



The Chamber Chatter Box



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President's Corner



This is such a great time of year. A time to be thankful for all that we have been given. We have truly been blessed in this community to have such a great chamber made up of so many great businesses and the people that make them run. I am personally thankful for my family, my colleagues and friends and for all of you who I get the privilege of working and doing business every day, so "Thank You" all for everything that you do.

Chamber dues are now \$100 per year. The early bird special is \$90 per year. This is a \$5 increase from previous years.

Please check the newsletter for upcoming luncheons and networking opportunities.

This is the time of year to really reach out and be active in giving to others. As a Chamber I like to think that we do this all year round. Toys for Tots, SHIM, Military Connections, and Food Banks are just a few charities that are in need of our donations. Please choose a favorite charity and donate your time, your talent and your treasures. They will be so grateful and you will be the one that receives the most from your giving.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

- STEVE GARDINER

Welcome New Members!

St. Peter's Episcopal Church—Fr. Jay Geisler
412-884-5225 / info@stpetersbrentwood.org

Paragon Office Products—Bill Gallagher
412-298-3980 / bgallagher@paragonop.com

Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

November 7, 2013

South Hills Country Club
4305 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Noon

Impact of the Casino Industry on PA Businesses

Guest Speaker

Gregory Fajt

Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board

Did you know that the twelve casinos operating in the state spend hundreds of millions of dollars annually with other Pennsylvania businesses who offer a wide array of goods and services?

Did you know that casinos in Pennsylvania collectively employ 16,600 persons in many types of jobs?

The impact of the casino industry is felt in some manner in all Pennsylvania communities no matter their proximity to a casino.

On August 26, 2011, Gregory C. Fajt was appointed to a two-year term on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. Prior to his position with the Board, Mr. Fajt served as Chief of Staff to Governor Rendell. Fajt served as State Representative for the 42nd District in Allegheny County from 1991 to 1996.

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.

Advance reservations requested:

Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or
email: secretary@bbwwchamber.com
\$20 with reservation

\$25 for non-members and those without a reservation

Next luncheon and general meeting December 5th, The Georgetown Center

WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

8th Annual Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 8

11:00 AM

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, November 8, 11 AM, at South Hills Country Club**. Please plan on attending and bring a friend. We welcome members and non-members.

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 8th Annual Holiday Bazaar.

We will have lots of great shopping!

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 - \$20 - Bring a friend!

Lunch for Non-Members - \$25

Display tables are limited and will be reserved on a first come first served basis. **Deadline to reserve a display table is November 2.** Display Table* \$10

Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary: Mary Dilla at: 412-884-1233 / secretary@bbwchamber.com**

Sponsor a Soldier or Marine for Christmas



It's Christmas in Afghanistan! We are kicking off our Christmas Stocking Campaign and need your support to ship thousands of Christmas Stockings to the troops overseas.

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. Thank you for your support.

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