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Seeking HOSTS for 2025 EVENTS

- Business Women's Networking Luncheon
 - After Hours Mixer
 - Business Leaders Discussion Group

BE A HOST and showcase your business, service and more...

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

April

18 - Chamber Office will be closed for Good Friday.

24- Business Leaders Discussion Group -
Sponsored by PaySmart Payroll Services, 650 Wilson Ln, Ste. 100, Mechanicsburg. 7:45 - 9:00 am.
Members only event.

May

1 - 15th Annual Cinco de Mayo Regional Fiesta Mixer - Location - Volvo CE, 200 Rowe Rd., Shippensburg, 4:30 - 6:30pm. RSVP requested.

20 - After Hours Mixer - Penn Harris Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill. 4:00 - 6:00pm.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

For a full calendar of chamber and member events, visit www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

ARK Fitness
A.W.K. Enterprises
Comfort Suites Carlisle
Keystone Smokehouse & BBQ Co.

Roundtop Mountain Resort
Charles E. Shields III, Attorney
The Added Touch - Paulus and Black, Inc.
Rebecca Yearick

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, April 24

7:45 - 9:00 am

**Sponsored by
PaySmart Payroll Services
650 Wilson Ln, Suite 100
Mechanicsburg**



RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811.
This members-only event is **free** to attend!

Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!

Welcome New Chamber Members

**Ithax Financial LLC, 1104 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070; Jacob Dentler;
717-873-3046; www.ithax.com; Financial Services**

**Orangetheory Fitness, 6416 Carlisle Pike, Suite 1600, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050;
Courtney Cassel; 717-288-1243; orangetheory.com; Fitness**

15th Annual



REGIONAL
FIESTA MIXER

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025
4:30 - 6:30 PM

V O L V O

Volvo Construction Equipment
Customer Center
200 Rowe Road, Shippensburg

RSVP:

<https://bit.ly/3EUGaDD>





15th Annual Regional Fiesta Mixer

Thursday, May 1, 2025

4:30 - 6:30 pm

Volvo Construction Equipment
Customer Center
200 Rowe Road, Shippensburg

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Take advantage of this opportunity to connect with 350+ business professionals!

Exclusive Event Sponsor (SOLD)



Food Sponsors (1 additional available \$1,000)

- Logo promoted in all event advertising
- Booth Space
- Display Business Banner (provided by Sponsor)



Venue Sponsor

V O L V O

Beverage Sponsors (\$500)

- Logo promoted in all event advertising
- Signage at bar
- Recognized in print and on social media

Event Partner (\$500)

- Logo promoted in all event advertising
- Booth space
- Recognized in print and on social media

Table Sponsor (\$250)

- Booth space
- Recognized in print and on social media



Sponsorship Information: chamber@shippensburg.org

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

After-Hours Mixer

FREE
EVENT!

Tuesday, May 20
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

FREE
EVENT!

Penn Harris Hotel
1150 Camp Hill Bypass
Camp Hill, PA 17011



Join us for a Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer at the Penn Harris Hotel. Come see and check out the newly restored hotel featuring its new restaurant - Mercato Mio - and freshly opened pool and patio area.

Music will be provided by the Noah Spangler Quartet (as seen/heard at Jubilee Day).

We invite you to come network with other businesses and get to know fellow professionals in the area. The Mixer is FREE.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811.

Enjoy an evening of networking, refreshments and a chance to win a prize!

RSVPing is easy, simply email info@mechanicsburgchamber.org, RSVP online, or call 717-796-0811

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 - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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For more information - on HOSTING AN EVENT
contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

Save the Date

On June 19, Jubilee Day returns to the streets of downtown Mechanicsburg. This year marks the 95th Annual edition!

Don't miss your chance to be exposed to nearly 70,000 attendees from across the midstate.

Booth space is available at a discounted rate for Chamber members.

Contact the chamber for an application.

