**. Retire Cents delivers personal and dynamic 401k plans by using utilizing technology and real time data to measure and monitor the success of plans. The firm helps improve retirement readiness for all participants in corporate retirement plans in south central Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

**Totem Pole Playhouse** has returned to financial stability thanks to improved box office revenue, successful fundraising events, grants and improved fiscal management after teetering on the verge of bankruptcy several years ago. Totem Pole has seen a substantial increase in box office revenues and set a new box office sales record with this past season's production of *Million Dollar Quartet*. In addition to growing its endowment, the playhouse is conducting a capital campaign to raise \$400,000 to repurpose the old rehearsal hall into a new permanent office space and the old scenic shop into a full-size rehearsal hall, souvenir shop, and new women's bathroom facilities.



The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center system and Harrisburg-based Pinnacle Health, which recently merged to be UPMC Pinnacle, announced \$1.5 billion in improvements on UPMC Pinnacle's campuses. Facilities, including **UPMC Pinnacle Hanover** (formerly Hanover Hospital), will expand and enhance services, recruit primary care and specialty physicians, advance clinical research and education, and upgrade facilities, infrastructure and information technology.

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# In the Community



Roaring Spring recently cut the ribbon on its expanded retail store, which now features mix and match k-cups.



Scaringi Law recently opened a Gettysburg office on Baltimore Street, Gettysburg. The family-owned, full-service law firm for individuals, families and businesses is based in Harrisburg.



The chamber donated \$500 from the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival to the Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services for support provided during the festival.



The chamber donated \$1,900 from the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival to Gettysburg Rocks for support provided during the festival. The funds go to pediatric cancer research at Penn State Hershey.



The chamber donated \$250 from the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival to the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County for support provided by the Rotary Club of Gettysburg during the festival.



The chamber donated \$750 from the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival to the SPCA Land Sharks youth baseball league for support provided during the festival.



The chamber donated \$1,000 from the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival to the Battlefield FFA for support provided during the festival.



Chamber staff members Edith Waldron and Jennifer McCleaf attended the Members 1st Community Day in Gettysburg, pictured with Penny.





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# Chamber News

## Board of Directors

The board met on Thursday, Sept. 28, in the Conference Room of the Adams Electric Cooperative. New members were approved, including Global Equipment Excavating & Contracting, Quarry Critters Alpaca Ranch, Renn Kirby Chevrolet Buick and S.T. Heller-Author. Tickets to the Holiday Jackpot Raffle were distributed to board members to sell to membership. The meeting adjourned early to allow for a strategic planning session with Chuck Ewart.



## Holiday Jackpot Raffle Committee

The committee is finalizing plans for the event, held at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 7, from 5-7 p.m. The Wyndham is the host sponsor, while Members 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Credit Union will sponsor the drink tickets. An entertainment sponsor and table sponsors are being sought, as well as premium silent auction items. Committee members have decided to host a canned food drive as part of the event to benefit the Adams County Food Pantry through South Central Community Action Programs. The next planning meeting is set for Nov. 2 at 2 p.m. at Mason Dixon Distillery.

## Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee met Sept. 14 at Gettysburg Eddie's. Holly Sutphin provided a report on behalf of Congressman Perry. Congress has approved \$15.25 billion for hurricane relief and raised the debt ceiling until Dec. 8. Perry did not support this action, preferring rather to see a real budget worked out. He is supportive of Congress finding a permanent resolution to DACA. Representative Dan Moul reported he is concerned about the state's budget picture, saying the state will have \$600 million in debt from last year's budget and new debt totaling \$2.2 billion. Moul and other representatives worked voluntarily over the summer recess to find funding and/or cuts for the budget. They analyzed 216 special funds and found 41 of those funds to have \$1.257 billion of unused dollars. Also present at the committee meeting was Bev Frey, Senator Alloway's new legislative aide, as well as numerous chamber members.

## Marketing Advisory Committee

The committee chair met with chamber staff to set the committee agenda for the next three years, based on the strategic planning process. It was agreed that a new website, chamber image marketing and development of a communications plan is paramount to the success of the chamber. Coming off the success of the *Adams County Living* publication, the group also discussed a rebranding of the *Chamber Chat* newsletter into a business journal, with plans to launch the new publication in early 2018.

