



*Rooted in tradition, branching toward tomorrow*

## Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

### A Word from our Executive Director Beth Black

Marching into a new month and one day closer to Spring! Our Annual Dinner is this month and that is an event we always look forward to. It offers the opportunity to see so many of our Chamber Members gathered together and enjoying themselves while networking and celebrating all things commerce! If you have not yet registered, take time to do so because our RSVP deadline is March 5th. Coming up in April, our Chamber Members are invited to join with the other Chambers in Mercer County for a Coffee With Commissioners event, so be sure to check out those details below and submit a question for consideration. Take a moment to read about these and other events and updates featured in this newsletter.

As a reminder, our Chamber renews memberships on an anniversary basis. Whether your membership has already renewed or will during a coming month, know that we truly appreciate your dedication to our Chamber and your continued support. We appreciate that our Members realize that being a part of a Chamber of Commerce is important. We offer our Chamber Members ways to grow, expand, and connect with each other. We are proud to be your Chamber of Commerce of choice and everything we do is with you in mind.

**Join Us For Our Annual Dinner - A Celebration of Commerce - RSVP by 3/5**

**NEW THIS YEAR - Welcome Reception, 5-6:15 PM, Enjoy Appetizers & Networking Before The Dinner!**



Please join the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce

and Event Sponsor



for our

## Annual Dinner — A Celebration of Commerce

Keynote Speaker:



**Mark Broadhurst**

Chief Operating Officer, Parkhurst Dining  
Family Owner, Eat'n Park Hospitality Group



**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**Grove City Country Club**

73 Country Club Road, Grove City, PA

**\$70 Individual / \$545 Table of Eight**

**Registration: Starting at 5 PM**

**Welcome Reception: 5 — 6:15 PM**

*Join us for a special time of networking and appetizers.*

*Welcome Reception Sponsors:*



**Annual Dinner: Begins at 6:30 PM**

*Dinner Buffet: Beef Tips, Tuscan Chicken, Grilled Vegetables, Parsley Red Skin Potatoes, Salad with Roll & Butter. Variety of Desserts*

### **Reservation form:**

Please RSVP by mailing, emailing or faxing this form to the Chamber office by **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: Individual (\$70 Per Person) \_\_\_\_\_ Table of Eight (\$545 per table) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names \_\_\_\_\_

Please list food restrictions of note \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Options (circle):      Invoice Me      Payment Enclosed      Credit Card (Chamber Staff Will Contact You)

Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce: 119 South Broad Street, Grove City, PA 16127  
Phone: 724-458-6410 | Email: info@shopgrovecity.com | Fax: 724-458-6841

**Annual Dinner Printable Invite**

## Our Chamber's Travel Program - First Trip Happens In March!

As previously advertised, our Chamber has begun offering a Travel Program which is designed exclusively for Chambers of Commerce. Our Chamber's first trip will be to the Amalfi Coast, Italy. The group, including our Chamber's Executive Director, will travel this month. Therefore, our

Chamber office will be closed on March 20th and will reopen on Monday, April 1st with the normal hybrid schedule. We look forward to sharing photos from their travels in our April newsletter and via our Chamber's social media. We also look forward to many more exciting trips in the future with this great new program and watching our Members travel together!

## **Business Community Scholarship Fund Helps Local Seniors Pursue A Future In Business - You Can Help!**

Every year, the Grove City Chamber collects donations from our members to fund a Business Community Scholarship. The focus of this program is to recognize graduating seniors from the Grove City Area School District AND Grove City Christian Academy who are interested in a business-related career. Your generous response to this scholarship fund will enable our business community to award a scholarship to one or more students who have expressed a desire to pursue such a career. This not only helps the student as they begin this new path, but it also helps our community to encourage our youth to follow their dreams and perhaps return to Grove City after their schooling is completed.

All contributing businesses will be acknowledged. The number of scholarships awarded and the amount of each will depend on the total amount of donations collected. Please contribute, if you are able, and together we can help deserving students pursue their higher education dreams!

Any gift is appreciated, simply fill out the donation form, enclose payment, and mail to the Chamber office at 119 S. Broad Street, Grove City, PA 16127.

