



The Chamber Chatter Box



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President's Corner

Can you believe it is the end of another year? Every year I ask where did the time go? This is a good time to reflect on our 2012 biggest challenges and biggest successes. This is also a great time to plan for 2013.

While celebrating with our families and friends this year, I hope you will open your hearts and help the chamber collect for the Angel Emporium for South Hills Interfaith Ministries. The wonderful thing about this organization is that not only do parents choose gifts for their children, but the children have an opportunity to choose gifts for their parents.

Our December luncheon is welcoming Steve Blass as our speaker. Steve has taken his experience on the baseball field and in the press box to pen and paper. We hope you will join us.

Don't forget, our early bird special for the membership dues. Take advantage of this offer.

Our January 2013 luncheon is right after the holiday. It is scheduled for Thursday, January 3rd. Please mark your calendars.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! Have a safe and happy holiday season. See you next year.

Debbie Maddock

Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

December 6, 2012

The Georgetown Centre

Nottingham Room
526 East Bruceton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236



Noon

**Guest Speaker
Steve Blass**

Former Pittsburgh Pirates pitching ace Steve Blass has taken his experience on the baseball field and in the press box to pen and paper. His new book, "Steve Blass, A Pirate for Life," was published May 1. This insider's view of the humorous and bizarre journey of a World Series champion pitcher turned color commentator will delight Pirates and baseball fans alike.

Advance reservations requested

Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or
email: secretary@bbwchamber.com

\$15 with reservation

\$18 without reservation and non-members

We will be collecting gifts for the SHIM Angel Emporium. Please donate to spread some holiday cheer to others.

Next Chamber luncheon on January 3rd at Thee Old Place Inn.



South Hills Interfaith Ministries (SHIM) Angel Emporium

Each year, SHIM provides gifts to families in their programs. Children and adults "shop" separately, and then wrap their presents to exchange at home.

Gifts are needed for all ages and genders! **Simply purchase a gift and bring it unwrapped to the chamber luncheon on December 6th.** Here are some gift suggestions...

Children – Games, Toys, Dolls, Puzzles, Trucks, Action Figures, Craft Kits, Skates, and Sports balls (soccer, basketball, football, and baseball)

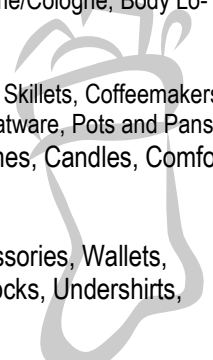
Teens – Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Makeup Kits, Slippers, Jewelry, Wallets, Watches, CD's, Purses, Team Wear (Steelers, Pirates, Pen-

guins, etc.), Caps, Electronic Games, Perfume/Cologne, Body Lotions, Books

Household – Crock Pots, Blenders, Electric Skillet, Coffeemakers, Humidifiers, Heaters, Dishware, Glasses, Flatware, Pots and Pans, Toaster Ovens, Alarm Clocks, Board Games, Candles, Comforters, Blankets, Sheet Sets

Men – Tools, Electric Razors, Car Accessories, Wallets, Watches, Sweatshirts, Gloves, Caps, Socks, Undershirts, Briefs, Boxers, Ties

Women – Hair Dryers, Curling Irons, Jewelry Boxes, Jewelry, Perfume, Makeup Kits, Wallets, Watches, Purses, Slippers, Nail Polish, Robes, Sweatshirts



WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON



December 14, 2012

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, December 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."

**Guest Speaker
Mrs. Claus**

Our guest speaker will be none other than Mrs. Claus! She is taking a "time out" from her busy holiday schedule at the North Pole to share some secrets about Santa, the Reindeer and all the "holiday happenings" at Christmas Central. No business was ever run as smoothly as Santa's Christmas Workshop and Mrs. Claus will be sharing her business success secrets and her inspirational message "that behind every great man is an even greater woman."

Mrs. Claus, aka Kim Adley, is a professional Storyteller and creator and owner of her 17 year business, "Characters By Kim". Kim will share her tales of small business growth and how personal passion and enjoyment are the foundation for success.

Join us for a little holiday spirit and some personal inspiration for your own business success story.

**Next Women's Network Luncheon
January 11, 2013**

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 Members!

**Treasure Hunt — Pamela Artman
Urban Prana Yoga—Ashley Dalzell**

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At our Christmas Holiday Bazaar and fundraiser for the South Hills Interfaith Ministry Food Bank, the Women's Networking raised a total of \$540. This event is always fun with opportunities to network, shop, and win prizes in addition to fund raising, and this year was the best! Several of the vendors commented on the genuine interest the ladies showed in their businesses. Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and hospitality. Special thank you to Mary Dilla for the lovely center pieces that brought extra sparkle to the luncheon.

Dottie

Membership Dues Reminder



To qualify for your Early Bird dues discount (\$85/year), send your annual chamber membership dues to Mary Dilla by December 15th!

Second Annual

Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Polar Plunge!



Join us for the annual Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Community Polar Plunge.

Experience the "warmth" of your community at the **Mon Warf – January 1, 2013—9:30 am**

Participate or sponsor a participant, as we represent our community at Pittsburgh's Annual Polar Bear Plunge.

Call John Slater at 412-881-4100 or email jslater@johnfslater.com for more information.



Wishing you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!

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