## Membership Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, Oct. 3, to discuss the member-focused pillar of the new strategic plan. There is definitely a need to recruit new committee members to

assist with action items. This plan is lofty, but it puts the chamber in a better place at the end of three years. The next membership event is the County Connections breakfast on Oct. 17 at the Adams County Library in Gettysburg. The focus of the next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, will be awards/presentations.

## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has submitted 10 candidates for six seats on the board of directors to membership for voting. Winning candidates will be announced during the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at The Lodges at Gettysburg.

## Taste of the Town

Plans are underway for the Sunday, April 8, event. This year, the event will be held at a new location -- Liberty Mountain Resort. The committee is welcoming many new members, including Chad-Alan Carr of Gettysburg Community Theatre, Kim Hackett of the VNA of Hanover & Spring Grove, Heather Holt of Cintas, Liz Johnides of The Markets at Hanover, Rose Lansing of the Redbud House, Charles Rousey of Liberty Mountain Resort and individual member Caroline Smith. The new members join existing committee volunteers Isaac Bucher of Mister Ed's Elephant Museum & Candy Emporium, Justin Bacon of Comfort Suites Gettysburg, Sarah Dull of the Farnsworth House Inn, Maggie Golec of the Hilton Garden Inn Gettysburg and Frank Buhrman.

## Wine Festival Steering Committee

Following a successful event, the committee met on Sept. 29. Great weather during the event contributed to a record attendance of more than 7,500 people. More than \$16,000 was raised for local charity, in addition to the funds raised for the chamber. Event organizers received mostly positive feedback from a vendor survey. The next meeting is set for Nov. 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the Refectory of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Gettysburg to start planning for the 2018 event on Sept. 8-9.

## Strategic Planning Update

Strategic planner Chuck Ewart, of the Ewart Group, has met in person with chamber board members to develop a strategic plan, and has also met with local business and community leaders. His most recent meeting with the board concentrated on five areas of focus that have been identified by his in-depth research:



Focusing on Our Members

The Voice of Business

Telling Our Story

Business & Entrepreneurial Development

Developing the Workforce and Leadership for the Future

Board members have discussed priorities within each pillar and chamber committees will be revised to fit the pillars.

The new strategic plan, which covers 2018-2020, and mission statement will be rolled out at the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, set for Wednesday, Nov. 8, at The Lodges at Gettysburg.



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## Dancing with the Local Stars to Benefit YWCA, Arts Council

Dancing with the Local Stars is Friday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Gettysburg Area High School auditorium. The event is presented by the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County and Adams County Arts Council. Proceeds from the event benefit both organizations. Tickets may be purchased online through Eventbrite.com.

Five local stars, paired with professional dancers and choreographers, will compete for the DWTLs traveling trophy. The cast includes: St. James Lutheran Church Pastor Michael E. Allwein, with choreographer Bridgid Wills; Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church Administrative Assistant and Youth Ministry Coordinator Kim "Ms. Kim" Reiner with choreographer Frank Daire; Keller Williams Real Estate Realtor Jay Schmitt with choreographer Linda Neiswender; Olivia's Restaurant owner Harry Tassou with choreographer Holly Fox; and retired Gettysburg High School Physical Education teacher Josie Brownley with choreographer Bob Wright.

Each couple will perform the foxtrot and a second dance of their choosing. Audience vote will decide the winner. Judges John Kramb of Fairfield Inn, Dawn Glass of Vibe Performing Arts and Michael Cooper-White, retired president of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, will provide color commentary. Mark Purdy will be the emcee. Encore Star Productions, under the direction of Deb Heims, and The Pulse Performance Company from Vibe Performing Arts, under the direction of Dawn Glass, will also perform.



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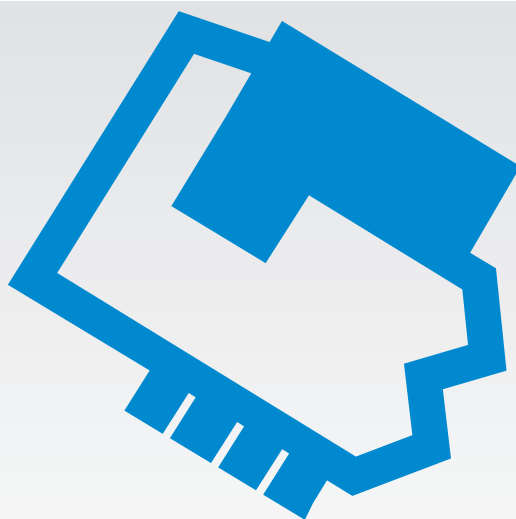


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