



# The Chamber Chatter Box



**Happy  
Summer!**

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## President's Corner

Before we take our summer break, (there are no membership luncheons in July and August) we have important business to conduct. Our election for the board of directors will take place at our meeting on June 6. Absentee ballots are available, and each chamber member gets one ballot. If more than one person is coming from your office, please designate who will be filling out the ballot. We have six outstanding candidates to fill four positions. I admire and appreciate the courage of our candidates to come out of their comfort zone and be willing to devote time to doing chamber business.

All of the nominees will introduce themselves at the beginning of our luncheon.

It is such an honor to be on the Board of Directors. This opportunity gives you the ability to be involved in community activities and to vote on important chamber decisions. I sincerely hope that you will consider attending this meeting. Your vote is very important to our chamber.

Have a safe and happy summer. We will resume our meetings on September 5.

*Debbie Maddock*

## Board of Director Election

We will be electing four members to serve a three-year term on the Chamber's Board of Directors at the June 6, 2013 General Membership Luncheon. The government of the Chamber and the direction of its work are vested in the Board of Directors.

There are seven members of the chamber nominated for four director positions. Please plan to attend the luncheon and cast your vote. Ballots will be distributed at the luncheon to one representative from each chamber member organization in attendance. Absentee ballots are available from the chamber secretary and must be returned prior to the June 6<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

Nominees:

- \* Jim Blindschadler - New Wine Harvest Church
- \* Steve Gardiner—Eber & Associates, Inc.
- \* Sean Hayes DC —Hayes Chiropractic
- \* Randy Lutz, Ph.D - Baldwin Whitehall School District
- \* Terry Unger—Flowers by Terry
- \* Virginia Weida—Virginia Weida Design



## Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

June 6, 2013

South Hills Country Club  
Brownsville Road

Noon

Guest Speaker  
Senator Matt Smith  
Pennsylvania Senate

Sen. Matt Smith was elected in November 2013 to serve the residents of the 37th Senatorial District which includes the Sewickley Valley, Airport Corridor and the South Hills - including Whitehall Borough. Smith is the Democratic Chair of the Senate State Government Committee and also serves on several other committees. Prior to serving in the Senate, Smith served three terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives where he worked in a bipartisan manner on reform efforts such as reducing the size of the legislature and championed green building and student health and safety initiatives. As senator, Smith will work to build upon his previous efforts to grow the economy and create jobs, reform state government, and foster education investment and opportunities. Smith is a lifelong resident of the South Hills and currently lives in Mt. Lebanon with his wife Eileen and their three young children, Delaney, Emerson, and Jameson.

Sen. Smith will answer questions and discuss current issues before the Senate including the budget, transportation funding, and reform efforts as well as initiatives that could impact businesses.

**\$15 Chamber Members**

**\$18 Non-Members and without a reservation**

Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or  
email: [secretary@bbwwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwwchamber.com)

## Place Your Promotional Items in Chamber Tote Bags!



The chamber will be giving away 300 tote bags to community members at our booth during Baldwin (June 8) and Whitehall (August 24) Community Day's event. If you would like to participate by providing a promotional item from your business to be placed in the tote bag, contact Mary Dilla, [secretary@bbwwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwwchamber.com). Items must be received by June 5<sup>th</sup> to allow time to stuff the bags.

## Volunteers Needed for Community Days!

If you can give an hour or so of your time to help man the Chamber booth at the following Community Days, please contact Mary Dilla.

## WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

June 14, 2013

Noon  
South Hills Country Club

The monthly luncheon meeting\* of the Women's Networking of the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce will meet on Friday, June 14, noon, at South Hills Country Club. Please plan on attending and bring a friend. We welcome members and non-members. Tables are available for ladies who would like to display products or merchandise. Everyone will pass out cards and brochures and present a one-minute "commercial."

Speaker

Guest Speaker

Mark Fawcett and Terri Stull

Sponsored by Studio G

Please join us in a presentation of Nerium AD. Mark Fawcett and Terri Stull will be sharing information about the most exciting Anti-Aging Skin Care product available. Nerium AD is the fastest selling product in the US. They will also explain how you can use it for FREE!!!

Lunch for Chamber Members - \$15 - Bring a friend!

Lunch for Non-Members - \$18

Display Table—\$10

Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary: Mary Dilla at: [secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com) 412-884-1233

\* It is important that we respect our host restaurants and make our reservations timely.

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**8<sup>TH</sup> Annual Community Golf Day!**  
**South Hills Country Club**  
4305 Brownsville Road, Whitehall  
Monday, JULY 1, 2013



\$70.00 per Person includes Green Fees & Cart  
Tee Times available from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

One member of each foursome must be a resident of Baldwin, Brentwood or Whitehall Boroughs. Registration forms are available on our website at [bbwchamber.com](http://bbwchamber.com)

Contact Mary Dilla at [secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com) to reserve your tee time.

This is a Community Day at South Hills Country Club. It is an opportunity for the residents to play at the South Hills Country Club. It is **not** a tournament or outing with prizes.

### 2012-2013 Officers

President .....Debbie Maddock, First Commonwealth Bank  
Vice President .....Steve Gardiner, Eber Associates  
Treasurer ....Barb Allemeng, Allemeng Concrete & Masonry

## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!

### Virginia Weida Designs

What do all small business owners have in common? We all want to increase profitability, right? And in these hard economic times when sales might not be increasing at the pace we like, we shift to looking at ways to reduce our overhead expenses. After employee expenses of salary and benefits, your office space might be the next largest expense for your business. Is your office space working for you? Or are you working too hard to afford your office space?

Working with area real estate professionals and building owners, an interior designer is an integral part of your team to make sure that your office design is working for you. I have over 20 years of experience designing offices from 1,000 to over 100,000 SF. After years of working at other companies both large and small, I started *Virginia Weida Designs* in June 2006, a women-owned commercial interior design company based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Community involvement is a personal priority. Virginia Weida Designs is a proud member of the BBW Chamber since 2006. I am currently serving as a Board Member for the BBW Chamber of Commerce, and running for re-election this June! Along with maintaining active memberships in a handful of related industry groups, I also participate every year in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Baldwin High School as a member of the "Community Spirit" team, and as a committee member for events for Satchels of Caring, which supports women with cancer ([www.satchelsofcar.org](http://www.satchelsofcar.org)).

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### Save the Date!



**51 Corridor  
Communities Golf Outing**

**September 23, 2013**  
South Hills Country Club

Mark your calendar for the 11th Annual 51 Corridor Communities Golf Outing. Plans are underway for the outing and we are looking for sponsors, donations and golfers! If you are interested in working on the event, contact Mary Dilla at [secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com). Next Committee meeting is June 20th, 8 AM, in the Lese Conference room at the Brentwood Giant Eagle.

### Board of Directors

Barb Allemang	Christine Crompton	Randy Lutz
Margie Benson	Ron Dufalla	Debbie Maddock
Julie Beck	Steve Gardiner	Dave Schultz
Dottie Coll	Mary Ann Laudato	Virginia Weida