



The Chamber Chatter Box



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Spring is such a terrific time for new beginnings. Things are blooming and growing everywhere. Hopefully your business will grow with the help of your involvement in our Chamber of Commerce. April is the month that we show our appreciation for the businesses that comprise our great Chamber. Plan to attend our lunch on April 7th to celebrate your membership and to participate in the traditional awarding of the 2016 Education Grant recipients. Opportunities were given to both Brentwood and Baldwin High School students to apply for a \$1000 grant. Many individuals took the initiative to seek out the scholarship opportunity, complete the application and write the essay. These motivated and enterprising individuals are maximizing every opportunity to realize their dream of college. My congratulations to the winners as well as all who applied.

Carrying on with our theme of education, you will be entertained during lunch with a vignette from both our area High Schools from their spring musicals. Brentwood High School will perform *Shrek the Musical* and Baldwin will perform *Big Fish*. Last on the agenda Junior Achievement students will give us a demonstration of their new product. Let's show our support for all of these talented young people by a full house.

On another note, thank you to all who participated in our Chamber survey at the March lunch. For anyone who did not attend or who did not complete a survey, never fear! Your opinion can still be heard. You will receive an email shortly with a link to a "Survey Monkey" site where you can complete the survey on line. The Chamber will share the results of these surveys with you. Our intention is to tailor our programming to make sure we are meeting the needs of all of our members.

In the past, the chamber would normally take a hiatus for the summer months. Not true any longer. As summer is heating up so will our chamber. Look for announcements for a July breakfast networking opportunity and back by popular demand, a food truck event in August! We are looking for committee members to help organize the food truck event. Contact me by email or at the lunch to volunteer your talent.

Finally, the list of new members is posted in this newsletter with an unbelievable eight new members! Each month our Chamber grows stronger. Let's all come out to meet and network with old and new friends. See you at lunch!!

All my best for your continued success,

LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Annual Chamber Appreciation Luncheon

April 7, 2016

South Hills Country Club

4305 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Noon

Join us as we present our
2016 Educational Grants to
Mia Jandric, Brentwood High School
and
Lauren Schugg, Baldwin High School

Excerpts from the
Spring Musical Productions of
Shrek the Musical at Brentwood High School
and
Big Fish at Baldwin High School
will be performed by members of each cast.

Baldwin High School students will present their
Junior Achievement project

Advance reservations requested
Email Mary Dilla: secretary@bbwwchamber.com
\$20 with reservation

\$25 without reservation and non-members
Next Luncheon is May 5th, Guest Speaker:
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald

Have you ever considered running for the Board of Directors of the Chamber?

The Chamber election for the Board of Directors will take place at the June 2, 2016, General Meeting Luncheon. You will be electing four people to fill open board positions. You may nominate yourself or another chamber member in good standing. **Each nomination should include a 50 word biography and submitted to the Chamber Secretary, Mary Dilla at secretary@bbwwchamber.com by May 13, 2016.** Being on the board is a wonderful learning experience. Our board is one of the most hard-working, diverse and creative groups ever! Everyone brings something to the table and shares the workload. Consider running for the Board of Directors to lead the Chamber over the next three years.

WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Friday, April 8, 2016
Noon
South Hills Country Club

4305 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Guest Speaker
Lori Martucci
Yoga Instructor

Join Lori Martucci, registered yoga instructor and Owner of The Hott Spot Extreme Wellness Studio in Bridgeville, as we learn different ways and techniques to overcome stress in our daily lives thru breath, visualization, movement and environment.

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

Welcome New Members!

All Pittsburgh Real Estate—John H. Thatcher, PE
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American Cancer Society—Jean Schieman
412-919-1121, jean.schieman@cancer.org

e-merge inc.—Michael Ryan
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Formula One Detailing, LLC—Thomas Minydzak
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Representative Bill Kortz
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S&T Bank—Dan Mitchell
724-942-2024, dan.mitchell@stbank.net

Strategic Planning Group—Mary Ann Evangelista
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Trail Blaze Creative—Tim Hinds
412-212-TREK, Tim@trailblazecreative.com

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!

COMCAST BUSINESS

Growing Demand for WiFi

According to Cisco, Wi-Fi devices will power a majority of all Internet traffic by 2017, and a 2015 study by Tech Pro Research found that 74 percent of businesses are using or are planning to use “bring your own device” (BYOD) policies. These, and other trends in consumer and employee behavior are causing demand for Wi-Fi to grow exponentially.

Comcast Business' WiFi Pro enables Brentwood, Baldwin and Whitehall businesses to serve patrons and customers with fast connections to stream videos and access social media networks while providing employees with reliable access to cloud applications and shared devices, like printers. WiFi Pro provides two high-performance commercial Wi-Fi networks – a private network for employees and a guest network for patrons – providing additional security. In addition, business owners can put marketing messages on the WiFi connection page in order to highlight the day's specials, announce the opening of a new location, and offer promotions or other discounts to help grow the business.

With Comcast Business WiFi Pro, business owners can limit public WiFi bandwidth so that customer WiFi usage will never overload the network or slow down employees. In addition, Comcast Business WiFi Pro's built-in security features include the WiFi Pro Web App, which enables owners to remotely control WiFi from a tablet or smartphone or via an online portal. This feature also provides businesses advanced capabilities like on-demand activity reporting and network configuration controls to set schedules and allocate bandwidth. As a managed solution, the equipment and access points for WiFi Pro are installed and managed by expert technicians, allowing business owners and IT managers to focus on running their businesses.

For more information, call 866-429-3085.

Save the Date!



51 Corridor Communities Golf Outing

September 19, 2016

at South Hills Country Club

Watch our website for more information!

If you would like to help with the planning and activities of the golf outing, please join the committee by contacting Bob McKown (rjmckown@gbaco.com), or Mary Dilla (secretary@bbwchamber.com).

Board of Directors

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