**Business Community Scholarship Donation  
Request**

**Business Community Scholarship Application For Graduating  
Seniors**

**Coffee With Commissioners - April 19th**

# The Mercer Area Chamber of Commerce

Presents:



## Coffee with Commissioners



**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 9AM**  
**AT THE MERCER COUNTY CAREER CENTER**  
**JOIN US FOR A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND Q&A**

**\$20/PERSON**  
**FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT BY 4/11:**  
**724-662-4185 OR [MERCERCHAMBER@ZOOMINTERNET.NET](mailto:MERCERCHAMBER@ZOOMINTERNET.NET)**

**Supported by:**



[Click Here to Submit Questions for the Commissioner Q&A](#)

[Click Here For Registration Form](#)

### 12th Annual Working Women's Luncheon Set For April 24th

Our Chamber's 12th Annual Working Women's Luncheon is just around the corner. This event, in celebration of Administrative Professionals Day and in honor of **ALL** women in the workplace, is an incredibly popular event that attendees look forward to each year.

This year's Working Women's Luncheon will be sponsored by Armstrong and will take place on Wednesday, April 24th, from 12 - 1:30 PM, at the Grove City Country Club. This special luncheon is open to all women in the workplace to encourage networking and a time to celebrate one another. The price is \$25 per person which includes a delicious lunch and informative presentation. This year's presentation, *"Own Your Title"* presented by Ali Sedwick, Development and Learning Specialist at Armstrong, promises to be a great message for all attendees.

Our Working Women's Luncheon always features a very popular Pick-A-Prize Raffle which allows attendees the opportunity to win wonderful prizes donated by Chamber Members. If you are interested in donating a prize for the luncheon, please let us know!

Those interested in attending or sending employees to this wonderful event can complete and return the below registration form by April 16th.



# WORKING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

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IN CELEBRATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY AND IN HONOR OF **ALL** WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE, THE GROVE CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL HOST OUR 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORKING WOMEN'S LUNCHEON!

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024**

**NOON – 1:30 PM**

**\$25 PER PERSON**

**GROVE CITY COUNTRY CLUB**

73 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, GROVE CITY, PA 16127

Join us for a delicious lunch, a wonderful presentation, "Own Your Title" provided by Ali Sedwick, Development and Learning Specialist at Armstrong, followed by the always popular Pick-A-Prize Raffle.

*If you would like to donate an item toward the raffle, please notify the Chamber to make arrangements.*

All women in the workplace are invited to attend in honor of all they do each and every day. Take time to join us or send your staff members to show your appreciation for all they do.

PLEASE RSVP BY MAILING OR FAXING THIS FORM TO THE GC CHAMBER OFFICE BY TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024.

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NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (\$25 PER PERSON) \_\_\_\_\_ INVOICE ME: \_\_\_\_\_ PAY AT DOOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Working Women's Luncheon Printable Registration Form**

## 2024 Calendar of Events - SAVE THESE DATES NOW!

Save the Date for these upcoming Grove City Chamber meetings and events in 2024:

**Quarterly Membership Meetings** (location varies): Fridays, May 17, August 16, and November 15, 2024, at 8 AM

**Annual Dinner - A Celebration of Commerce:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6 PM, at Grove City Country Club.

**Working Women's Luncheon:** Wednesday, April 24, 2024, Noon-1:30 PM, at Grove City Country Club. More details coming soon!

**43rd Annual Chamber Day Golf Scramble:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at Grove City Country Club. Lunch at Noon, Golf at 1 PM, followed by dinner and prizes. Stay tuned for team registrations and sponsorship opportunities!

**Trade Show & Wellness Expo:** Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 10 AM - 2 PM, held at Memorial Park.

**Wine Walk & More:** tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2024, from Noon - 4 PM, with plans to be held in downtown Grove City.

**Eat Out For A Week Raffle:** Ticket sales will kick off at the Wine Walk, and the drawing will end December 13, 2024.

**Christmas in the Park:** always lit from Thanksgiving weekend - January 2nd. Displays must be registered and assigned a spot. Display setup will be November 21st - November 27, 2024.

## February's Quarterly Membership Meeting Was Lots of Fun

Our Chamber Members have so much fun when they get together and February's Quarterly Membership Meeting was certainly just that, a lot of fun! Special thanks to George Junior Republic for hosting our February 16th quarterly meeting. They provided a terrific meeting space and a very delicious breakfast!

It was great to see our Members having fun and networking with one another. As always, we loved getting to hear from each attendee as they talked about their business, promotions, updates, news, and more.

Here are a few photos from the morning:





## Grove City Chamber's Social Media & Blog Posts - February Highlights

The Grove City Chamber has been doing weekday themed posts to encourage awareness about our different Chamber members and to support the community through the spread of positive thinking.

During the month of February, our Monday posts continued to highlight our website's Job Board and the listings our various Chamber Members have there as they are seeking employees. If you have job postings you want included on our website job board, just email the info to us! Our website analytics show that this page is getting a lot of traffic, so we know people are checking the jobs out and paying attention to our social posts!

