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This is a very popular event with our members!

Stoudt's Black Angus Restaurant

&

Brewing Company

Adamstown, Pennsylvania

Thursday, March 11 – 5 to 7 p.m.

**RSVP by March 9 by calling the Chamber at
738-9010 or email: info@ephrata-area.org**

Call for Articles

The next bimonthly newsletter is coming out soon. If you have any business news you wish to share, send the information to the Chamber office at ephcoc@dejazzd.com

Information from the Kaiser Family Foundation

A leader in health policy and communications, the Kaiser Family foundation is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S. as well as the U.S. role in global health policy. Kaiser develops and runs its own research and communications programs, sometimes in partnership with other non-profit research organizations or major media companies.



Health care costs have been rising for several years. Expenditures in the United States on health care surpassed \$2.2 trillion in 2007, more than three times the \$714 billion spent in 1990, and over eight times the \$253 billion spent in 1980. Stemming this growth has become a major policy, as the government, employers, and consumers increasingly struggle to keep up with health care costs. In 2007, U.S. health care spending was about \$7,421 per resident and accounted for 16.2% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP); this is among the highest of all industrialized countries. Total health care expenditures grew at an annual rate of 6.1 percent in 2007, a slower rate than recent years, yet still outpacing inflation and the growth in national income. Although Americans benefit from many of the investments in health care, the recent rapid cost growth, coupled with an overall economic slowdown and rising federal deficit, is placing great strains on the systems used to finance health care, including private employer-sponsored health coverage and public insurance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. Since 1999 employer-sponsored health coverage premiums have increased by 119 percent.

SOME FREE ADVERTISING FOR YOU!

Chamber member deLyn Ross Alumbaugh (deLyn's Gallery) is offering a chance for you to get some free advertising. He has agreed to pay to be an advertising sponsor for the Dutchland Derby Rollers. He is asking for you to give 50 to 100 items of anything you want to use as advertising for your business. These items will be placed in bags and given to people purchasing V.I.P tickets. Please remit by March 15th. Email him at: Delyn@delyn.net or call 717-484-1339

Membership renewals are still coming in! If you haven't renewed, please send in your form or call us if there are any problems!