



# The Circle

A Quarterly Publication of the New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce

## Chamber Celebrates Business of the Year, Anniversaries and New Members at September Breakfast



*Andrew Smith of Smith's Auto Sales accepts the 2019 Business of the Year Award from Chamber President Ashley Hershey.*

The New Oxford Chamber hosted its Fall Membership Breakfast on Tuesday, September 17 at Cross Keys Village - The Brethren Home Community.

The breakfast was open to all members and served as an opportunity to celebrate the 2019 Business of the Year, members with Chamber anniversaries and the Chamber's newest members.

Thank you to PCI Insurance, Inc. for sponsoring the breakfast.

The Chamber honored Smith's Auto Sales as the 2019 Business of the Year. The company, a Chamber member since 1960, is one of the founding businesses of the Chamber as well as a long time staple of the New Oxford community.

After honoring Smith's Auto Sales, Chamber President Ashley Hershey presented certificates to members with 2019 Chamber anniversaries (based on continuous years of membership).

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Happy anniversary to the following members:

- ◆ **45 years:** Cross Keys Village - The Brethren Home Community
- ◆ **35 years:** Conewago Valley School District
- ◆ **25 years:** Adams County Library System - New Oxford
- ◆ **20 years:** Bergdale Insurance Agency, Inc. and Miller Hanover Insurance
- ◆ **15 years:** Ken Adams Mechanical, Inc.
- ◆ **10 years:** The Christmas Haus, Clark's Body Shop, Inc. and Sundown Concessions
- ◆ **5 years:** Redbud House

Additionally, the Chamber welcomed six new members: Dentistry on the Square/Kari Stuntz, DDS, Hanover Land Services, Inc., Johnny & Rude's, L&M Tire & Wheel, Lyle R Pitner - State Farm and Polished & Pampered.

More photos from the breakfast can be found on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Thank you to Heather of HD Entertainment for the great pictures!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 15 - 5 to 7 p.m. - October Membership Mixer (Oktoberfest) -** The Christmas Haus, 110 Lincoln Way West

**Thursday, October 24 - 6:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting -** Borough Building, 124 N. Peters St.

**Saturday, October 26 - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 12th Annual Harvest Day Festival & Parade**  
Center Square & Downtown New Oxford

**Saturday, November 30 - 5 p.m. - Tree Lighting Ceremony -** New Oxford Circle

**Tuesday, December 10 - 5 to 7 p.m. - December Membership Mixer -** Redbud House, 14 Center Square

*Board meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at the New Oxford Borough Building.*

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For the most up-to-date information about upcoming events, please visit the events calendar at [newoxford.org](http://newoxford.org). Our calendar features both Chamber and member events.

If you are interested in hosting a mixer at your business in 2020, please contact the Chamber office at (717) 624-2800 or [info@newoxford.org](mailto:info@newoxford.org).



## Dentistry on the Square/Kari Stuntz, DDS Hosts August Membership Mixer

Thank you to Dentistry on the Square/Kari Stuntz, DDS for hosting the Chamber's August mixer. The mixer gave community members and business professionals an opportunity to meet Dr. Stuntz and catch up with Dr. Waring. The mixer even featured two great door prizes including a complimentary tooth whitening and a water flosser. Congratulations to Ashley Hershey of Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz and individual Chamber member Patrick Sullivan for winning the door prize drawings!

E. William Waring, Jr. DDS of Waring Dentistry, is a long-time Chamber member. In mid-July, Dr. Waring started the transition into a part-time role at the practice. Kari Stuntz, DDS who previously worked at York Hospital, is excited to join the New Oxford business community. Dr. Stuntz will continue to provide top-notch care for the practice's patients. With the transition, the name of the practice will be changing to Dentistry on the Square.

Thank you Dr. Waring for your continued service to the New Oxford community and welcome to Dr. Stuntz. We look forward to working with Dr. Stuntz just as we have worked with Dr. Waring for many years.





## Chamber Prepares for Harvest Day Event

Every year, New Oxford celebrates fall with its Harvest Day Festival & Parade. This year's festival will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Harvest Day offers fun and excitement for all ages. The festivities include craft, food and direct sales vendors, a free children's activity area (open 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and a parade!

