

FLEX FLEX Your Ideas

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Adapting in 2020

FLEX Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 5

Adapt: “To adjust oneself to different conditions.” Adapt is a word that most of us have become familiar with in 2020. Events, work, school, and gatherings have all been adapted in this time of crisis.

We have certainly missed in-person social events and meetings, but FLEX has worked to continue connecting and supporting one another.

One of our largest events, our Annual Meeting, has certainly been adapted. Although we will see everyone through a webcam, we’re looking forward to this enjoyable evening, which will include networking activities and trivia.

During the Annual Meeting, we’ll also elect 2021 officers, provide a re-cap of this year, and give “Member Shoutouts” to recognize FLEX Members’ contributions.



Although the deadline to register was Thursday, October 29, we will still accept registrations up until the event. Those who register ahead of time will receive a package to go along with the event.

To register, visit members.venangochamber.org/events & email questions to flex@venangochamber.org.



FREE HEADSHOTS FOR FLEX MEMBERS

Do you need a professional headshot? We typically offer headshots at our Annual Meeting, and this year FLEX Member Sydney Herdle will be setting up at the Chamber for FLEX Members to come in and get a photo taken.

We have not picked a date and time yet, but will share it on social media and through email when we do.



Jennifer Feehan serves as the Economic Development Manager for the Northwest Commission in Oil City.

At the Northwest Commission, she works closely with businesses and community partners from all throughout our region, assisting with various economic development initiatives.

“What I enjoy most about working in this area, is the ability to serve those in our communities with genuine support so the impact they make is made even greater.” she said. “I get to play a part in strengthening our base and growing our ideas into fruition, and that is pretty awesome.”

A native of Franklin, Jennifer earned her Bachelor's degree from Penn State in Art History and participated

in archeological digs in Egypt and Israel between 2007 and 2010. Jenn worked at the Palmer Museum of Art at Penn State for 12 years before returning to Venango County in 2018.

Jennifer and her husband Jerry purchased our first house in President Township this year, where they live with their son, Brecht, and our daughter, Charlie.

In her free time, she enjoys any chance to get outside riding bikes or floating down the river, especially if it includes a stop at a local brewery or distillery after. She and her husband Jerry also build industrial-style lamps that feature antique parts.

Jennifer is in the current Leadership Venango Class of 2021 and values the opportunity to work towards building a better community, by working with partners in the region.



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SAVE THE DATE! FLEX Speaker Series

Topic: Home Ownership

Featuring: Bill Moon, Gates & Burns Realty & John Stoner, Northwest Bank

Date: Tuesday, November 10 | 5:30 p.m.

This will be a virtual event. More information will be shared on our Facebook page and through email shortly.



Zoe Oakes is the Branch Manager of the Franklin Library, part of the Oil Region Library Association.

A graduate of Rocky Grove High School, she grew up in Cooperstown and earned her Associate of Science Radiological Sciences from Gannon University and Specialized Diploma in Library Technical Assistant from Northampton Community College.

Zoe and her husband of seven years are the parents of two boys. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, reading and building Legos with her sons.

Professionally, she has continued to work on upgrading the resources of Franklin Public Library and describes her work as her “dream job.” She takes great pride in knowing her community and recognizing library patrons by name.

Zoe is also a participant in the 2021 Class of Leadership Venango.

Professional Development Tip: Virtual Etiquette

Many of us have spent the majority of this year on multiple virtual calls a day. While you may consider yourself a “Zoom professional,” it never hurts to get a refresher on tips and tricks to being your best online.

Dress your best

Although most of your body won’t be seen, wear a shirt that looks like something you would wear to the office. FLEX President Kat Thompson calls this the “Web Call Mullet”—professional up top, party on the bottom.

Show up on time

You can’t blame tardiness on traffic or similar issues if you are taking the call from home. Timeliness is still appreciated and important.

Be Prepared

It’s one thing to show up on time, but we encourage you to be ready to discuss and listen. Take notes as you go and contribute when you can.

Limit Distractions

This can be challenging depending on your situation, but try to take calls somewhere with limited distractions—both audible and visual. Go to a separate room from your family, sit in front of a blank (or simply-decorated wall), and mute yourself when you’re not talking.

Show Your Face

Unless you are eating or aren’t able to go to a private room, people want to see you, especially since we have had less connection with others this year. Turn your video on and share your smiling face with others!



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FLEX volunteered at the Two Mile Run Park on Saturday, October 3rd!
Thank you to the young professionals who came out to help stain pavilions.



Volunteers included: Wendall Holmes, Will Price, Mallory Spence,
Kat Thompson, Ashley Sheffer, Valerie Perry, Sydney Herdle, and Laura Ordaz

OUR MISSION

FLEX represents the needs and interests of Young Professionals by positioning ourselves as leaders, entrepreneurs and advocates for the sustainability of the Venango Area through civic engagement, leadership development, and networking.

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

FLEX Annual Meeting: Thursday, November 5 • 6PM • Virtual

FLEX Speaker Series: Tuesday, November 10 • 5:30PM • Virtual
Topic: Home Ownership

Register for events at: members.venangochamber.org/events

CONNECT WITH US:



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jennifer Feehan
Alex Gunter
Grace Kellner

Interested in joining? Email our
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