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This past month has been filled with exceptional Chamber events, something for every member. From golf outings to charity galas, the Chamber has certainly kicked off the summer months with a bang.

Among the outstanding events was the Air Products Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Seifi Ghasemi's breakfast presentation, and it was one the most inspiring events in memory. In front of about 200 business leaders, Mr. Ghasemi outlined his strategy for the global industrial giant and the company's focus on the future. It was clear to everyone in the room that Air Products has charted a solid course and one that includes the Trexlertown campus as its headquarters.

"We have been a successful company for 75 years," Ghasemi told the audience. "We take it as a major responsibility to make sure that we lay the foundation for Air Products to be in business for another 75 years." The size of the company, Ghasemi said, is about \$10 billion in sales, and in terms of market capitalization the company is valued at more than \$30 billion, which makes Air Products one of the top 100 companies in the United States.

"People around the world know Air Products very well in all of the different industries," Ghasemi said. About 42 percent of the company's business occurs in America and Canada, about 6 percent in Latin America, 24 percent in Europe, and 28 percent in Asia.

"Our goal is to be the safest and the most profitable industrial gas company in the world providing excellent service to our customers," he said. "That is our goal."

Many business leaders in the room left inspired by his personal story and business plan for success. If you would like to see his entire presentation, go to the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce home page and click on the link to the event. I am sure you will find it to be a valuable use of time.

Kudos to our entire Chamber staff for coordinating all of our events to the highest level of professionalism. Your efforts are unparalleled and do not go unnoticed!