717-796-0811

or

info@mechanicsburgchamber.org





Voter Registration Deadline May 5

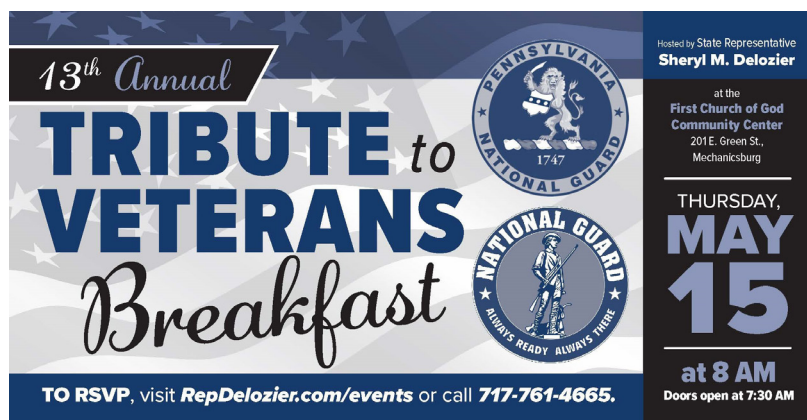
Pennsylvanians who are not already registered to vote but wish to participate in the May 20 municipal primary election should be sure to register no later than Monday, May 5.

To be eligible to vote in the primary, you must be a citizen of the United States for at least one month before the election; a resident of the election district in which you register to vote for at least 30 days before the primary; and at least 18 years of age on or before the date of the primary.

Under state law, only voters registered as Republicans or Democrats may vote for candidates in the primary election.

Citizens may [register to vote online here](#) or visit your [county voter registration office](#). Not sure of your registration status? [Check it here](#).

Voters who prefer to vote by mail-in or absentee ballot have until May 13 to apply for the ballot and until 8 p.m. on May 20 to return it. [For more information, click here](#).



The 88th District's veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families are invited to my 13th annual Tribute to Veterans Breakfast on Thursday, May 15, at 8 a.m. at the Mechanicsburg First Church of God Community Center, located at 201 E. Green St. in Mechanicsburg. At this free program and breakfast, we will pay tribute to the service of local veterans.

This year, our theme is "Celebrating Our National Guard." Rep. Joe Kerwin (R-125), a Pennsylvania Army National Guard captain who deployed for 11 months as commander of Task Force Paxton, 2nd Battalion, 112th Infantry in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa, will be our guest speaker.

I am looking forward to expressing our gratitude and reflecting on the extraordinary service, sacrifice

JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING
SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

Thur 4/17 – Big Bottom Brewery @
Al's Pizza, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 7-9

Thurs. 4/17 – VibraLife,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 2-3

Fri. 4/18 – Wolf Brewing,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo/duo/trio 6-9

Sat. 4/19 – Rotunda Brewing Restaurant,
Annville ...Kirk solo/duo 7-10

Sun. 4/20 – Sunrise Easter Service at
King's Gap, Carlisle...Acoustic Generations
7-8 AM

Fri. 4/25 – Reid's Wine & Cider House,
Gettysburg...Kirk & Patrick Duo 7-10

Sat. 4/26 – Gettysburg Farm Campground,
Dover...Kirk solo 1-4

Sat. 4/26 – Hemauer Brewing
Anniversary Event...Kirk solo 6-8

Fri. 5/9 – Hemauer Brewing,
Mechanicsburg ...Kirk solo 6-9

For complete up-to-date
schedule, information,
and photos go to
www.jazzmeband.com

Bookings: call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or
E-mail wisemotors@aol.com

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and dedication that defines our Guard soldiers and airmen. Whether it's responding to natural disasters, protecting our communities at home or supporting our armed forces abroad, National Guardsmen embody the essence of service.

Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit
RepDelozier.com/Events.



Get Ready for REAL ID

The deadline for enforcement of the federal REAL ID Act is less than a month away.

As of May 7, federal law will require you to present a federally accepted form of identification to board a commercial domestic flight or visit a secure federal building that requires ID at the door. Federally accepted forms of identification include a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. passport or passport card, or a military ID.

While all Pennsylvanians must comply with the new law, obtaining a state-issued REAL ID is not mandatory. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs for those residents who do not want or need one. If you're not sure, [PennDOT is offering the REAL ID online wizard to help you decide](#).

In light of growing reports of long lines and limited hours at the state's driver license centers, House Republican leaders have called on the Shapiro administration to expand evening and weekend hours to ensure those who choose to obtain a REAL ID are served more efficiently. PennDOT is currently offering a series of dedicated REAL ID Days on Mondays at many driver license facilities. [Check the schedule here](#).

To learn more about REAL ID and how to obtain one, visit penndot.gov/REALID.



MECHANICSBURG AREA CHURCHES invite the community to the

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK

Friday, April 18th | 11 AM - 12:15 PM

Led by local pastors, prayer walkers will start at one of the prayer sites and then cover the surrounding area in prayer.

