



# The Chamber Chatter Box



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome Back! I trust that all of you had a very nice summer break and are anxious to be back in the swing of things with the Chamber. I know I am excited for a great year for us as a Chamber. I am anticipating a year of many successful lunches and events. The new Board of Directors is in place and they are an amazing

group of volunteers that are as passionate as I am about seeing our Chamber thrive. I mentioned this last year and I will restate it again: The Vision for our Chamber of Commerce remains the same: **To make our community a better place to live, shop and do business.** You have heard me say over and over again that "chamber members should be doing business with other chamber members". It is the fuel that helps the chamber and all of our businesses prosper. I am passionate about supporting our community and helping all chamber members to be successful. I hope that in the last year you have had an opportunity to do business with a fellow member. I know I have and I am always pleased with the service I receive from a Chamber Member and their business. We truly have an amazing group of dedicated business owners in our membership. If you have not done so then this is your year!!

September 4<sup>th</sup> is our kickoff luncheon at South Hills CC and we will have a little bit of different flavor this year. The tradition of the football coaches speaking has been awesome and we are thankful to all of the football coaches from Baldwin and Brentwood that have shared their success secrets with us over the years. This year we are going to hear from our esteemed Superintendents, Randy Lutz of Baldwin-Whitehall School District and Amy Burch from Brentwood School District. They will speak on updates in their individual school districts. We will also have a number of teachers joining us from both schools as has become a tradition for us. If you would like to sponsor a teacher for lunch please contact Mary Dilla via email or simply pay an extra \$20 at lunch. I will be mentioning the sponsors at the lunch.

As a Chamber Board we are working on some very cool evening events. How this idea began to come to life is that we asked ourselves as a board how we can better serve our membership. There are many members who are not able, due to their work schedules, to attend the luncheons so we are looking to do some after work/ evening events in order to give these businesses a chance to network with their fellow chamber members. Your support in attending these events would be greatly appreciated.

Our 51 Communities Golf Outing is scheduled for September 15, 2014 at South Hills Country Club. This is an awesome event and by far our largest fund raiser of the year. Looking forward to seeing all members there to support our Chamber. The Early Bird Special Price ends September 4<sup>th</sup>.

## LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 4, 2014

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 2 at South Hills Country Club

### \*LUNCHEON SPONSORS

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

Finally, thank you to all of the sponsors of the Tote Bags for the local community days:

- Benson Lincoln
- Light Brothers
- Seven Oaks Hospice
- Baldwin Health Center
- McGinnis Sisters

The Chamber and community really appreciate your support of Whitehall and Baldwin Community Days!

Remember that as a Chamber we are here to support each other! As the late and great Napoleon Hill taught us...

**"The faults of humankind are pretty evenly distributed among all of us."**

Stephen J. Gardiner  
President

## WOMEN'S NETWORKING LUNCHEON

September 12, 2014  
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, September 12, 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."

**Guest Speaker**  
**Brenda DeCroo**  
**Leadership Coach**

Brenda DeCroo is an author, speaker and leadership coach. She works with people who want to be strong leaders and with managers who want to develop their teams. Her clients gain clarity, master their challenges and discover how to consistently contribute their greatest gifts. With this formula for success businesses create more profits, increase productivity, engage their workforce, and live their values.

After more than 20 years in a successful but stressful corporate accounting and finance career, Brenda decided to follow her heart. She walked away from the security of an impressive corporate position and created her own business, one that aligned with her purpose and reflected her unique gifts. Now she walks back into corporations and businesses with powerful tools that enable leaders to recognize their core values, step into authentic expression, and experience the joy that comes from finding their life's work.

Brenda earned her MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and is certified by the International Coach Federation.

**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



**51 Corridor**  
**Communities Golf Outing**  
September 15, 2014  
South Hills Country Club

Mark your calendar for the 12th Annual 51 Corridor Communities Golf Outing. If you have a registration, donation, program ad or tee sign sponsorship, you can bring it to the luncheon on September 4th

### 2014-2015 Officers

President .....Steve Gardiner, Eber & Associates Insurance  
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Treasurer .....Sean Hayes DC, Hayes Chiropractic  
Secretary .....Mary Dilla

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### Welcome New Members!

**Century Heritage Federal Credit Union —**  
Vin Cerasuolo—412-650-260x111

**Notary In Your Neighborhood —**  
Carmella Wehrle—412-854-1739

### Board of Directors

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