



Dauphin & District
Chamber of Commerce

VISION: To be a united voice for business success that supports & celebrates a proud and prosperous community

MISSION: To provide strong & effective leadership in achieving our vision through the pillars of: Community, Membership, and Education.

Dear Chamber Member,

It is the end of another year and that means that, among other things, it is time for your Annual Membership Renewal for your Chamber membership. First things first, we want to say thank you for being one of approximately 240 members we currently have. Your participation is appreciated and we hope you find value by being a member. It has been working hard to develop and offer a variety of programs and events that interest and educate you. We operate under 3 key Pillars: **Education, Community & Membership**. Here are some examples of each pillar:

Education - January to May Breakfast Series – informal and informative sessions with an element of training on topics pertinent to the business community combined with a great breakfast and networking opportunity.

January to June Luncheon Series – monthly Community Connection lunches allowing you to hear about the happenings in our community. This series also includes our Appreciation luncheon, a State of the City address from the Mayor along with the State of the District. New in 2018 was a Celebration evening where we conducted our AGM and handed out our Annual Awards to deserving members.

Community - Events throughout the year including participating in the Kinsmen Business Expo, holding our very successful Street Fair and Dance just before the August long weekend, Take the Leap, participating in the Kick off to Christmas weekend with Moonlight Madness held at the end of November. Check your monthly newsletter – Chamber Matters – to find out more.

Membership - The Chamber Group Insurance Plan offers group insurance benefits to businesses. Rates are very reasonable and coverage is available with as few as one employee. We continue with the 'Chamber Bucks' shop local initiative, which is a gift certificate available in \$25 and \$50 denominations, along with the 'Shop It Forward' program. Over 90 businesses in our area accept Chamber Bucks as payment for products and services. Membership also gets you access to Mass Advertising in the Dauphin Herald at a reduced rate, along with promotional opportunities at our events and on our new website. Another advantage of being a member is access to our affinity partners, giving Chamber members deals on everything from office products to shipping and merchant services.

A special thank you goes out to the members of our business community who currently volunteer their time and talents to serve on the **Board of Directors**. The work is fun and very gratifying. We currently have room for a number of additional Board members. We welcome you to check us out. Give a little or give a lot...the choice is yours!

We invite you to catch the excitement as 2019 approaches and brings new opportunities!

Duane McMaster
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Dauphin & District Chamber of Commerce