

REGIONAL CHAMBER ROUNDUP

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SPRING-FORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Building a Better Community Through Business

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The Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce is a community-focused business advocate. We strive to help our member businesses grow while improving the community in which we all live and work.

The Chamber consists of local businesses whose main objective is to run a successful business. We are a great resource for members, not only because we offer the opportunity to network and brainstorm with fellow members, but also to have exposure to the local community, your

customer, through our continued involvement in community events and charitable endeavors. Visit www.springfordchamber.com for Chamber Events, Press Releases, Online Newsletters and more!

WELCOME
NEW
CHAMBER
MEMBERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RSVP for all events online at
www.springfordchamber.com

May 3, 2018 - Chamber Mixer

Spring-Valley YMCA
19 W Linfield Rd, Royersford,
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Free for members/ \$10.00 non-members

May 8, 2018 - Network Before Work

Philadelphia Premium Outlets
18 W. Lightcap Rd, Pottstown
8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Free for members/ \$10.00 non-members

May 10, 2018 - Chamber Luncheon

Spring-Ford Country Club
48 Country Club Road, Royersford
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Topic: Legislative Luncheon
Speaker: PA Legislators
\$25 Members/\$35 Non-members
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May 17, 2018 - Shark Think Tank

Copperfield Inn at Lakeside
594 W. Ridge Pike, Limerick
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
\$25 - Business owners only*

May 23, 2018 - Chamber Mixer

Get "Lit" at Starr Books
70 Buckwalter Road, Royersford
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 5, 2018 - Chamber Mixer

Raymour & Flanigan
300-A Water Loop Drive, Collegenille
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Free for members/ \$10.00 non-members

SAVE THE DATE!

- **Limerick Community Day:** Saturday, August 18, 2018 Registration now open
- **SFCC Family Golf Outing for Education:** Sunday, September 30, 2018



SPRING-FORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FASHION SHOW

- Thank you to our newest annual sponsor TOMPKINS VIST Bank
- Thank you to all who attended and helped with the 2018 WIN Fashion Show for the Spring-Ford Chamber including:
 - Denice Harrison, Patriot Pest Solutions our chair and Annual Sponsor
 - Pam Baumann, Pam Baumann Photography for handling all of our photography
 - Wendy McKean, Mom's House, Phoenixville for being the Charity of Choice for 2018 and for always supporting the Spring-Ford Chamber of Commerce
 - To all of the members who donated to our basket raffle
- Thank you to our 2018 Models: James Harrison, Steve Oehlert, Doug Swede, Mike Stopyra, Joe Berquist and our ladies: Lisa Hollenbach, Louise Tulio, Colleen Grawlas, Lillian Naviryo, Sabrina Haines, Adrean Turner and Vibha Agrawl.
- Thank you to our amazing volunteers: Susette Siebert, Lisa Hollenbach, Louise Tulio, Jessica Snook, Andrea Hesskett and Danielle Crist



Carla Haydt, Susette Siebert, Denice Harrison, April Thorum



Kim Kramer-Swoyer

Mark Greenberg



Ask SCORE

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SBA sets specific guidelines for loans, which are made by its partners, and it guarantees that they'll be repaid by the borrowers. This benefits small business owners by giving them access to much-needed funding, and it eliminates some of the risk to the lending partners.

To qualify for an SBA loan, your business must meet certain criteria regarding business size, financial standing, and others. You must also meet the credit qualifications of the lender.

Several advantages of SBA loans over conventional loans include:

- Lower down payments
- Longer repayment terms

Two SBA loan programs that benefit many small businesses are:

7(a) Loan Program

These loans can be used for various purposes (such as satisfying short-term or long-term working capital needs; purchasing equipment, machinery, and supplies; buying real estate; refinancing existing debt; and more).

Microloan Program

This program provides loans up to \$50,000 to help businesses with lower dollar financing needs. According to the SBA, the average microloan is approximately \$13,000. You may not use microloans to pay existing debt, but you can use them for working capital and purchasing inventory, supplies, furniture, equipment, machinery, etc.

There are other SBA loan programs as well. For information about them, visit the SBA website's Loan Programs page (<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans>). You can also find more details about obtaining financing for both start-ups and existing small businesses on the SBA website's Borrowing Money For Your Business page (<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/plan-your-business/fund-your-business>)

If you want to explore more potential sources of financing for your business, check out the SBA's Loans and Grants website page (<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs>). And consider reaching out to your local SCORE Chapter to speak with a mentor who can direct you to lending institutions and organizations in your community. They can also help guide you as you prepare to approach lenders for funding.

Since 1964, SCORE "Mentors to America's Small Business" has helped more than 10 million aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners through mentoring and business workshops. More than 11,000 volunteer business mentors in over 320 chapters serve their communities through entrepreneur education dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses. For more information about starting or operating a small business, contact SCORE TriCounty. You can call 610.327.2673, email tricity@scorevolunteer.org or visit the website at www.tricity.score.org.

Thank you to the following 2018 Annual Sponsors