

VENANGO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Chamber Mission

The Venango Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to building, serving and promoting growth for our members and Venango Area Business.

Membership in the Venango Area Chamber of Commerce is a key economic development tool for businesses, offering resources for your business that can help to improve your bottom line. Included in your members benefits along with opportunities to network to create more business contacts and customers and to promote your company in the most efficient business to business manner, Chamber membership offers professional development opportunities and services /programs to businesses both large and small. As the voice of the business community, the Chamber helps to shape the business climate in Venango County.

Health Insurance

The Venango Area Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Choicer now offer medical plans for Chamber member businesses. These plans are ideal for businesses with employees that do not qualify for or do not participate in traditional Group Medical Plans. It is also ideal for smaller companies or self employed individuals that do not offer group insurance.

Information & Assistance

The Chamber staff handles an average of 100 calls a day, providing up-to-date business information, referrals, community data and assistance to people with specific questions.



Referrals

Your products and services will be promoted regularly by the Chamber staff in various ways, including the Chamber's publications, Web site, and events. Also, the Chamber staff handles an average of 100 calls a day, providing up-to-date business information and referrals, community data, and assistance to people with specific questions.

Ribbon Cuttings

Chamber staff are available to be present at your grand opening, open house, or ground breaking. A photograph of your event will be seen by thousands through the Chamber publication, The Business Connector, as well as the Chamber's Web site.



Conference Room

Chamber member businesses needing meeting space have access to the small and large conference rooms in the Venango Area Chamber suite. Use of the conference rooms is based on availability and use by the Venango Area Chamber.

For the Future

Through its board of directors and active committees, Chamber members participate in long-range planning for the community and promote business formation, growth and retention

Legislative Advocacy



The Chamber is a non-partisan organization that advances positions on public policy based on thorough, objective research that is consistent with its mission. As such, the Chamber works towards business-friendly legislation and engages its membership for input on public policy as often as necessary to properly reflect the business community's

position on a particular issue.

Community Involvement



Oil Heritage Festival

2010 marked the 32nd anniversary of the Annual Oil Heritage Festival, proudly sponsored by the Venango Area Chamber of Commerce and its members. The Annual Oil Heritage Festival draws thousands of visitors and guests to the region each year.

Cranberry Festival

The annual Cranberry Festival is held on the third weekend in September in Morrison Park, Seneca, PA. Our festival brings to the community a day filled with family friendly activities and entertainment.



New Member Benefits

Newsletter Spotlight

New members have the opportunity to include a brief description/profile of their business in the Chamber's Business Connector newsletter. The Business Connector, with a circulation of over 600, will feature their business in an issue produced after they join.

Newsletter Promotional Insert

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Networking Opportunities

The Venango Chamber's goal is to increase business exposure through coordinating events that will provide our members many venues for networking and marketing their businesses.

Annual Dinner & Meeting

This annual meeting truly is the highlight of the Chamber year, an opportunity to celebrate the Chamber's achievements and volunteers, and present the Citizen of the Year Award.



Business After Hours Mixers



BAH are held each month from 5:00-7:00 p.m., and hosted by various Chamber member businesses. This popular and lively networking opportunity for Chamber members, their employees, and their guests guarantees that contacts will be made to help your company.

Legislative Breakfast Series

Breakfasts are held twice a year from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Featured speakers address topics of concern to the business community.

Chamber Committees

Various committees provide opportunities for Chamber members to work beside others with similar interests, and contribute their energies and expertise on projects that benefit business and the community.



Chamber Golf Scramble & Picnic

This is one of the Chamber's most popular networking activities! Annually over 100 golfers participate in this fun-filled summer outing held in the first week in June. The day is capped off with a picnic and prizes.

Chamber Steak Fry

Each August the Chamber invites members to a relaxing evening along the Allegheny River, for an evening of food and fun, open to all Chamber members and their guests.

Promotional Opportunities

The chamber serves as an advocate for our business members by providing promotional programs through which our members can increase their business contacts and promote their products and/or services.



Business Connector Newsletter

This Chamber newsletter is distributed to every member business, individual contacts within member businesses, plus city, county, and state officials – approximately 600 per issue. Each newsletter contains information on Chamber activities, issues of concern to members, committee reports, special events, new member updates and a calendar of events.

Mailing Labels

Highly effective for sending out your own mailings, you receive up-to-date self-adhesive mailing labels of all Chamber member businesses. Contact the Chamber for pricing.

Web Site



The Web site is designed with the benefit of Chamber members in mind, providing Chamber members more opportunity for exposure. Benefits include the online business directory, links to your website and a Community Calendar. There are also numerous advertising possibilities, including banner ads and listing enhancements.

Membership Decal

Each year members receive a new decal. This decal is a visual display of community support placed at the entrance of members' businesses. By becoming a member of the Chamber, you are saying that you do business in a professional, ethical manner and that you care about your community. A version of the decal is also available to display on your business' Web site.



Membership Directory

A new membership directory is printed annually. An advertising sales campaign is run in the winter and the directory is distributed to the membership in early spring.