All participants will join together at 12:00 PM at the Mechanicsburg First Church of God on the square (28 East Main Street) for closing prayer and worship. All are welcome!

PRAYER SITES

Mechanicsburg Area Senior High
500 South Broad Street

First United Methodist Church
135 West Simpson Street

St. Mark Lutheran Church
117 West Keller Street

**Soldiers & Sailors
Memorial Park**
1 Memorial Park Drive

Town Square Green Space
1 West Main Street

Turning Point Church
201 East Green Street

Visit [Mechanicsburg & Upper Allen Area Churches](#) Facebook Page for more information.



LEMOYNE BUNNYFEST

VENDOR FAIR AND KIDS FUN DAY

Saturday, April 19
10am-2pm

Grace United Methodist Church Parking Lot

309 Herman Ave | Lemoyne

Shop our vendor fair, order food from our food trucks.
FREE Easter Bunny visit, kids games

Sponsored by Musselman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc.
and Grace UM Church.

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES: CUMBERLAND COUNTY



Is Human Trafficking happening here?

THE STATE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING VS HUMAN SMUGGLING

- Hear from **District Attorney Seán McCormack, Detective David Miller, and meet members of our new Cumberland County Human Trafficking Coalition.**
- What's Happening with our children?
- Meet the professionals addressing trafficking in Cumberland County

STOP TRAFFICKING

APR 22, 2025, 12:00 - 1:30 PM
COMFORT SUITES DOWNTOWN CARLISLE
10 S HANOVER ST CARLISLE, PA 17013



YWCACarlisle.org
301 G st Carlisle, PA 17013
717.243.3818

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS:



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UPMC Hosting Virtual “From High School to Health Care” Event

UPMC is hosting a virtual event for high school seniors and their parents or guardians, as well as high school teachers, counselors and administrators, to learn more about careers in health care.

Health care is one of the fastest growing employment sectors in the United States. Careers can range from direct patient care, like nursing or therapy, to behind-the-scenes work in a laboratory or pharmacy, to non-clinical positions in support services and professional or administrative areas. UPMC offers students a wide range of opportunities — whether graduates plan to enter the workforce immediately or pursue additional education — and has developed innovative programs to support those goals.

At “From High School to Health Care,” students can learn about available career paths, UPMC’s paid training academies, the UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing at UPMC Harrisburg and employee growth opportunities through tuition reimbursement and career ladders.

Attendees can also learn about the [UPMC in Central Pa. Scholars Program](#) and partnerships with area colleges and universities. Under the UPMC in Central Pa. Scholars Program, graduates in selected health care fields who work at UPMC will receive payments in addition to their salaries equivalent to the cost of their education.

What: “From High School to Health Care” Virtual Event

When: Wednesday, April 23, 6 to 7 p.m.

Where: Virtual event

Registration: Registration is not required but is highly encouraged. To register or join the event on April 23, visit [Go.UPMC.com/HighSchooltoHealthCare](https://go.upmc.com/HighSchooltoHealthCare)

The 2025 Public Comment Period for the 12-Year Program Update is Open!



TELL US
ABOUT YOUR
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

TAKE THE SURVEY
March 3 - April 30

 Pennsylvania
Department of Transportation

 State Transportation
Commission



Your business has been selected to participate in Sweet Deals . This special partnership invitation gives you the opportunity to receive an extremely valuable radio, social media, and digital advertising campaign for 100% trade. On April 22nd & 23rd, the Vice President in charge of our company's listener rewards and client partnership program is coming to your city to present a select number of businesses with this special opportunity.

All attendees will be entered to win a \$5,000 radio advertising schedule. No Purchase necessary.

What is Sweet Deals 📍?

It's a radio advertising campaign with online features, digital marketing, social media, and a LIVE in-studio sampling! All without a cash investment!



Scan to RSVP
or call 717-478-4035

April 22, 2025 at 10 am - Lancaster

April 22, 2025 at 2 pm - York

April 23, 2025 at 10 am - Camp Hill

April 23, 2025 at 2 pm - Harrisburg



*Spreading sunshine to
those in our community
fighting cancer or other
life-threatening
illnesses.*



SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

Mary Lank Memorial Flamingo Bingo

Lower Allen VFW Post 7530 - 4545 Westport Dr.

Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Doors Open at Noon - Games begin at 1:30pm



CASH BINGO

\$35 includes: 10 Games, Hearty Appetizers & Soda

Special Games available for purchase

Tear off-tickets ~ 50/50 Raffle ~ Door Prizes - Basket Raffles

Extra Game Cards will be available to purchase

***For Reservations Contact:
Karen Shaner 717-979-5546***



**THE FOUNDATION
FOR ENHANCING
COMMUNITIES**

Emergent Needs Grant

In response to the recent federal funding freezes and disruptions, TFEC has seen and heard the needs of local nonprofits and is releasing an RFP for general operating expenses to ensure the continuation of essential community programming.

- Up to \$15,000 in grant support to help nonprofits sustain vital community programs.
- Rolling application process for flexible, timely funding
- Trust-based philanthropy ensures a streamlined process and empowers nonprofits to use grants where they are needed most.
- Focus on south central Pennsylvania, serving Cumberland, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties.
- Up to \$250,000 in total available grant funds.

Visit tfec.org to learn more

Nonprofits in south central Pennsylvania work tirelessly to address urgent community needs—from food insecurity to healthcare. When these organizations face sudden federal funding disruptions and uncertainty, vital services can suffer.

To help continue their essential work, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) announces its Emergent Needs grant, offering eligible nonprofits up to \$15,000 in support for programs that serve residents across the region.

“When unpredictable shifts in the funding occur, nonprofits often struggle to meet rising community needs,” said Caitlin Cluck, director of community investment at TFEC. “This grant program assists in bridging those gaps by providing critical financial support so organizations can maintain vital services for individuals and families who rely on them—even when funding support is uncertain.”

By embracing a trust-based philanthropic approach, TFEC aims to bolster nonprofits’ ability to address urgent community needs without the constraints of burdensome processes. By providing flexible, timely support, TFEC ensures that funds—dispersed on a rolling basis over the next three

months—can be used where they are needed most. This targeted effort helps safeguard social services and improve quality of life in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties.

“The Emergent Needs Grant is a reflection of our mission to protect and uplift the nonprofits that strengthen our communities,” said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO at TFEC. “We want local organizations to know that when circumstances become uncertain, TFEC is here to help them stay resilient and impactful.”

Eligible nonprofits can find details on how to apply at www.tfec.org, where information on deadlines, application guidelines, and FAQs is readily available. Community members or potential partners seeking more information are encouraged to email TFEC’s Community Investment Team at ccluck@tfec.org.



1) Choose a Date.

- **Saturday, March 22**
1:00pm & 3:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- **Sunday, March 23**
2:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.
- **Saturday, April 5**
1:00pm. 222 Dutch Lanes, Ephrata.
- **Friday, April 11**
5:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- **Saturday, April 12**
2:00pm. Suburban Bowlerama, York.
- **Thursday, April 17**
6:00pm. Palmyra Bowling, Palmyra.
- **Thursday, April 24**
6:00pm. Midway Bowl, Carlisle.
- **Saturday, April 26**
2:00pm. South Hanover Lanes, Hanover.
- **Sunday, April 27**
2:00pm. Edgewood Lanes, Gettysburg.

2) Register Today.

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3) Build your team.

Invite friends, family & coworkers.

4) Raise funds.

Support a Little, a Big & a family.

5) Party!

Bowling. Pizza. Drinks. Raffle prizes.
Inspire children to dream BIG!

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JOIN US FOR A

Derby Night of Giving

**SUNDAY, MAY 4
4-7 PM**

**The Barn at Creek's Bend
29 S. Middlesex Road
Carlisle, PA 17015**

**For the
Health
of a
Child**



**Silent
Auction**



**Delicious Food
& Drinks**



**Derby Hat
Contest**



**Cocktail
Attire**



**Evening Emcee:
Alicia Richards, WHTM-abc27 Anchor**



**Tickets: \$100 Per Person
Sponsorships Available**



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**All proceeds benefit
children's medical &
dental services at
Sadler Health Center.**





RACE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

2025 proceeds support The Tide ministry work in Cameroon!



Race Registration

Event Options

- 5K Race
- 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

Registered racers receive

- Race t-shirt
- Race sticker

Top three 5K finishers in each category receive a medal!

Event Details

Saturday, May 17th
9 AM to 1 PM

Norlo Park
Pavilion 1 and 2
Fayetteville, PA

FREE
Family Fun Day
for everyone!

Open to the public!

Additional Fun

- Prizes
- Games
- Activities
- Inflatable
- Give Aways
- Picnic Lunch
- Sponsor Booths

See reverse side for Sponsorship
and Virtual Challenge information.

