



The Chamber Chatter Box



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Chamber Members,

November is such a great month don't you think? The fall give us such beautiful weather and the all of the leaves begin to fall. It begs of a time of hunkering down for the coming cold. We just wrapped up Halloween which is such a cool holiday. I have little ones so it is a thrill to see all of the kids so excited. They dream of all that they could be! Remember those days? I hope that like me you are all still big dreamers today. They grow so quickly and before you know it they are getting jobs, starting companies and joining the Chamber! Now as adults we have made so many of our dreams come true and have so much to be thankful for. And so as we move into the Thanksgiving season let us be sure to do just that and be thankful. The blessings that we have all been given are so incredible we sometimes take them for granted, I know I do. First and foremost I am thankful for my amazing family. My beautiful wife Michelle and my three awesome boys, Jake is 11, Joey is 9 and Josh is 6. They are incredible children and Michelle is the heart of our family. They keep us busy and remind us every day what a great gift life really is. I am thankful for an amazing career. I am so lucky to work with great people and serve such a great community. I am thankful for my health and for this awesome country that we are so blessed to live in. To me life is about relationships and so I am so very thankful for all of you. It is a great privilege to be a part of such a vibrant chamber and it has been an honor over the past two years to serve all of you. Those are just a very few things that I am thankful for. What are you thankful for today? Take the opportunity TODAY to tell those that you love how much you appreciate them and how thankful you are for them. I wish all of our members a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

A few reminders:

- Chamber membership dues renewal going out mid November. The early bird discount is \$90 through December 20th
- Our annual food drive will be held at the November luncheon. Monetary donations accepted.
- Our annual Toy drive will be held at the December luncheon.

The BWCC directory to be published in February, all members must have dues paid January 15th to be in the 2015 directory.

"Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step towards achieving something bigger and better than your current situation." Brian Tracy

Steve Gardiner

LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 6, 2014

South Hills Country Club

4305 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Noon

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE

Guhan Venkatu, Vice President & Senior Regional Officer

Learn more about the current economic environment and the unique role the Federal Reserve plays in supporting the stability of our nation's economic financial systems. How does it function, what services does it provide?



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 the upcoming holiday season.

Advance reservations requested:

Contact Mary Dilla: secretary@bbwchamber.com

\$20 with reservation

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

Next luncheon and general meeting December 4th,
The Georgetown Center

Membership Dues Renewal and Directory Updates

Membership dues renewals will be sent out shortly. Please be sure to complete the bottom portion of your invoice with any changes or updates for your business. This information will be used to update the directory before going to print in January. **To be listed in the directory, membership dues must be paid no later than January 15th.** Take advantage of our "Early Bird" membership discount by returning your dues by December 20th! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Dilla at secretary@bbwchamber.com

WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON



The monthly luncheon meeting of the Women's Networking of the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce will meet on **Friday, November 14, 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 9th 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 6.**

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 Table* \$10

Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary Mary Dilla at secretary@bbwchamber.com

Next Women's Luncheon is on December 12th.

The Old Allegheny Shoppe's 39th Annual Christmas Open House

November 7th, 10-7, November 8th, 10-5,
November 9th, 11-4
Prizes and Refreshments!

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IN THE NEWS!

Place Your Promotional Items in Chamber Tote Bags!



The chamber will be giving away 200 tote bags on November 22nd at Brentwood Light Up Night. Chamber members are invited to participate by providing a promotional item from your business to be placed in the tote bag, contact Mary Dilla, secretary@bbwchamber.com. ***Items must be received by November 14th to allow time to stuff the bags.***

Thank you to our tote bag sponsors: Clearview Federal Credit Union, Oakleaf Personal Care, Eber & Associates Insurance, Seven Oaks Hospice Care, and Southwestern

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. 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.



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 5th.

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

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Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Phone: 412-496-8941
Email: militaryconnections@hotmail.com

Welcome New Member!

Associate Member — John Saras
jsaras@bwschools.net

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