



# The Chamber Chatter Box



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This month, I have decided to take a slight step back from the usual flavor of the newsletter, and use the forum as more of a call to action for my fellow chamber members. We have a lot of events coming up that are great tools for developing and expanding our businesses. The Chamber is partnering with the Small Business Development Center University of Pittsburgh to present two small business seminars in the

month of May. The first, Mechanics of Starting a Small Business is on May 4 at 6pm and is free! The second, Creating and Implementing a Strategic Plan, will be offered on May 18 at 6pm. There is a \$15 cost associated with this seminar. They will be held at the Whitehall Community Room.

We have an excellent opportunity to gain great exposure to each of the three communities that we serve during their community days. We are looking for volunteers to man the Chamber sponsored booths during each event. These are typically well attended by the population and an easy way to get the word out about your business. We will be giving out 100 re-useable grocery bags at each Community Day and you can put any literature or give-aways to promote your practice in each one. Baldwin's will be held June 4, Brentwood on June 11, and Whitehall on August 27.

Another excellent way to serve your community is by serving on the Chamber Board of Directors. It offers great exposure for your business and it is a very rewarding experience, requiring only a small investment of your time.

The Chamber of Commerce is a great organization and an incredible means of promoting one's business. Your experience in the Chamber is what you make of it. Get up, get involved, and get excited about the Baldwin, Brentwood, and Whitehall Chamber of Commerce.

Healthy Regards,  
Dr. Sean J. Hayes

### Small Business Development Center University of Pittsburgh

**Mechanics of Starting a  
Small Business Seminar**  
Wednesday, May 4,  
Cost FREE!

**Creating and Implementing  
a Strategic Plan**  
Wednesday, May 18  
Cost: \$15

Seminars presented by Raymond Vargo,  
Director, University of Pittsburgh SBDC  
Whitehall Community Room  
6:00 p.m. To 8:00 p.m.

Register today with Mary Dilla at  
[secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com) or 412-884-1233.

## LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 5, 2011

South Hills Country Club  
4305 Brownsville Road

Guest Speaker: Mary Gregg  
Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti

Our speaker, Mary Gregg, is a board member of Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti, a Pittsburgh based nonprofit organization offering education, health care and hope to needy people in Haiti. FLM-Haiti operates a school, community health center and 60 adult literacy centers. Mary has visited Haiti since the earth quake and has worked in several of the communities.

Don't forget to make your reservation for the luncheon!  
\$15 with reservation  
\$18 Non-Members and those without a reservation  
Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or email:  
[secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com)

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### 2010 Chamber Award Winners

#### Volunteer of the Year

John Frombach Whitehall Lions Club

#### Most Promising New Business

Legacy Lanes

#### Business of the Year

Benson Lincoln

#### Special Recognition

Mary Dilla, Chamber Secretary

#### Education Grant Recipients

Alexandra "Rudy" Hazer - Baldwin High School  
Emily Payne - Brentwood High School

Additional information on chamber events can be  
found on our website at [www.bbwchamber.com](http://www.bbwchamber.com).

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to our  
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## WOMEN'S NETWORKING

**May 13, 2011**  
**South Hills Country Club**  
 4305 Brownsville Road, Whitehall

The monthly meeting of the Women's Networking Luncheon of the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce will meet on Friday, May 13, noon, at South Hills Country Club. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. We welcome members and non-members. Tables are available for ladies who would like to display products or merchandise. We meet regularly on the second Friday of each month.

**Paula Franetti of MetaFit Solutions**  
**"Do You Have Enough Energy?"**

If a business cannot survive without a steady cash flow what makes you think a body can survive on little sleep, irregular eating and coffee? Women in business who thrive understand the secret balance of "health" assets that run their daily efforts. The alternative is bankruptcy. Learn three key resources that drive an energized profitable life.

See you at South Hills Country Club, noon!  
 Lunch - \$15 - Bring a friend!  
 Lunch for Non-Members - \$18    Display Table \$10

Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary:  
 Mary Dilla at: 412-884-1233 / secretary@bbwchamber.com  
 Next Women's Network Meeting Friday, June 10th

**6TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY GOLF DAY**  
**SOUTH HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011**



**\$65.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES GREEN FEES & CART**  
 TEE TIMES AVAILABLE FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM  
 ONE PLAYER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF BRENTWOOD, BALDWIN OR  
 WHITEHALL BOROUGH

*FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!*  
 TO SCHEDULE A TEE TIME CONTACT MARY DILLA AT  
 SECRETARY@BBWCHAMBER.COM

### **MedExpress Brentwood Pre-Opening Celebration**

Wednesday, May 4th  
 Noon - 2:00, Ribbon Cutting at 1:00  
 3516 Saw Mill Run Blvd., Across from GetGo

*WELCOME - New Members!*

<p><b>The Letter Shop</b>  <b>Julie Perich</b>                  511 Towne Square Way                  julieperich@thelettershop.com                  412-882-6200</p>	<p><b>Five Star Senior Living</b>  <b>Nancy Meyer</b>                  5301 Brownsville Road                  nmeyer@5sqc.com                  412-653-6870</p>
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## CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

### **IN Community Magazine**

**IN Community Magazines** creates non-partisan, community magazines dedicated to representing, encouraging and promoting the school districts and municipal entities we serve by focusing on the talents and gifts of the people who live and work within them. Our goal is to provide readers with the most informative and professional regional publications in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

IN Community Magazines is the premier publisher of family-oriented, informative community magazines in Western Pennsylvania. Our titles include: IN Bedford, IN Bethel Park, IN Brentwood-Baldwin-Whitehall, IN Canon Mac, IN Chartiers Valley, IN Fox Chapel Area, IN Hampton, IN Keystone Oaks, IN Mars Area, IN McKeesport Area, IN Mercer County, IN Monroeville, IN Montour, IN Moon Township, IN Mt. Lebanon, IN Murrysville, IN North Allegheny, IN Norwin, IN Penn Hills, IN Peters Township, IN Pine-Richland, IN Plum, IN Ross Township, IN Seneca Valley, IN Sewickley, IN Shaler Area, IN South Fayette, IN Upper St. Clair, IN West Allegheny, IN West Jefferson Hills, IN West Mifflin and IN Woodland Hills.

Our magazines are direct-mailed quarterly to more than 518,000 households. Our full-color magazines are in partnership with the school districts, townships and chambers of commerce in the regions they serve.

**If you would like to feature or promote your business or event with IN Community Magazines contact:**

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**Save the Date!**  
**51 Communities Golf Outing**  
**Monday, September 19, 2011**  
**South Hills Country Club**

Mark your calendar for the 9th annual 51 Communities Golf Outing. If you are interested in working on the event, sponsor or contribute in some way, contact Bob McKown at rjmckown@gbaco.com (412-885-5045), Mary Dilla at secretary@bbwchamber (412-885-6044) or Mary Halerz at mary@calldoctordrain.com (412-390-7555).

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