



# The Chamber Chatter Box



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## President's Corner



June is upon us! Our Chamber will be celebrating the last luncheon of our year June 7 with the election of new board members. I hope you all are able to attend and participate in this important annual process for our Chamber.

As we roll into summer, I want to remind our members of the wonderful events that we have coming up and ways you can advertise your business:

**Community Days** – Brentwood Borough, Baldwin Borough, and Whitehall Borough usually have large community day events in the summer. We will be printing tote bags again, and will need 5 bag sponsors (look for an email from Mary about this). As a member, you can provide printed material or promotional items that you would like to distribute to the community in the tote bags. In addition to the Chamber supporting these events through sponsorship and/or tote bag distributions, each BBW Chamber member business could have an opportunity to consider a business sponsorship or a booth to reach more local community members.

**Golf Outings** – BBW Chamber Community Golf Day is Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> this year. Just one person in each foursome needs to be a resident in one of our 3 communities for a chance to golf at South Hills Country Club. This could be a fun event to golf with business contacts, friends or family. Our signature Corridor Community Golf Outing to raise money for BBW Chamber, BBOA, and EDS is Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. This event includes lunch, dinner and chances to win wonderful prizes. As a business you can golf with business contacts, friends or family, and also consider one of our sponsorship opportunities (we had over 100 golfers last year) and/or donate prizes.

**Food Truck Event** – August 23 at Baldwin High School. We will be distributing 200 bags at this event as well, and members are welcome to provide printed or promotional materials for the community members that will be attending this event. We will also need volunteers for set-up and greeting attendees, so this could also be a good opportunity to network for you.

I hope you will consider these opportunities to further market your business in our local communities! Thank you for your support over this last year. It has been both an honor and pleasure serving as your President!

*Virginia Weida*

## Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

**June 7, 2018**

### South Hills Country Club

4305 Brownsville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

**Noon**

### Guest Speakers

**Paula Kelly**

Director, Whitehall Library

**Tim Hindes**

Owner, Trailblaze Creative

### Jefferson Community Collaborative

Originally convened in 2015, the Jefferson Community Collaborative is a membership network of over 75 community-serving organizations committed to bringing together change-makers to positively impact the health and vitality of communities south of Pittsburgh.

The Collaborative is united by the common goal of improving communities and understanding that in order to do that, service organizations are made stronger by working together.

It is supported by the Jefferson Regional Foundation, which convenes Collaborative meetings and provides backbone support for activities and initiatives.

In 2017-2020, the Jefferson Community Collaborative is focusing on the following impact areas for which equity, diversity, and inclusion are core themes:

- Behavioral Health
- Family & Resident Engagement
- Workforce Development

### Advance reservations requested

Email Mary Dilla: [secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com)

\$20 with reservation

\$25 without reservation and non-members

### Next Chamber General Meeting

Networking Breakfast at Gianna Via's—July 18<sup>th</sup> 8AM

### Welcome New Members!

**Koda Designs—Vicky Koda**, 412-551-4324

[avkoda@earthlink.net](mailto:avkoda@earthlink.net)

# WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Friday, June 8, 2018  
Noon  
South Hills Country Club

Guest Speaker  
**Jean Schieman**  
Community Development Manager  
**American Cancer Society**

Jean Schieman started her time with the American Cancer Society in 2006 as a volunteer, coordinating the Road to Recovery Program in Allegheny County. In 2010, she was invited to be on the committee to create the Relay For Life of Mt. Lebanon. The American Cancer Society hired Jean in June 2015 as a Community Manager. She had been supporting multiple events around Pittsburgh area, including the Relay For Life of Baldwin, Brentwood, Whitehall. Jean resides in Mt. Lebanon with her husband and 2 children.

**Plan to attend and bring a friend. We welcome members and non-members.** Everyone is invited to distribute business cards and brochures and present a one-minute "commercial." about your business.

If you are looking for new marketing opportunities to showcase your products and services, please reserve a table and share this information. **Display tables (\$15 for chamber members, \$20 for non-members) 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**

**Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary:**  
**Mary Dilla - secretary@bbwchamber.com**

## Save the Dates!

**BBW Chamber Community Golf Day**  
Monday, June 18th  
South Hills Country Club  
go to [www.bbwchamber.com](http://www.bbwchamber.com) for registration information

**Member Networking Event at  
The Whitehall House**  
Wednesday, June 20th  
5-7PM

**Networking Breakfast**  
Wednesday, July 18, 8AM, Gianna Via's Restaurant

**Chamber Food Truck Event**  
August 23rd  
Baldwin High School, Central Lot

## 2017-2018 Officers

President ..... Virginia Weida, Virginia Weida Design  
Vice President..... Jennifer Scott, ManorCare, Whitehall  
Treasurer ..... George Zboyovsky, Brentwood Borough  
Secretary ..... Mary Dilla



# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!

The Greater Baldwin Whitehall Athletic Association (GBWAA) has a rich history of baseball and softball programs within the Baldwin-Whitehall School District. GBWAA was created by the athletic associations of South Whitehall, South Baldwin, North Baldwin & Baldwin Whitehall Fast Pitch. We strive to create quality programs for over 1100 students, on nearly 100 teams, ages 4-18 years old that learn and play throughout the year. From our youngest instructional tee ball and powderpuff softball players to travel teams of all ages and high school aged Softball World Series and Legion Baseball teams, there is truly something for every kid.

We are currently in year 2 of an aggressive 5 year plan to dramatically improve our baseball and softball facilities by replacing infield surfaces, fencing, scoreboards, concession areas, lighting and seating. GBWAA utilizes 11 fields throughout the community, many of which are used 7 days a week. Through our partnerships with Whitehall and Baldwin Boroughs along with grant funding from the Pittsburgh Pirates, Dick's Sporting Goods and community business sponsors we are on track to not only improve the functionality and safety of our fields, but to create facilities we can be proud of as a community. The great Babe Ruth once said, "Baseball is, was and always will be the best game in the world". Our mission as GBWAA is to create a positive sports experience, one that will last a lifetime both on and off the playing field and to develop the youth of our community into responsible adults.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.gbwa.org](http://www.gbwa.org) or find us on social media.

**We hope to see you at the ballfield!**

**Jesse J. Siefert**  
President  
GBWAA

## Board of Director Election

At the June 7, 2018 General Membership Luncheon the membership will be electing four chamber members to serve a three-year term on the Chamber's Board of Directors. The government of the Chamber and the direction of its work are vested in the Board of Directors. **Ballots will be distributed to one representative from each chamber member organization in attendance. Please plan to attend the luncheon.**

### Nominees for the Board of Directors:

- Amy Burch, D.Ed, Brentwood School District
- Andrea Hulsman, Dollar Bank
- Scot Love, Edward Jones
- Debbie Maddock, First Commonwealth Bank
- Jenny Worley, Baldwin Library

## Board of Directors

Amy Burch, D.Ed.	Sean J. Hayes, DC	Debbie Maddock
Dottie Coll	Andre Hulsman	Jennifer Scott
Matt Fazio, Ph.D.	Mac McIlrath	Virginia Weida
Steve Gardiner	Randy Lutz, Ed.D.	George Zboyovsky