

FLEX FLEX Your Ideas

FYI

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FLEX... What it's all about?

Future Leaders' and Entrepreneurs' Exchange (FLEX) provides Venango Chamber member young professionals (YPs) (suggested age 40 years and under) with a setting to build relationships and develop professionally. The program also helps to cultivate these future leaders and provides them with opportunities for making connections and developing their careers so that they can help shape the future of Venango County.

How do I or my employees get involved:

If you or your employees are interested in being a part of the FLEX, please complete the contact the Chamber at 814-676-8521 or email flex@venangochamber.org.

Is there a fee to join the Young Professional Network?

There is no fee to join FLEX - it is an added bonus of membership with The Venango Area Chamber of Commerce Chamber. If your business or organization is a member of The Chamber, you are too! Young professionals who are not members of the Chamber are welcome to attend FLEX meeting and events but will not benefit from the professional promotion that Chamber members enjoy.

What's in it for me or my employees?

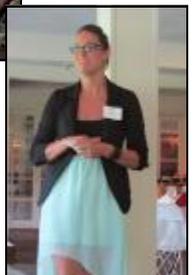
- Connect with like-minded professionals and other under 40's.
- Enhance your professional development at various young professional-focused events and programs.
- Mix and mingle with seasoned business professionals who've been there and can share their take on valuable lessons learned.
- Receive invitations to Chamber programs and events
- Contribute content to FYI, a monthly young professional-focused that offers tips and resources to help you succeed.
- Receive assistance with speaker requests, book and resource recommendations to advance as a talented, creative and respected leader.

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Appreciation Luncheon

FLEX was host to the Annual Intern Appreciation Luncheon in August, held at Wanango Golf Club. Students attending have spent the summer working in a number of local businesses, including Joy Mining, The Derrick, Caldwell Printing, Venango Training & Development and Black Knight Industries.

The Laura Smedley Trust Fund provided the sponsorship for the event. Members of FLEX welcomed the interns and encouraged them to consider Venango County as a place to consider living and working after graduation.





Shelly Hart is a young professional that is truly proud to call Venango County her home. She has recently returned home to take a position as a Marketing Representative with the Venango VNA Foundation. There she sets up health fairs, interacts with community members, organizes events and helps to educate the public.

It was through an internship during her time at Clarion University where Shelly's passion for marketing for the healthcare industry was realized. After graduation, Shelly accepted a position in marketing with Rex/UNC Healthcare in Raleigh, North Carolina. There she built a solid reputation in healthcare marketing as well as being recognized as 2013's Regan's Health Care Marketing and PR Award for best PR/Marketing Team at Rex/UNC Healthcare.

When Shelly is not at work she enjoys traveling and exploring new destinations. If they're not traveling, she and her husband like to take time to soak in the region's beauty on nature walks with their Yellow Lab, Penny Lane. They also take advantage of the outdoors through camping, hunting, and capturing the local countryside through photography. Shelly's family and friends play a large part in her life as well.

Looking to the future, Shelly is hoping to make a difference in this world. She says, "I was born to be a helper and giver; and if I can do that in any way, shape, or form; my mission here is accomplished."



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Top Business Books Every Young Professional Must Read

Paul Sohn

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Frank Zappa was fond of saying, "So many books, so little time." If you are a young professional aspiring to lead and impact organizations, you may resonate with this statement. I'd like to introduce you to top books that are tested and provide a plethora of takeaways that will catapult you into a more effective young professional. If you don't know what books to read, this is an awesome list to start with.

Literally thousands of business books are published each year, each with the potential to promote change and enlighten the way people think about business.

800-CEO-Read began recognizing these efforts in 2007 with the **800-CEO-READ Business Book Awards**, highlighting the best works in a number of categories. Each book is judged on the originality and applicability of its ideas and the quality of its content.



Amanda Slider, a native of Venango County, currently serves as the Loan Program Manager for the Northwest Commission, overseeing a \$10 million dollar portfolio. Amanda fosters relationships with businesses, commercial lenders, and economic development partners, assisting small business throughout the region. Through Amanda's leadership, the loan department is also focused on educating citizens, entrepreneurs and company owners on the availability and types of public sector business financing from state and federal agencies.

Amanda's career in finance began with a position at First United National Bank and then as Loan Program Specialist for the Northwest Commission. She was promoted to Loan Program Manager in 2013. Her professional development includes an MBA from Clarion University. She also carries the designation of Certified Economic Development Finance Professional from the National Development Council.

Amanda is the proud mother of two young boys with her husband, Brian. Her commitment to the community includes having served on the Venango Catholic High School Board as well as the Venango County Regional Planning Commission. She also serves as the treasure of the Northwest Commission Employees' Association and has been an active member of the Venango Chamber's FLEX Group. Being a true northwestern Pennsylvanian, Amanda enjoys spending time in the outdoors with her family and is very dedicated to serving the community and region in which she was raised.

Here's the top books awarded in 2013!

General Business - Private Empire: ExxonMobil and American Power by Steve Coll

Leadership - The Commitment Engine: Making Work Worth It by John Jantsch

Management - The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else In Business by Patrick Lencioni

Marketing & Sales - To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Moving Others by Daniel Pink

Entrepreneurship & Small Business - The \$100 Startup: Reinvent the Way You Make a Living, Do What You Love, and Create a New Future by Chris Guillebeau

Personal Development - So Good They Can't Ignore You: Why Skills Trump Passion in the Quest for Work You Love by Cal Newport

Innovation & Creativity - The Icarus Deception: How High Will You Fly? by Seth Godin

Finance & Economics - Finance and the Good Society by Robert J. Shiller

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For your information, there is so much to do in Venango County!

A regular feature of FYI will be announcements pertaining to opportunities for employment, volunteering and activities well suited for the young professionals, but not necessarily exclusive to any age group. Chamber members are invited to submit notices to be included in future editions of FYI. We request that items be brief but informational (as opposed to advertising), and include contact information for follow up.

Volunteer:

Cranberry Festival is coming up on Saturday, September 20th. There are many opportunities for volunteers, from helping with our children's activities to assisting with ticket and beverage sales. Volunteers are welcome for even brief periods or all day! Call Susan or Dottie if you are willing to help ! 814-676-8521

Social/Recreational:

Friends of Oil Creek State Park is the host of this day-long women's event called Chicks-in-the-Sticks. Chicks-in-the-Sticks is designed to be a fun day for women to try new things, brush up on old skills and meet new people. We are excited to bring this opportunity to you and sincerely hope you will join us on September 20, 2014 for our first annual Event. For a registration form visit <http://www.friendsocsp.org/events/chicks/RegForm.pdf>

Workforce:

Immediate need:

Supervisor for local manufacturing company

Long term opportunity for great company. Ideal candidate must be team leader, dependable, able to delegate tasks and ensure they are carried out, supervise employees and work right along with them and oversee daily operations. Some overtime and weekends. Management experience preferred. Pass a background check and drug screen.

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OUR MISSION

FLEX represents the needs and interests of Young Professionals by positioning ourselves as leaders, entrepreneurs and advocates for the sustainability of the Venango Area through civic engagement, leadership development and networking.

Where you'll find FLEX in August:

FLEX First Friday Lunch - September 5 at Amazing Foods in Franklin

Monthly Meeting - September 17th @ 5:30 pm, Venango Chamber Conference Room

Chamber events - Check out the Chamber's Calendar of Events at www.venangochamber.org



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