The deadline for vendor applications and parade registrations is Friday, October 18. Chamber members receive a \$10 discount on vendor spaces. Parade participation is free and is a great way to promote your business. Additional information and applications for vendors and parade participants can be found on our website [newoxford.org](http://newoxford.org) under the Events tab.

Interested in volunteering? The Chamber is always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks on the day of the festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Chamber at [info@newoxford.org](mailto:info@newoxford.org) or (717) 624-2800. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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## Chamber Annual Meeting to be Held in October

The Chamber will host its Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the New Oxford Borough Building located at 124 N. Peters St. RSVPs are requested but not required.

Members are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and vote on the three open board positions for 2020. At the meeting, members will have an opportunity to meet and learn about the 2020 board candidates. Ballots will be available the night of the meeting. A summary of 2019 Chamber activities and a question and answer session will also take place. Light refreshments will also be provided.

If you are interested in joining the Chamber Board of Directors, please contact Michaela Shaffer, Marketing & Membership Coordinator at (717) 624-2800 or at [info@newoxford.org](mailto:info@newoxford.org).

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## Member News & Updates

### Children's Aid Society Announces Promotion, New Hire and New Board Member



**Dr. Janique Washington-Walker** has been promoted to Assistant Executive Director at the Children's Aid Society.

Dr. Washington-Walker is a licensed professional counselor and certified trauma therapist. She has a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Counseling and Counselor Education, a Master of Science in Community Agency Counseling, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a certificate in Behavioral Medicine from

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. She is also the recipient of the Langston University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center Doctoral Fellowship. Her research has focused on topics such as trauma, adverse childhood experiences, vocational rehabilitation service compliance, the impact of the deployment cycle on military families and the effect of chronic pain on work performance. Dr. Washington-Walker has published manuscripts in the Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling and the Journal of Rehabilitation, Research, Policy, and Education.

**Francis Marie Soto, MA** has joined the staff at the Nicarry Center in New Oxford. Soto received her Master's in Art Therapy with Specialization in Counseling from Seton Hill University in May 2019. She earned her Bachelor's in both Art Therapy and Studio Art from Cedar Crest College in May 2014. Her experiences include working with children, adolescents and individuals with special needs.



Children's Aid Society also recently welcomed **Dawn Squire** to their Board of Directors.

Squire brings with her a number of years of non-profit and community service experience, most recently serving with CONTACT Helpline PA 2-1-1 and the School District of York where she served as a Family Involvement Coordinator.

### Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation's 2nd Annual Drafts & Crafts A Success

Over 200 people attended Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation's (CCRF) 2nd Annual Drafts & Crafts Pop-Up Fair fundraising event on Saturday, July 27. Approximately \$4,500 was raised for families actively navigating their way through a childhood cancer diagnosis. Fifteen families will be able to receive financial assistance for rent or utilities, allowing the parents to remain by the side of their child during treatment. The 3rd Annual Drafts & Crafts Pop-Up Fair will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Those interested in participating as a vendors or becoming a sponsor should contact CCRF by emailing [events@ccrecovery.org](mailto:events@ccrecovery.org).

### Hoffman Homes for Youth to Host Fundraising Gala



Mix diamonds and denim, jewels and jean jackets, cocktail dresses and cowboy boots for an evening of great food, friends and fun to benefit the children at Hoffman Homes for Youth! Join Hoffman Homes at the Wyndham Gettysburg on Friday, November 1 for the Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., guests will enjoy dinner, live entertainment, a bubbles & bling raffle, a silent auction and a presentation about the program and the impact it has on the future of children in the community.

All event proceeds benefit programs and services that directly impact the care, therapeutic programming and educational experience of the children at Hoffman Homes for Youth. For more information, to purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, please contact Alicia Stanley, VP of Marketing & Development, at [astanley@hoffmanhomes.com](mailto:astanley@hoffmanhomes.com) or (717) 359-7148 x4500. Visit [hoffmanhomes.com/specialevents](http://hoffmanhomes.com/specialevents) to learn more.

