



The Chamber Chatter Box



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President's Corner

We are coming upon the holiday season and it reminds me how thankful I am for family, friends and colleagues.

I hope this holiday season brings you the joy of sharing. This time of year is a special time to not only think of our selves, but of others less fortunate. Please open your hearts and share with others that will benefit from your generosity.

Toys for Tots, SHIM, Military Connections, and Food Banks are just a few charities that are in need of our donations. Please find a favorite charity and donate money, goods or your time. They will be so grateful.

I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy!

Debbie Maddock

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The chamber will once again collect non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Ministries) food pantry at the November luncheon. Please consider helping those in need during these hard economic times.

Show Your Support of Our Troops This Veteran's Day

On November 3, 2012 GBU Financial Life, for the sixth year, will be supporting our brave men and women serving us overseas through a project GBU call "Operation Reach Out – Delivering a little piece of home to our troops."

Over the past months GBU has been collecting and purchasing needed personal care items for our troops. On November 3rd, at 9:00 AM, GBU members and volunteers from the community will be meeting at the GBU Home Office, on the corner of Rt. 51 and Brownsville Road, to pack and prepare these items for shipping.

If you would like to participate on 'packing day', contact Matt Blistan at 412-8845-5100 or email him at matt.blistan@gbu.org.

Check out the NEW Operation Reach Out videos at: <http://www.gbu.org>, click on "Operation Reach Out" under the flying American flag.

Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

November 1, 2012

Salvatore's

5001 Curry Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Noon

**Guest Speaker: Summer Tissue
Founder/President
Military Connections**

Thousands of troops are deployed overseas and miss the comforts of home daily. In 2003 Summer Tissue made the decision to ship a care package that ultimately changed the course of her life and those around her. What started as a one-room care package operation has turned into a nation-wide program. Summer Tissue, of Military Connections Corporation, a non-profit organization that ships care packages to Soldiers and Marines overseas, will take you back to the beginning and tell you how one box of Tylenol and a roll of toilet paper turned into a nationwide care package support organization.



Advance reservations requested:

Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or
email: secretary@bbwchamber.com
\$15 with reservation \$18 without

Sponsor a Soldier or Marine for Christmas

This year we are trying to send Christmas Stockings to as many US Troops as we can. Being away from home for the holidays is very difficult for a soldier or marine and we hope that the stockings will be a great morale booster. **(See back of newsletter for items needed for the stockings.)**

If you would like to sponsor a soldier or marine please send \$10.00 to Military Connections Corporation. Your ten dollars will cover the cost and contents of the stockings. You can also include a note or picture and we will put it in the stocking. In order to make sure that the stockings reach the troops by Christmas, we have to mail them by December 15th.

All donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions you can call us at the number below. Thank you for your support.

Military Connections, 312 Auburn Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Phone: 412-496-8941
email: militaryconnections@hotmail.com
Website: www.militaryconnections.org

WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON



7th Annual Holiday Bazaar
Friday, November 9
11:00 AM
South Hills Country Club

To help us with our holiday shopping, and to provide greater opportunities for local and home-based businesses, the monthly meeting of the Women's Networking of the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce is hosting our 7th Annual Holiday Bazaar.



We will have lots of great shopping!

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. **Deadline to reserve a display table is November 2.**

We will once again hold a raffle at the luncheon with the money raise going to the SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Ministries) food pantry. Please bring a prize item to donate. It can be a promotional item from your business, a gift card, or anything you would like to donate. We will sell raffle tickets and when your number is drawn, you can choose your prize!

See you at South Hills Country Club, 11 AM!

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: 412-884-1233 / secretary@bbwchamber.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

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 1717 Skyline Drive — 412-885-8400
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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!



At First Commonwealth Bank (FCB), employees who have a passion for the communities where they live and work is the norm. "As a regional bank, we're deeply rooted in our communities.... and we believe it's important to show our commitment to our neighborhoods and our neighbors, every day," said Deborah Maddock of First Commonwealth Bank's Whitehall Office located at 4750 Clairton Boulevard. "Simply put, we're a solid local bank that continues to grow."

With banking roots that date back nearly 150 years, First Commonwealth is a full-service community bank whose culture is well-defined by a history of building strong customer relationships through dependable, personalized service. As First Commonwealth has grown, that heritage has not been lost. Deb and her employees in Whitehall are a shining example of what community banking is all about, with an unwavering focus on providing knowledgeable, convenient service to their clients.

First Commonwealth's hometown values and the ability to build lasting relationships with clients, both big and small, are qualities that have helped this community bank become one of Pennsylvania's leading providers of financial services. Find out more about First Commonwealth Bank by visiting their Whitehall branch, or an office close to you, or visit www.fcbanking.com.

Deborah A. Maddock, AVP, Phone: 412-886-2544

Items Needed by Military Connections to fill the Christmas Stockings for our military overseas.

GRANOLA BARS
 SMALL CANNED GOODS WITH POP-TOP LIDS
 CANDY CANES
 MINTS AND GUM
 POP-TARTS
 INDIVIDUAL BOXES OF CEREAL
 LOLLIPOPS
 SKITTLES
 STARBURST
 SMALL TRINKETS
 POWER BARS
 SINGLE SERVE KOOL-AID SINGLES
 SINGLE SERVE POWDERED GATORADE
 SMALL TOYS

INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF SNACKS, PRETZELS, CHIPS
 INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF COOKIES
 INDIVIDUAL BAGS OF CRACKERS
 BATTERIES AA OR AAA
 PLAYING CARDS
 SLIM JIMS
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