



The Chamber Chatter Box



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President's Corner



Happy New Year 2019! Our December luncheons were full of holiday spirit and cheer, and I hope all of you were able to make some new connections at one of our events! Special thanks to all of our chamber members who donated items to be distributed to families living in our school districts. Especially Two Men and a Truck who encouraged donations from all employees, and Oakleaf Personal Care Home who stuffed a jeep with donated gifts (12 filled totes, four gift bags, and some assorted gift cards). We also appreciated the hospitality of Paramount for hosting and providing lunch for the women's luncheon, including site tours and a beautiful poinsettia to take home! In addition to the toy drive for local families, we also enjoyed distributing our 60th Anniversary Edition red tote bags to our communities in Brentwood and Baldwin for their Holiday Light-Up Nights.

January is the start of the new calendar year, but it is the halfway point of our BBW Chamber calendar year. We are in full swing now with some fabulous monthly luncheon speakers coming up, special member networking events set, and planning for our 60th Anniversary luncheon later on this spring underway. Don't forget member renewals are now due to Mary Dilla, and you can always check the website for the latest event posting and luncheon information.

I wish all of our members a healthy and prosperous New Year – Cheers!

Virginia Wida

IS YOUR 2019 CHAMBER DUES PAID?

REMINDER: Your 2019 Membership Dues must be received by January 20th to be listed in the printed Chamber directory. You will be notified via email when the 2019 Directory is posted on the Chamber website.

Contact Mary Dilla with any updates to your listing!

Your new 2019 Chamber Membership plaque insert will be mailed in late January. Those requesting a print directory will receive it in the mail in February.

General Meeting Luncheon

January 10, 2019

The Whitehall House

4201 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

8AM Breakfast

Doors open at 7:45

Guest Speaker

Tim Hinds

CEO TrailBlaze Creative



#StrongerThanHate: One Click and a Wave of Love

We've all seen it...the Stronger Than Hate symbol that has been seemingly everywhere following the tragic Tree of Life shooting on October 27. From Ariana Grande's social media, to Ben Roethlisberger's cleats, to an upcoming documentary, the Stronger Than Hate symbol has circled the globe, inspired recreations, and provided a symbol of hope to Pittsburgh and beyond.

Tim Hinds, CEO of TrailBlaze Creative and the symbol's creator will sit down with Matt Fazio to discuss the creation of the symbol, media encounters, signing agreements with the Steelers, ongoing engagement with people (good and bad) from around the world, and lessons learned about going viral.

PLEASE NOTE: as part of the business meeting, the proposed bylaw amendments will be presented, discussed and voted upon.

(These were emailed to the membership in early December)

Advance reservations required
Email Mary Dilla: secretary@bbwchamber.com
\$20 with reservation
\$25 without reservation and non-members

Next Chamber General Meeting

February 7th @ South Hills Country Club

Welcome New Members!

Backo's Drapery & Installation Service—Robert Backo

412-885-8251, bob@backoswindowdecor.com

DRG Performance Solutions, LLC—David Guido

412-996-0815, david-r.guido.mykajabi.com

WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Friday, January 11, 2019

Noon

Gianna Via's Restaurant

Caste Village

Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Guest Speaker

Roselyn Wilkinson, MBA, CFP

President

MD&A Financial Management Company

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Lunch for Chamber Members - \$20 - Bring a friend!

Lunch for Non-Members and without a reservation - \$25

Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary:

Mary Dilla - secretary@bbwchamber.com

Save these Dates for 2019 Chamber Events!

- **February 28th** — *Love Your Chamber*, networking event, 5 — 7PM, South Hills Country Club
- **May 20th** — Community Golf Day at South Hills Country Club
- **June (TBA)** - Mini Golf Tournament w/Bethel Chamber
- **July 17th** — Summer Networking Breakfast at Gianni Via's Restaurant
- **August 29th**—Food Truck Event @ Baldwin High School
- **September 16th** — Corridor Communities Golf Outing

Watch your email for details about these and other Chamber and member events!

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We passionately work toward our mission to improve the financial lives of our neighbors and their businesses. To enhance the quality of life of our community members, we provide financial support to local programs and encourage our team to volunteer within their communities.

We come to work each day at First Commonwealth Bank committed to our core values and we believe we exist to make a difference in the lives of our customers. We work hard to help improve financial lives because your money matters. And what you do with it matters even more. We believe as a community bank that we can make profit with a purpose by helping customers become financially confident by adopting the four life-changing habits of managing, saving, borrowing and protecting their money. We do this because we know that financial confidence helps you sleep better at night. By partnering with our customers, we can take small (and sometimes big) steps every day to improve lives.



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Volunteer for a Committee in 2019!

The Chamber is looking for some volunteers to help plan our 60th Anniversary event and help with other committees and events planned for 2019. If you are willing to commit to helping with an event, contact Mary Dilla or a member of the Board of Directors. **Looking forward to working with you in 2019!**

Board of Directors

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