Our Positivity Tuesday and Give Back Thursday posts were both positive and encouraging during the month of February. Tuesdays offer a quote that help you to focus on positive things. Thursdays offered suggestions for ways to give back in the local community including: Grove City Middle School Spaghetti Dinner, Grace United Methodist Church's Souper Bowl of Caring (benefiting Grove City Community Food Pantry), Pay It Forward Friday With Momentum Chiropractic, and Showing Support for Someone With a Health Issue (various ideas). We hope these mid-week posts left you feeling positive and encouraged.

Our weekly What To Do Wednesday suggestions give an idea of something to do and include supporting a Chamber Member (or local people) in the plan. Our What To Do Wednesday

suggestions for February included: Painting Class (Grove City Nutrition), A Local Valentine's Day (All Things Local), National Dog Biscuit Day (Grove City Agway & Pets and Wookee Cookees), and Storytime (Bookends Bookstore). These were all fun suggestions that we hope you took advantage of. We are excited to keep doing these and offering lots of fun ideas of things to do in our area. If you have ideas of what we should post for an upcoming What To Do Wednesday, just let us know!

Be sure and check out our social media accounts! We are posting on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and to make things easy to remember we are @GCChamberPA on all social platforms. If you haven't already, join us as we socially engage now and in the coming days, weeks, months and years to keep everyone informed and maybe even entertained. We'd love to hear from you, so feel free to comment, like, and share on our posts, and know that we love seeing and sharing your content too! Let's make sure we are engaged with one another!

## Upcoming Webinars From Our Partners

If you are interested in taking part in upcoming webinars, click on the below links to access information from each of these partners.

[Gannon University Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\)](#)

Northwest Industrial Resource Center (NWIRC): <https://nwirc.org/training-and-events/schedule/>

## Shared By Members

# Mercer County Business & Industry Career Fair 2024

**Thursday, April 4, 2024 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

The Park Inn by Radisson - 3377 New Castle Road West Middlesex, PA 16159

Join other local employers to showcase your business to the future workforce!

Be a part of educating 1000+ students about great career opportunities in our community!

The tenth annual Business & Industry Career Fair will include:

- Young Professional Panel discussing the benefits they find of living and working in our area
- Exhibitor's lobby with representatives from local employers and post-secondary institutions to discuss career opportunities with the students



**We need your help to make this year's event a complete success!**

In our Exhibitors Lobby, we feature local employers and training providers. Students can visit each booth and learn about career opportunities. While this is not a job fair or a trade show, it is an investment in the future by guiding young people into your vital industry. Our youth need to hear from local experts like you about the various career paths in specific industries in the local community.

If you have any questions regarding the 2024 Mercer County Business & Industry Career Fair, please contact Dawn Gregory, Youth Program Coordinator/ Monitor, West Central Job Partnership at (724) 347-7855 x303 or [dgregory@wcjp.org](mailto:dgregory@wcjp.org).

For program funding details in compliance with the Stevens Amendment, please visit [wcjp.org](http://wcjp.org)



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**April 25th, 2024**  
**4:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Hickory VFW Post 6166  
5550 E. State St  
Hermitage, PA

### Please join us for our 8th Empty Bowls Fundraiser!

This event helps to raise awareness about hunger and serves as a fundraiser to help support our mission to end hunger in Mercer County.

Attendees purchase a ticket for a simple meal of soup and bread and choose a handcrafted bowl to take home as a reminder that food insecurity persists in our local communities. The event features a basket raffle, silent auction, live entertainment and a cash bar.

#### Sponsorship Opportunities

Soup-er Bowl	Three Bowl	Two Bowl	One Bowl
\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$500

*Starve Hunger ~ Feed Hope*

PLEASE MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL THE SPONSORSHIP FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE.

**MCFB Empty Bowls Sponsorship Form**

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Do you have exciting news or a recognition you would like to share with us? Feel free to email information to [info@shopgrovecity.com](mailto:info@shopgrovecity.com) for consideration for future newsletters!

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#### Chamber Office Hours

The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce office operates under a hybrid model. Please be assured staff continues to work Monday - Friday (except holidays) and will happily assist with any needs you may have.

Our physical office is open as follows (unless closed for holiday observance and/or staff PTO use):

**Mondays: 9 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Tuesdays: Office Closed, Staff working remotely**

**Wednesdays: 9 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Thursdays: Office Closed, Staff working remotely**

**Fridays: 9 AM - 4:30 PM**

The Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce encourages appointments to meet with our staff. Appointments can be made for any day of the week, at your location or our Chamber office, and can be made by calling 724-458-6410 or emailing [execdir@shopgrovecity.com](mailto:execdir@shopgrovecity.com).

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