Chamber Chatter is published on-line every Thursday.

We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

Chamber Chatter advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

****Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.****

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



**Join Us for the Annual
Patrice Berkheimer Memorial
Day of Hope Golf Outing**

benefiting Pink Hands of Hope



When: Friday, June 6, 2025

Where: Rich Valley Golf Club

227 Rich Valley Road

Mechanicsburg, PA

7:00 a.m. | Registration

8:00 a.m. | Shotgun Start

Breakfast & Lunch provided



www.pinkhandsofhope.org

Harrisburg Hoopla Returns for Its 7th Year *Uniting Fun, Competition and Philanthropy*

Get ready to compete for a cause! The Emerging Philanthropists Program (EPP), a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), is thrilled to announce the return of **Harrisburg Hoopla** for its **7th annual event on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at City Island in Harrisburg**. This full-day competition brings teams together for a series of exciting physical and mental challenges—all in support of local nonprofits.

“Harrisburg Hoopla is the perfect blend of fun, competition and philanthropy,” said Blake Milbrand, director of development for the American Heart Association and co-chair of Harrisburg Hoopla. “It’s a chance to relive the excitement of field day, take on unique challenges with friends and most importantly, support incredible nonprofit organizations making a real difference in our community.”



The June event invites teams of **six to ten participants** to compete in various games, including

classic field day events and puzzle-based challenges. Each team will represent a nonprofit of their choice, with the top three teams earning donations for their selected organization. A portion of the event's proceeds will also support the **Emerging Philanthropists Fund at TFEC**, which empowers young leaders to make a lasting impact in the community.

Last year's event raised a combined total of \$10,335 to support organizations that are creating meaningful change in our community. Previous recipients include **Samara – The Center for Individual and Family Growth, Joshua Group, and Junior Achievement of South-Central PA.**

"Harrisburg Hoopla is more than just a day of fun and games—it's an opportunity for our community to unite, champion local nonprofits and inspire the next generation of philanthropists," said Tashia James, philanthropic officer at TFEC. "We see firsthand this event's impact on organizations doing vital work in our region each year. By combining teamwork, competition and giving, Harrisburg Hoopla embodies the spirit of philanthropy in action."

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, June 7, 2025
- Location: City Island, Harrisburg, PA
- Schedule:
 - o Registration Opens: 9:30 a.m.
 - o Program Begins: 10:00 a.m.
 - o Games Begin: 10:30 a.m.
- Registration: Teams can sign up at www.tfec.org/hbghoopla.
 - o Early Bird Rate: \$45 per participant (register by April 30)
 - o Standard Rate: \$55 per participant (registration closes June 1)
 - o Individual participants can also register and will be assigned to a team.



Sponsorship Opportunities:

Harrisburg Hoopla is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. Current sponsors include CSR, Enterprise Mobility, Members 1st, Dale Wagner Insurance, Miter Foundation, Susquehanna Valley FCU, Capital Blue Cross, and Clark Associates.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at the Gold (\$2,500), Silver (\$1,500), and Bronze (\$500) levels. Sponsors receive benefits such as brand recognition on event materials, social media shoutouts and invitations to the Check Presentation Event on June 25, 2025. To become a sponsor, visit www.tfec.org/hbghoopla or contact tjames@tfec.org.



Join the Fun & Make a Difference!

Harrisburg Hoopla is an unforgettable event that brings philanthropy to life in a dynamic and interactive way. Whether you're competing, volunteering or cheering on the teams, there's a place for everyone to get involved.

For more information, registration details, or sponsorship inquiries, visit www.tfec.org/hbghoopla or contact info@tfec.org.



Cumberland Area
Economic Development
Corporation

LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT SEMINAR



June 12, 2025



10 AM - 12 PM

Register Here

Join CAEDC to learn more about the Local Share Account programs and discuss best practices to engage stakeholders.



**West Shore Theatre
317 Bridge St
New Cumberland, PA 17070**

CUMBERLAND VALLEY
PENNSYLVANIA

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Economic Development
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Mechanicsburg Lions Club

5th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



July 11, 2025 @



The Mechanicsburg Lions Club will host the 5th annual "We Serve" charity Golf Tournament on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle. 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course.

We hope you will join us again this year and help us support our many charitable organizations.

[Click here for registration forms](#)

Limited to the first 108 golfers that sign up and pay. We look forward to seeing you on the course. Thank you for your continued support.