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Chartered in 1919, The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County is Adams County's oldest and largest business organization. The chamber supports and strengthens its members and the Adams County area by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, building relationships, providing timely information and developing leaders for the future. Nearly 530 local businesses and organizations have made an investment in Adams County through membership.

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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

The **bolded** businesses in Business Briefs are Chamber members. Submit news 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.



**Taylor's Greenhouse** recently presented a check, which included customer donations, to John's Meals, a program that assists Upper Adams youngsters living in food insecure situations. A check for \$1,014.33 was presented

to help towards filling meal bags with fresh fruit and snacks for children aged second through sixth grade at various local schools.

**Belco Community Credit Union** has made a \$2,500 donation to UPMC Pinnacle Foundation's Philip W. Guarneschelli Legacy Fund in recognition of their 28 year partnership. Guarneschelli recently retired as president of UPMC in Central PA, after a 36-year career. His legacy fund will continue to support UPMC Central PA's employees as well as those less fortunate and underserved in the community.



**Gettysburg Times** took home six Pennsylvania News Media Association (PNA) Awards for editorial coverage and newspaper design at their recent awards banquet in Harrisburg. Darryl Wheeler, Gettysburg Times photographer, also received

second place for his photo taken of a fatal crash on Baltimore Street.

**WellSpan Health** has invested more than \$30 million into behavioral health services across South Central Pennsylvania. Two projects have been launched in response to the increase in mental health needs in order to expand access to patients seeking essential care. This follows several initiatives launched by WellSpan, including innovative programs, community partnerships, and renovation projects.



**Aero Energy** has expanded their House of Worship Program. Originally, Aero Energy donated \$0.04/gallon of propane and

heating oil used annually to the churches of enrolled members. In addition to the donation for fuel they also now offer a HVAC component to the program. Customers enrolled in their House of Worship program will receive a 10% (up to \$250/year) donation to their church for heating and cooling system sales

and service. Aero Energy has donated \$19,416.48 last year and is excited to try topping that number this year.

**Amblebrook Gettysburg** community received six awards from the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association (NVBIA), including the coveted Community of the Year prize, one of just three grand awards given by the organization. The Community of the Year winner is singled out by the judges for excellence in land use, street design, and amenities, along with strong merchandising, website, and marketing efforts. The accolades were presented at an event held at the McLean Hilton in Tysons Corner, Virginia on October 6.

**Barley Snyder**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**Barley Snyder Attorneys at Law** has been named one of the 2022 Best Places to

Work in PA by Central Penn Business Journal. The awards are held in partnership with Best Companies Group and is an annual honor that identifies and recognizes the most exceptional places of employment in Pennsylvania in three categories: small companies (15-99 employees), medium companies (100-249) and large companies (250 or more). Barley Snyder is featured under the "medium companies" category and is the only law firm included on 2022's list.

**The Gettysburg-Adams Kiwanis Club** ended its annual fundraising year by handing out checks totaling \$14,823.12 to a variety of community and youth programs during a dinner celebration. The club holds a variety of fundraisers throughout the year in order to support the causes, with the largest source of income being the annual blueberry sale.



**RKL LLP** remains one of the commonwealth's top employers, according to a statewide survey program. 2022 marks the sixth consecutive year that the CPA and advisory firm, which is the largest based in Central and Eastern PA, made the list of the 100 Best Places to Work in PA. This sustained recognition as a Pennsylvania employer of choice comes in the midst of another year of innovation and growth at RKL. Just this week, RKL launched a new entity, RKL Virtual Management Solutions, which offers a spectrum of outsourced back-office services that free up business owners to focus on performance and profitability.



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Tevis Energy*

### **How many years have you been in business?**

Tevis Energy has been in business for 90 years. Our pillars are Quality, Integrity, Response – we are committed to providing fast, reliable service to all our customers. It's important to us that we've created a culture in which all of our team members fully embrace these principles.

### **How do you stay engaged with trends you see in your industry?**

One of the most successful ways we have stayed on top of best practices and trends, over the years, within the energy industry is participating in peer groups, joining industry related organizations and attending trade shows.

Leaders in most every facet of our organization participate in peer groups appropriate to their area of responsibility. It can be a challenge to find the right fit. But, well worth it when you do as you share ideas and resources with others in the energy industry.

Among other organizations, we are members of the Pennsylvania Petroleum Association, a trade association that offers educational programs and access to the latest industry information. We have a group of employees who are very active in this association.

### **What motivates you to jump out of bed every morning?**

A genuine love for what we do! We live, work and play in the same communities that we serve. This includes Tevis Energy's owner, Jack. And our team members genuinely enjoy working with each other and our customers.

### **What business challenges keep you awake at night?**

Being a business in the energy industry has always had its challenges; but, market and economic conditions over the past 12 months have made for an even more taxing environment. As indicators are pointing toward much of the same for 2023, we are continually searching for ways to protect our customers from market fluctuations and

ensuring we have adequate supply of product, all while keeping customer's comfort top of mind.