### New Hope Ministries Selected as CommunityAid Major Partner

New Hope Ministries has been selected as a Major Partner by the CommunityAid Board of Directors. This Major Partner designation provides New Hope with \$100,000 in funding each year for the 2019-2021 funding cycle. New Hope is a Christian social service agency that serves the needy by providing assistance with food, housing, utilities, transportation, job training, employment and youth programming, all in service to their vision statement of "Every Life Transformed." New Hope will partner with the Hanover CommunityAid store to collaboratively achieve the goal of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

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## United Hook & Ladder Company 33 Celebrates 10th Anniversary



*Dedication of Engine 331. Photo courtesy of Michele Sheets.*

Local fire department, United Hook & Ladder Company 33 (UHL) celebrated their 10 year anniversary on Saturday, August 17.

UHL resulted as a merger of the New Oxford Fire Company and the Abbottstown Fire Company. Over the past 10 years, Bonneauville and Hampton Fire Companies have also become part of UHL.

The event included an open house featuring a facility tour as well as the dedication of both Engine 331 and a memorial wall for two New Oxford firefighters who died in the line of duty. The dedication was followed by an “old-style convention party” at the New Oxford Social & Athletic Club.

Congratulations to UHL on their 10th anniversary! Thank you for your commitment to keeping our community safe.

## HART Center Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Open House & Mixer



*Representatives from the New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce, Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce, The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County, the HART Center staff and dignitaries from the state and Adams County pose by the 50th anniversary banner.*

Members of the New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce, Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce and The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County joined the HART Center to celebrate its 50th anniversary on Wednesday, September 25.

The event ran from 4-7 p.m. and featured remarks from HART Center Executive Director Craig Clabaugh. The evening also included a ribbon cutting featuring representatives from the three aforementioned chambers, the HART Center staff, PA State Representatives Torren Ecker and Kate Klunk and Adams County Commissioners Jim Martin, Randy Phiel and Marty Qually.

Adams County Commissioners Martin, Phiel and Qually also presented the HART Center with a Certificate of Recognition for the organization’s ongoing commitment to helping individuals with disabilities in the local community.

The festivities included raffles, facility tours, networking and extended hours at the Treasures from the HART Thrift Store.

The HART Center provides vocational rehabilitation and a variety of work experiences for adults with disabilities residing in Adams County and Western York County. The Center’s primary objective is to provide each individual with opportunities for personal growth and self-dependency with regard to work skills. Individuals choose to obtain competitive employment whenever possible. In addition, the HART Center offers extended work training programs to individuals needing more support and structure to reach their vocational objectives.

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## New Oxford Area Historical Society and Community Members Celebrate Purchase of Train Station Property



*Fred Gable maintains the station and the collection within it.*

Over the summer, the New Oxford Area Historical Society (NOAHS) hosted a community event and ribbon cutting at the New Oxford Train Station to officially celebrate the purchase of the property. Elaine Gerwig of the NOAHS gave the remarks at the event. Gerwig played an integral part in the preservation of the train station property.

The current station was built in 1903 after the original structure burned to the ground. In the 1960s, due to a decrease in demand, the Western Maryland Railroad discontinued the passenger line through New Oxford. At this time, Western Maryland Railroad sold the station to the New Oxford Borough. The station became the home of the Conewago Valley Model RR Club, whose collection is still located in the building today.

Although New Oxford owned the station itself, it did not own the property the building was on. Beginning in the mid-2000s, a group of locals began to look into what it would require to purchase the property.

Through the fundraising efforts of the NOAHS and generous donations from local businesses and community members, enough funds were raised to purchase the property. In the summer of 2018, New Oxford officially received the deed for the property. One of the train station's biggest supporters, Stanley Wannop, passed away in December 2018, but the property remains as a testament to his passion, and the passion of many others, for preserving a piece of New Oxford history.

Fred Gable, a longtime New Oxford resident, continues to care for the train station as he has for many years. Gable enjoys sharing his knowledge with visitors to the station as do the other members of the Conewago Valley Model RR Club.

Congratulations to the NOAHS and the town of New Oxford on this achievement that was made possible through the collective efforts of the people of this small town. The train station and its property can now continue to be enjoyed by generations to come!



*Ribbon cutting at the train station on Sunday, June 23. Photo courtesy of Tania Kepner, New Oxford Borough.*



*Photo courtesy of Tania Kepner, New Oxford Borough.*

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