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### **How to Get the Value out of your Chamber Membership?**

As the new President of the Ambassadors Council, I'd like to showcase how members derive value out of their Chamber membership. My hope is these stories will allow other members to learn from others' experience and create more value for themselves. If you'd like to share your story, please contact me. Here is a brief overview of my story:

### **How did you get involved with the Chamber?**

I originally started going to events when I moved back to area from living overseas. I didn't have many friends that still lived here from high school and all my professional connections were elsewhere. The Chamber has been the perfect platform to meet professionals.

### **Other than going to events, how have you utilized your membership?**

I volunteered as a board member with the Western Lehigh Business Council. I've showcased my expertise by presenting at the Women's Business Council's Annual Summit and other regional events. I've exhibited a vendor table at multiple events. I've sponsored the Athena Awards ceremony and have been on the Athena Committee for the last 2 years. I helped spearhead the formation of the Young Professionals Council. For the last 3 years, I've been an Ambassador and am very excited to take part in the Board of Governors meetings.

### **What benefits have you seen?**

For me the Chamber is all about **building relationships**. It's a great place to meet your next employer/employee, clients, friends and/or service providers.

It's also about **personal development**. There are so many experiential workshops to learn any skill you may want or need. I've seen my leadership, interpersonal and communication skills improve significantly. There's a certain professional culture and way of doing business that you can expect from other Chamber members.

It's a lot about **helping others** too. Chamber members are often willing to help connect, mentor, and share experiences/successes/failures to help others learn and grow.