### **What leadership advice would you offer to other business and organization leaders?**

Tevis Energy has a long history of investing in its employees through education, leadership development and personal development. We encourage employees to explore opportunities, both internally and externally, that will inspire and lead to growth and fulfillment.

We have many employees, currently in leadership positions, who are a product of the company's strong commitment to leadership development, mentoring and coaching. It's one of the best investments a company can make.

### **What makes Adams County such a great place to do business?**

The people, for sure! Our customers in Adams County are incredibly friendly and loyal. We're really grateful to be able to do business here and proud to serve the community.

### **As someone doing business in Adams County, how does the chamber help you?**

The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County has been really helpful in keeping us in touch with other local businesses and providing resources to help build our presence in Adams County.

### **When you're not working, where in Adams County do you like to spend your time?**

Recently, about 300 of us gathered at Liberty Mountain Resort in Fairfield to celebrate Tevis Energy's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was a beautiful setting and the staff at Liberty were incredibly accommodating. Everyone had a wonderful time – we'll certainly be back!



# ADVOCACY UPDATE

## AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE BILL WOULD PUT PA'S ECONOMY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

LUKE BERNSTEIN, PA CHAMBER PRESIDENT AND CEO



The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry applauded state lawmakers for helping put Pennsylvania in the driver's seat of innovation and economic opportunity by advancing a bill to the governor's desk yesterday that will provide a regulatory framework for the testing and deployment of automated vehicle technology.

"Pennsylvania has become a hub for tech investment and innovation, and this bill takes a giant step toward cementing us as a prime location for companies to design, build and export automated vehicles across the nation and around the world," PA Chamber President and CEO Luke Bernstein said. "We're grateful that the General Assembly recognized the long-term economic gains of pursuing this future-focused policy and getting it to the governor's desk."

House Bill 2398 aims to bring Pennsylvania in line with more than a dozen other states that have already legislated a pathway for automated vehicle production. Automated vehicle technology is cutting edge, becoming more widespread in its usage and expected to grow by leaps and bounds in the years to come. According to a Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce [report](#), "Forefront: Securing Pittsburgh's Break-out Position in Autonomous Mobile Systems," this sector is expected to grow to a more than \$1 trillion global market by 2026 - and the Pittsburgh region alone is estimated to capture 5,000 jobs and one percent of the global market growth, with a \$10 billion impact.

Erie Insurance Vice President of Government Relations Mark Dombroski said, "As a business that has served companies and families in Pennsylvania and beyond for nearly 100 years, we've seen many new industries created in this state over the past century. We are pleased to see that as leaders in the technology and automotive sector work to test and deploy autonomous, self-driving vehicle technology, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has developed legislation to ensure this happens safely and treats policyholders fairly. We applaud the work of Rep. Donna Oberlander, Senate Transportation Chairman Wayne Langerholc and their staff to produce a compromise that moves our state forward, and we thank the PA Chamber for its work to expand economic growth and opportunity."

The PA Chamber believes that a safe, modern and efficient transportation sector is essential to fueling Pennsylvania's ongoing economic success, and automated vehicle technology is a major piece of the Commonwealth's future transportation puzzle. A [recent report from the Brookings Institution](#) warned that while Pennsylvania's tech and innovation industry is booming, the state lags in job creation due in large part to unaccommodating public policy. Enacting pro-growth legislation like H.B. 2398 will help bring our policies in line with where industry is headed, support innovation and move our economy forward.

"Safety is at the core of everything we do," said Matt Blackburn of Aurora, a leading autonomous vehicle technology company headquartered in Pittsburgh. "This is an important step toward prioritizing both safety and innovation in Pennsylvania, and we thank Rep. Donna Oberlander, Senate Majority Leader Kim Ward, Senate Transportation Chairman Wayne Langerholc, and all the legislators who helped secure passage of this important bill. This legislation will help the autonomous vehicle sector bring billions of dollars of economic value to Pennsylvania in the coming years — maintaining our region's leadership, making roads safer, and building a more robust supply chain. We appreciate the PA Chamber's continued commitment to helping Aurora and our industry deliver the benefits of self-driving technology."

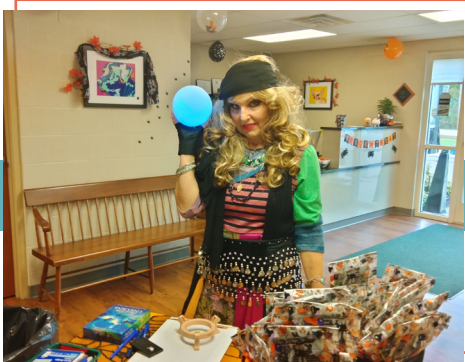
"We thank the bipartisan lawmakers who made this pro-growth issue a top priority in the final days of session," Bernstein said. "We're now urging Governor Wolf to sign the bill, harnessing the opportunity that will keep our roadways safer and make our economy stronger - a winning combination for every Pennsylvanian."



