



# The Chamber Chatter Box

September



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone and welcome to a new year for the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce. As usual, summer flew by and here we are at the start of the last quarter of 2015.

As a South Hills resident it was difficult not to become frustrated with the multitude of construction projects that occurred this summer. Along with fond memories of barbecues and parades, residents of the South Hills will have the "not so fond" memories of detours and construction traffic. The Rt. 88 intersection has been a sea of orange cones and yellow construction vehicles for what seems like an eternity. Wyman Road construction made Baptist Road a parking lot. Don't even mention the ongoing Rt. 51 improvements. As inconvenient as it all can be, the end improvements will make our neighborhoods stronger. There is no more welcome sight for businesses than seeing road construction, building renovations and new businesses coming into our communities.

The Chamber will once again kick off the year with our annual school district presentations. This is a unique way to stay informed about the state of our community's schools. Following the monthly luncheon is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 51 Corridor Community Golf Outing on September 21<sup>st</sup>. This is an event you do not want to miss! Great golf, food and prizes. Please attend and support the chamber in its largest fund raising event. Take advantage of early bird pricing by making your reservation to golf or dine by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Your involvement in the Chamber is very important to us, hope to see you at an upcoming event soon!

Lastly, the chamber has lost a member in the passing of our old friend Morton Parker. Mort died on August 21, 2015 at the age of 95. He was a Naval Air Corps veteran, serving during World War II as an aviator and flight instructor. Many of you may remember that Mort was an associate member of the Chamber, regularly attended lunches and frequently would have a valuable and interesting comment to share. He will be missed.

  
President

## LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 3, 2015

South Hills Country Club  
4305 Brownsville Road  
Noon

### Guest Speakers



Dr. Amy Burch, Superintendent  
Brentwood School District

Dr. Randy Lutz, Superintendent  
Baldwin Whitehall School District



### Updates for the New School Year

*Special Guest: New Teachers and Principals  
From Baldwin-Whitehall and Brentwood School Districts\**

### Advance reservations requested:

\$20 with reservation  
\$25 for non-members and those without a reservation

Contact Mary Dilla at [secretary@bbwwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwwchamber.com)

Next luncheon October 1 at South Hills Country Club

### \*LUNCHEON SPONSORS

*If your business would like to sponsor lunch for a new teacher or administrator, please contact Mary Dilla.*

## SEPTEMBER CHAMBER MEMBER EVENTS

**September 12th** –Kiwanis Club of Baldwin  
Meeting, 10-11:00 AM, Baldwin Library -  
<http://www.baldwinpakiwanis.org/>

**September 16th** - Floral Design Class at Flowers  
by Terry, Caste Village, 7-9 PM, \$25,  
register at 412-884-0800

**September 21st** – 51 Corridor Communities Golf  
Outing at South Hills Country Club

## WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEONS

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Women's Networking of the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce will meet on **Friday, September 11, noon, at South Hills Country Club.** Please plan on attending and bring a friend. We welcome members and non-members. Everyone will pass out cards and brochures and present a one-minute "commercial."

**September 11, 2015**

**Guest Speaker**

**Lisa Story**

**Executive Director of Hope Grows**

Lisa Story, the founder and Executive Director of Hope Grows, a non-profit organization for caregiver support is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with experience and training in hospice, care giving, horticultural therapy, mindfulness, trauma, and addictions. Lisa has written programs using gardening and nature an author of a chapter related to horticulture in Career Counseling, received an award for specific training in relation to health and sustainability, and has been an invited speaker regarding the topic of horticulture and psychology. Lisa's ongoing project is creating a sustaining environment at the future location of the Hope House.

Hope Grows is a place for caregiver wellness. It is a place to learn, to grow, to heal, to relax, and a place for mind, body, and spirit; a place for a tired caregiver. Hope Grows provides an environment that allows the caregiver to receive short breaks, seek support, and receive counseling through various paths.

**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 - secretary@bbwchamber.com**



*Save the Date!*  
*Halloween Mixer*  
*At Guardian Storage*

Thursday, October 22nd @ 5PM

1300 Lebanon Church Road

Appetizers/Cocktails/Raffle Prize Giveaway

RSVP in advance to 412.563.7233  
or LC@guardianstorage.com



### 2015-2016 Officers

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Secretary ..... Mary Dilla



## 51 Corridor Communities Golf Outing September 21st South Hills Country Club

The proceeds from this event benefit the redevelopment projects initiated by Economic Development South, the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce, and the Brentwood Business Owners Association. Together our organizations work to promote the business and economic growth of our communities.

**There are several ways to support this year's event:**



- ⇒ Be a Sponsor of the event (the most direct way)
- ⇒ Golf in the event (the fun thing to do)
- ⇒ Sponsor a tee sign (\$100)
- ⇒ Donate a raffle item
- ⇒ Attend the evening dinner portion of the day and get some good eats and great conversation!

**For more information go to [www.bbwchamber.com](http://www.bbwchamber.com) or contact one of the event's co-chairpersons:**

Bob McKown— 412-885-4868 x104

Debbie Maddock— 412-886-2544

Stephanie Miller— 412-884-1400 x103

## Welcome New Members!

**Auto Addictions—Mark Lucas**

412-888-4880 autoaddictions@live.com

**BNY Mellon Wealth Management—Jill Hosko**

412-234-6604 jillmarie.hosko@bnymellon.com

## Community Power to Prosper

*Strategic Business Growth Program*

Presented by

The Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence,  
University of Pittsburgh  
and Community Bank

Recruiting for October 2015

Classes to be held in Washington PA

Rhonda Carson Leach 412-624-2326

Email: rcleach@innovation.pitt.edu

More information can be found on the chamber website.

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