



The Chamber Chatter Box



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



On March 3rd, our monthly lunch meeting will focus on the three boroughs of our chamber of commerce; Brentwood Borough incorporated in 1916, Baldwin Borough incorporated in 1952 (after separating from the original Baldwin Township formed in 1843) and Whitehall Borough officially an independent community in 1948. We will hear from the mayors, managers and police chiefs with updates on the status of our well established communities where our businesses are located. This is an opportunity to learn about local laws and issues that affect community business. Keeping in touch with our community leaders is one of the many benefits of the chamber.

By this time, everyone should have received the new chamber directory with your 2016 membership insert to update your table top display. Please display your membership proudly! As we are moving more and more towards a paperless world, you can now view the directory online as well. The entire directory is available in PDF form under the News and Publications tab, In the News, on the website. Feel free to share the directory with other members of your staff that might use it as a reference for procuring services from your fellow members.

Along with the membership committee I would like to say a big thank you to all the members who attended last week's "Love your Chamber" membership mixer event. The event was a huge success! Thirty four existing members hosted and mingled with twenty plus potential new members. We networked, socialized and bragged about the benefits of membership in our Chamber. It would not be surprising if we found ourselves welcoming most of the guests that attended as new members. Well done everyone!

As a final note, we are three months away from our chamber elections. This year we will have four seats expiring on the board of directors and we will be looking for members to step up and fill those seats. Please consider the rewarding experience of serving on the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Board of Directors.

All my best for your continued success.

LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 3, 2016

South Hills Country Club

4305 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Noon

Guest Speakers

The Mayors, Managers and Police Chiefs
of
Baldwin, Brentwood and Whitehall Boroughs
What's Happening in the Boroughs!

Join us as we get updates from the Boroughs where we work,
live and play!

Advance reservations requested:

\$20 with reservation
\$25 for non-members and those without a reservation

Contact Mary Dilla - secretary@bbwchamber.com

Next luncheon and general meeting April 7th

Welcome New Members!

- Maiden Bridge/Canongate Apartments**—Janet Schnuth
412-885-4100
- Lamar Advertising**—LaDeen McCray-Davis, Bob Gostic,
Kristen Voegele, 412-722-0200
- Squirrel Hill Health Center, Brentwood**—Lora Kalwarski
412-425-0802
- Sydney B. Moore Estate Sales**—Fawn Moore Campbell
412-657-9132

Save the Date!

Community Golf Day at South Hills Country Club
Monday, August 22nd

Information will be emailed and posted on the chamber website in May. A member of each foursome must be a resident of Brentwood, Baldwin or Whitehall Boroughs.

WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Friday, March 11, 2016
Noon
South Hills Country Club
4305 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Guest Speaker

Eileen A. Roth

*Author of Ten Fingers Touching
The Enduring Appeal of Fairy Tales
and their Relevance in Today's Society*

Ellen A. Roth holds a PhD from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education and an MFA from Syracuse University. She spent the early years of her career as a registered art therapist, working with children with a variety of special needs. Co-founder of premier relocation consulting firm, Getting to the Point Inc., Ellen was named one of the Best 50 Women in Business in Pennsylvania.

A wife and proud mother, Ellen lives with her husband, Dr. Loren Roth, and continues to be actively engaged in community service. She has been fascinated with fairy tales since childhood, and recently released her debut work of fiction, *Ten Fingers Touching*.

Ten Fingers Touching explores good, evil, and the wonder of true love. Pittsburghers in particular may feel a special connection to the book, as little sparks of Pittsburgh have been woven throughout the adventure-filled tale.

Please plan on attending and bring a friend. We welcome members and non-members. If you or any of your friends are looking for new marketing opportunities to showcase your products and services, please reserve a table and share this information. Display tables are limited and will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

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

Lunch for Non-Members - \$25

Display Table \$10

Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary:

Mary Dilla - secretary@bbwchamber.com

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Secretary Mary Dilla

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!



Esther's Sweet Shop was started in the fall of 1973. Esther moved the business from the kitchen of her home to its present location at 1814 Brownsville Road in Carrick. The

candy making location may have changed but the old fashioned, homemade traditions continue today. Karl and Esther Wolfson set high standards of quality for every piece of candy that was made. Today Robert, their son, continues that handmade tradition and commitment to quality.

We at Esther's believe that you use only the best ingredients, combined with pure milk chocolate. We use family recipes cooked in copper kettles in our kitchen. Imagine homemade marshmallow creamy and sweet or buttery fresh caramel bubbling in our copper pots. Our creamy soft centers or peanut butter meltaway made with Esther's secret recipe for smoothness and taste. Each batch is individually cooked, stirred with a wooden paddle, just like Esther used to do in her own kitchen.

Our candies are dipped in chocolate, sometimes twice, hand drizzled and hand packed. This personal care to each piece of candy is what makes Esther's candies one of the finest candies available today.

We are also proud of the 10 flavors of Old Fashioned Candies, Peppermint, Butterscotch, Assorted Fruit, Rootbeer, Peach, Cinnamon, Clove, Licorice, Spearmint and Green Apple. Bob hand makes and hand pulls our pillow shaped mints.

Please feel free to stop in our store located at 1814 Brownsville Road in Carrick. Easter eggs and solid chocolate bunnies are in season now but don't forget to stop back in the Fall for our buttery peanut brittle. Our chocolate covered strawberries remain a yearlong favorite.

Bob Wolfson
412-884-4224

MARCH EVENTS— For more information go to the chamber website, www.bbwwchamber.com

March 11th – Donnelly-Boland and Associates **Give a Pint Blood Drive**, 8 AM – 1PM, Hough Building, Custer Ave. See the chamber website to register with the Central Blood Bank.

March 16th - **A Luncheon about Mindfulness**...noon, South Hills Country Club. Guest Speaker is Joseph Dvitkovic, PhD. Sponsored by John F. Slater Funeral Home. Tickets - \$20, call 412-881-9022 by March 11th

Board of Directors

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