



# The Chamber Chatter Box

Happy  
Holidays!

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Members,

We have quickly moved from extremely pleasant fall weather to the very cold and snowy season. Such is life in Pittsburgh. It is a wonderful season to be with friends and family to enjoy the tastes, sights and sounds of the Holiday Season. As our business year winds down, I hope that all of you have had a successful and prosperous 2014 and I wish you all of the best in 2015.

The early bird special for Chamber Membership is \$90 and is due on or before December 20th. We have had about a third of the membership take advantage of this special price so far!

Brentwood Light Up Night was jam packed and was an incredible success. Thank you for all in attendance and thank you to all of the businesses in the Chamber that supported the tote bags either through advertising or through items inside the tote bags. The tote bags continue to be a great FREE source of advertising for our Chamber members. Thank you for your continued support.

December 4th is our next Luncheon that will be held at the Georgetown Centre; Looking forward to seeing you all there.

The Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to wish you a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

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

Steve Gardiner

- Calvin Coolidge

## LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 4, 2014

The Georgetown Centre  
526 East Bruceton Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Noon

### Guest Speaker

Angela Garcia  
Deputy Director, Global Links



Global Links is a humanitarian aid organization that works to improve public health and the environment, redirecting millions of tons of medical surplus away from landfills toward resource-poor communities. Based in Pittsburgh, Global Links works with hospitals, healthcare facilities and the community to capture still-useful medical supplies and equipment that can improve or save lives- locally and globally.

Angela Garcia, Deputy Director of Global Links, will give a presentation on Global Links' work in Western Pennsylvania and around the world to improve health through the provision of key medical resources.



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 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Advance reservations requested**

Email Mary Dilla: [secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com)  
\$20 with reservation / \$25 without and non-members

## TAKE THE POLAR 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).



## WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Women's Networking of the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce will be held on **Friday, December 12, noon, at South Hills Country Club**. Please plan on attending and bring a friend. We welcome members and non-members.

### Guest Speaker Judi Vitale, Astrologer

Can the date we were born influence the way we wheel and deal? You bet! Judi Vitale, astrologer for Marie Claire magazine, will discuss how we do business in the line with our zodiac signs, and give us a preview of what the stars have to offer in 2015. Bring millions and billions of questions—and your open mind.

Judi is a counseling astrologer who, after 30 years in New York City, "Gumbanded" back to Pittsburgh in 2010. She offers private consultations, written horoscopes and is the author of two books, "Lovecasts" and "Babystrology."

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.

### See you at South Hills Country Club, 11 AM!

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 [secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com).

At our Christmas Holiday Bazaar and fundraiser for the South Hills Interfaith Ministry Food Bank, the Women's Networking raised a total of \$769. This event is always fun with opportunities to network, shop, and win prizes in addition to fund raising, and this year was the best! Thank you for your generosity, kindness, and hospitality. An additional \$240 was raised at our General Meeting luncheon for the SHIM food pantry, bringing our total donation to \$1,009.



*Dottie*

## Welcome New Member!

Pittsburgh Technology Management—Nicholas Boris  
[nboris@pgh-it.com](mailto:nboris@pgh-it.com)

### 2014-2015 Officers

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

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