



# The Chamber Chatter Box



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## President's Corner



It is hard to believe that it is the end of another calendar year! I hope that all of you had a wonderful and prosperous year and I pray for a Happy and Blessed 2014!

During this holiday season please continue to remember those that are less fortunate. Our Chamber will continue its tradition of giving to the Angel Emporium for South Hills Inter-Faith Ministry. They have been an amazing partner in giving and we are excited about continuing our work with them. They work so hard at providing gifts for parents and children that otherwise would struggle to exchange gifts at all. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Please do not forget the early bird special for membership dues - \$90.

Our January luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, January 9th at Salvatore's.

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



**"Christmas is not a time nor season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."** - Calvin Coolidge

- *STEVE GARDINER*

## Welcome New Members!

**Stonewater Salon & Spa**—Daryl Nath  
412-882-2000 / stonewatersalonandspa@gmail.com

**Peet's Coffee & Tea**—Tabitha Sweigart  
412-253-2400 / tsweigart@peets.com

**Pittsburgh Fleet Management, Inc.**—Tara Trimbur  
412-653-7500 / taratrimbur@comcast.net

## Luncheon & General Membership Meeting

December 5, 2014

**The Georgetown Centre**  
526 East Bruceton Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Noon

**Guest Speaker**  
**Tess Almendarez Lojaco**

Tess Almendarez Lojaco is the recipient of the first Pittsburgh Experienced Dreamers Award.

This honor gave her the incredible opportunity to move her family and her nonprofit business: Fine Art Miracles, Inc. to Pittsburgh to see it thrive. Today you'll have the opportunity to hear about her mission, her vision, and how you can be involved.

The contest invited people from across the country to take a fresh look at Pittsburgh. It encouraged people 45 and over to think about what they'd like to do in the next chapter of their lives and to share their dreams – all for a chance at winning \$100,000 to relocate and pursue those dreams in Pittsburgh.



The Chamber will once again collect gifts for 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 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Advance reservations requested**

Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or email: secretary@bbwchamber.com  
\$20 with reservation  
\$25 without reservation and non-members

## WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON



**December 13, 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, December 13, 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."

### **De-stress Your Holidays!** **Guest Speaker**

**Ashley N. Dalzell,**  
Owner/Instructor  
Urban Prana Yoga

Research has well documented the health benefits of yoga. The good news is, anyone can do yoga! Yoga is a full body experience incorporating the mind, body, and spirit. Ashley will lead a short guided meditation for the ladies and give insight on how to de-stress during the holidays.

Lunch for Chamber Members - \$20 - Bring a friend!  
Lunch for Non-Members - \$25  
Display Table \$10

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

**Next Women's Luncheon January 10 at Gianna Via's**



At our Christmas Holiday Bazaar and fundraiser for the South Hills Interfaith Ministry Food Bank, the Women's Networking raised a total of \$839.

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. An additional \$196 was raised at our General Meeting luncheon for the SHIM food pantry, bringing our total donation to \$1,035.

*Dottie*

### **2013-2014 Officers**

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT!

# *John F. Slater Funeral Home, Inc.*



At the John F. Slater Funeral Home, we have been honored to serve thousands of families living in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. As a family-owned and operated company that has supported the local community since the turn of the 20th century, we help families through some of life's most difficult moments with the utmost care and compassion.

Not only do we have a new website that we invite you to visit, [www.johnfslater.com](http://www.johnfslater.com), we also have a new short video. Please check out this video on our website and see how we put 75 years of service into one minute and eight seconds!

*The staff of the John F. Slater Funeral Home wishes you a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

## **POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER** **AT LEGACY LANES**



Saturday, December 7th, 2:00pm—4:00pm

\$10 per person, includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental and one pizza per lane.

### **TAKE THE PLUNGE!**

Join John Slater and the polar crew as they take on the mighty Monongahela on January 1st! For more information contact John Slater (412-881-4100).



*Wishing you a Happy Holiday  
and a healthy and prosperous New Year!*  
*Your Board of Directors*

### **Board of Directors**

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