# OUT & ABOUT



County Connections | October 6  
The Markets at Hanover



Membership Mixer | October 13  
Adams County SPCA



Legislative Reception - Legislative  
Reception | October 18  
The Barn at Herr Ridge



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PA Chamber Professionals Conference  
October 19-21 | Gettysburg Hotel



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22<sup>nd</sup> Adams County Prayer Breakfast  
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County Connections  
Everoak Insurance Group  
1 year



County Connections  
Drayer Physical Therapy  
1 year



County Connections  
Prestige Apparel  
1 year



County Connections  
Proviaus  
1 year



County Connections  
East Berlin Area Community Center  
5 years



County Connections  
Barley Snyder Attorneys at Law  
5 years



County Connections  
Horizon Farm Credit  
10 years



County Connections  
SMB Associates, Inc.  
20 years



County Connections  
SEK CPA & Advisors  
20 years

*It's time...*

*Time to start thinking about the holidays!*

The Annual  
**Mingle &  
Jingle**

**Thursday, December 8th  
4-7 pm  
Gettysburg Fire Hall!**

We have lots of great changes in store for this year's celebration - great food and beverages, music and dancing, and probably an ugly sweater or two!



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January 19

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March 17

**iNet  
Technology  
Group**

February 16

**OPEN**

April 20

**OPEN**

May 18

**Adams County  
Technical  
Institute**

July 20

**Comfort  
Suites**

June 15

**GARA**

August 17

**OPEN**

September 21

**OPEN**

November 16

**OPEN**

October 12

**OPEN**

**2023**

**CHAMBER**

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**SCHEDULE**



## CHAMBER PROGRAMS

### NOVEMBER 1

Coffee & Connections | 8:30 a.m., Chamber office

### NOVEMBER 8

Executive Committee | 7:30 a.m., Chamber office

### NOVEMBER 10

Governmental Affairs Committee | 12 p.m.  
Chamber office

103rd Annual Meeting | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Lodges at Gettysburg

### NOVEMBER 22

Wine Festival Committee | 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
Gettysburg Eddie's

### NOVEMBER 17

Board of Directors Meeting | 7:30 a.m., Chamber office

Membership Mixer | 4-6 p.m., Trone Memorial Library

### NOVEMBER 24 & 25

Chamber Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### NOVEMBER 30

Ambassador Committee | 11:30 a.m., Dobbin House

## MEMBER RENEWALS

### 20-29 YEARS

Bermudian Springs School District  
Hoffman Homes for Youth  
Mission of Mercy  
Musselman Greenhouses

### 10-19 YEARS

Adams County Community Foundation  
Commuter Services of Pennsylvania  
Schmitt's Interiors, Inc.

### 5-9 YEARS

G-Force Security Solutions  
The Markets at Hanover

### 1-4 YEARS

Everoak Insurance Group  
JVI Group, Inc.  
Keller Williams Keystone Realty  
Melville and Sons Home Services

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Submit to [katiec@gettysburg-chamber.org](mailto:katiec@gettysburg-chamber.org).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 3

Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree  
[ACCFGivingSpree.org](http://ACCFGivingSpree.org)

### NOVEMBER 19

Dedication Day - Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address | 10:15 a.m.

Gettysburg National Cemetery

### NOVEMBER 19

Remembrance Day Parade & Ceremonies | 1 p.m.  
Middle and Baltimore Streets and Steinwehr Avenue  
[suvcw.org](http://suvcw.org)

### NOVEMBER 19

Remembrance Day Illumination  
Gettysburg National Cemetery | 5:30 - 9 p.m.  
[gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org)

### NOVEMBER 19

Kid's Thanksgiving Event  
Hollabaugh Bros. Inc. | 10 - 11:30 a.m.  
717.677.8412

### NOVEMBER 25

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting  
Lincoln Square | 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.  
[gettysburgretailmerchants.com](http://gettysburgretailmerchants.com)

THE CHAMBER

## Membership Mixer

**November 17, 2022**  
4-6pm

**The Jean Barnett Trone Memorial Library**  
105 Locust Street, East Berlin, PA

Adams County Library System and  
The Friends of the East Berlin Library  
Invite you to...

Learn more about the  
various resources and programs  
that are available  
to Adams County.

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2022-2023

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[Feb., Apr., Jun. and Oct 2023]

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### LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

[Mar. 2023]

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Table Sponsor-\$200

### MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC

[May 2023]

Event Sponsor-\$500

### BUSINESS EXCELLENCE LUNCHEON

[May 2023]

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Table Sponsor-\$200

### GOLF OUTING

[Jun. 2023]

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Beverage Sponsor-\$500

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Pot of Gold Sponsor-\$250

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[October 2023]

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