



CHESTER COUNTY CHAMBER
of Business & Industry
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THE VOICE

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Upcoming Events

3/19 (Tues.)
8am – 10am

SBA Forum

RKL LLP

[REGISTER](#)

3/21 (Thurs.)
5pm – 7pm

March Madness

Barnaby's of America in West Chester

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3/28 (Thu.)
8:30am – 10:00am

Hail to the Chiefs

AVE by Korman Communities

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4/5 (Fri.)
8:30am – 10am

Meet & Greet - Jordan Harris

CCCBI Office

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A MESSAGE FROM GUY

In response to a declining economy and rising unemployment rate, what can Pennsylvania businesses do to help grow PA?

As usual during budget season in Harrisburg, a deficit is projected: There is less revenue than there are obligations. (This doesn't even account for those who would like to increase spending — or those who would like to reduce or eliminate certain taxes.)

That this year's deficit is smaller than past years has many breathing a sigh of relief. But they are missing the bigger picture.

Pennsylvania's unemployment rate is 4.7 percent, while the national jobless rate is 4.1 percent. For almost a year, our state's unemployment rate has exceeded the national average.

These are real people who don't have jobs. They're not able to support themselves or their

families, and they're not able to start building a career. What's more, they're not enjoying the personal satisfaction of working for a living. [Read More](#)

CHAMBER'S ADVOCACY

Chamber Members gathered with our Government Affairs Council ("GAC") for coffee & conversation on February 14th to learn about GrowPA, a statewide coalition created to jumpstart Pennsylvania's Economy & Stop our Brain-Drain.

Discussions were led by panelist **J.D. Foster, Ph.D.** Senior Vice President, Economic Policy Division, and Chief Economist, **Stephen P. Mullin** President and Principal Econsult Solutions, Inc. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, **Kei Sasaki, CFA** Regional Chief Investment Officer Wells Fargo Private Bank and **Natalie Kostelni** Staff Writer Philadelphia Business Journal.

Panelists discussed Pennsylvania's plans for the future, state budget, policies to maximize assets, high unemployment and a shrinking population and opportunities to GrowPA.



About the Chamber Advocacy

We promote the policies, programs and people that will create opportunities for economic growth for our Members and the larger community.

We advance our positions in every forum and using every media platform: formal testimony; letters to elected officials; formal & informal direct conversations with legislators; opinion columns & letters in major newspapers & business publications; talk-radio; CCCBI communications tools; and, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn.

FOUNDATION GALA

A great crowd attended the 2019 Foundation Gala on February 9th at the Desmond Hotel. The Foundation Gala helps raise money to continue the development of the future leaders in Chester County.

The evening was filled with extraordinary auction items, raffle baskets, thrilling contests, casino games, delicious food, drinks and a great time.

A sincere thank you to our sponsors for helping make the evening a success.





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VisualEyes Optique Grand Opening

VisualEyes Optique is officially open for business and currently accepting new patients. Dr. Laura Lehman, a resident of Charlestown Township, is thrilled to be providing eye care services to her fellow community members.

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PINTO AND DISHONG- VANETTEN JOIN TOMPKINS VIST BANK

Tompkins VIST Bank today announced the addition of two new staff members.

Steven Pinto, of Oaks, has joined the company as a mortgage originator in the southern Berks and greater Philadelphia areas. In that role he is responsible for working to provide customers with mortgages and support them through the entire home-buying process.

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Traditional Hand Bookbinding Workshop in Historic Sugartown's Bindery

(Malvern, PA) Try your hand at traditional bookbinding in Historic Sugartown's Book Bindery! Colonial Williamsburg-trained instructor, Ramon Townsend of ColonialBindery.com, will lead the class through the entire binding process.



Surrounded by a world-class collection of 19th century bookbinding tools, participants will create a book using traditional methods employed through the mid-19th century.

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Manage Your Member Profile

[Log-in](#) to the member section on our website and manage your:

- Contact information
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- News Submissions

If you are having trouble logging into your member page, please contact Robin Phillips at Robin@cccabi.org.

Corporate Membership Includes

Member Benefits

- All benefits of the Entrepreneur/Tier One Level, with the following additional benefits.

Promoting your Business

- Listing in Online & Printed Directory in Two Business Categories

Chamber Participation Benefits

- Two free tickets to any Chamber Education or Roundtable Event
- Opportunity to Host a "Business After Hours" OR "Just Coffee"
- One Free Emerging Leader Membership

* Includes Municipalities and Educational Institutions, Non-Profits (50+ employees) and Restaurants (26+ tables)

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