



# The Chamber Chatter Box



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## President's Corner



"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

— Maya Angelou

### The Art Of Giving

What you give comes back to you. Whatever you put out, you get back multiplied in many ways. Giving is not equal exchange. There are the people you meet, the circumstances you experience, and all of the things you are proud to be associated with — you

receive at so many levels beginning the moment that you give.

We live in an age where getting is all important. Children have laptops, video games, DVD and MP3 players, and their closets are bursting with all of the clothes and shoes they can hold. Our children, like us and our parents before us, have learned to focus on getting their wants and needs met as often and as quickly as possible. We all are at risk of becoming stuck in our own little, self-absorbed worlds, concerned only with our possessions and the belongings we don't yet have.

True giving, whether through a kind word of encouragement or a lifetime of service, flows easily from the heart that knows giving is a channel for love in all of its forms— kindness, truth, beauty, helpfulness, prayer, time, money, and more. Giving is not a transaction: "I'll do this for you if you will do such-and-such for me later." "This has been such a good year that I'd better give away my ten percent or my business will suffer." Giving is like love. Whatever it is that you give away, there will always be more of where it came from.

Whether you give money, time, energy, attention, or material things, giving implies trust. Trust that when you give you are not losing anything. Trust that giving is the right thing to do. Remember the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. We become sensitive to the needs of others by giving of ourselves. Through giving we ensure that those seeds of civility grow into desires to help and do meaningful things in the world. These ideas are particularly pertinent this time of year - think of all of those who are less fortunate than you. With Thanksgiving upon us and Christmas just around the corner, I hope that we all are able to sit back and reflect on how fortunate we all are, and to realize how truly blessed we are as well. This year unemployment is skyrocketing, and many families are really struggling. Why not give back? Give of your talents, your time, and your money, and make an impact on the lives of those who are in need. We have the Toys for Tots collection at our next luncheon. In addition, food banks are especially in need this year of money and volunteers, and our troops are hoping not to be forgotten too. So please give - give big, give often, and give with a thankful heart.

Dr. Sean J. Hayes

## LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 3, 2009



South Hills Country Club  
4305 Brownsville Road, Whitehall  
Noon

Speaker

Mr. Ray Vargo  
University of Pittsburgh SBDC Director

"Powering Your Business to Prosper"

Mr. Vargo will share with you strategies and resources available to your business to it achieve success in 2010. As Director of the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center (SBDC,) Raymond L. Vargo is an experienced consultant to businesses at all stages of their lifecycle. Working with businesses in industries such as retail, high tech, manufacturing and professional services, Mr. Vargo provides strategic oversight to a team of consultants providing business and financial advice to help companies expand their profits, explore new markets and overcome business challenges.

Please make a reservation by contacting:

Mary Dilla at: 412-884-1233 or E-mail:

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

\$15 with reservation

\$18 for Non-Members and those without a reservation

Next Chamber Luncheon - January 7 at Michael's Restaurant



The Chamber will collect unwrapped toys or cash donations for Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program at the December General Membership Luncheon and the December 11th Women's Networking Luncheon.

Please help to bring a smile to a child's face this Holiday Season.

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## WOMEN'S NETWORKING



**December 11, 2009**  
**South Hills Country Club**  
4305 Brownsville Road, Whitehall

Speaker  
**Jennifer Antkowiak**

*What did you do to take care of yourself today?*

Jennifer Antkowiak is the author of **Take Care Tips**, which offers 101 easy, affordable ten minute self-care strategies, and **Caring Questions: Fun and Sensitive Conversations Starters**.

We are busier than ever taking care of our responsibilities. All too often we let our own needs take a back seat. Jennifer Antkowiak can show you how you can sleep better, eat better, get more exercise and be calmer and more balanced with east-to-use, affordable ten minute strategies.

Coming from a long career as an award-winning newscaster on Pittsburgh's number one news station, KDKA-TV, Jennifer started her own company to provide multimedia messages and tools that help people keep themselves and those they love happy and healthy.

This is a great opportunity to build professional relationships and put your products and services out there. Everyone will pass out cards and brochures and present a one-minute "commercial."

**See you at South Hills Country Club, noon!**  
**Lunch - \$15 -- Bring a friend!**  
**Lunch for Non-Members -- \$18**  
**Display Table -- \$10**

Please make a reservation by contacting our secretary:  
Mary Dilla at: 412-884-1233 / [secretary@bbwchamber.com](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com)  
Next Women's Network Meeting Friday, January 8th

### Brentwood Food Pantry Donation

Thank you to the Chamber members and the Ladies from the Women's Networking group for their donations to the Brentwood Food Pantry. The chamber collected canned food and monetary donations, as well as the chamber's share of the 50/50 totaled \$113.00.

The Women's Network raised an additional \$284 at their Holiday Auction held in conjunction with the Holiday Bazaar Luncheon last month.

*WELCOME - New Member!*

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### Oakleaf Personal Care Home

3800 Oakleaf Road  
Baldwin Borough  
412-881-8194



As you step into Oakleaf, you immediately know you are home when you are greeted by the Oakleaf family the wonderful residents and a caring staff. Within these walls is the warmth of traditional hospitality the aroma of home cooking; a large, comfortable dining room; a recreational area for shooting pool and playing cards; and several lounges for watching television and socializing.

Opened in October 1996, Oakleaf Personal Care Home is a privately-owned, fully-licensed, 65-bed assisted living facility, nestled in a serene, residential neighborhood at 3800 Oakleaf Road in Baldwin Borough. Oakleaf provides quality, compassionate care to folks who need supervision and assistance with activities of daily living, but do not require care in a nursing home. With focus on comfort and safety, Oakleaf offers the appropriate care, activities and surroundings that will stimulate our residents to maintain active and rewarding lives. Recognizing that everyone ages differently, Oakleaf is committed to providing a full spectrum of services to meet each person's physical, mental and spiritual needs, even as these needs change. Oakleaf also offers respite care for a temporary visit.

Choosing personal care and assisted living is an important decision and we are available to help you, your families and your friends. To find out more about Oakleaf ,long-term and respite care, or to tour, please call **Roseann Rosnick, Administrator, at 412-881-8194**. You may also visit us at [www.OakleafPersonalCareHome.com](http://www.OakleafPersonalCareHome.com).

### Congratulations

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### Small Business Excellence Award.



We Wish you a Joyous Holiday Season  
And a  
Happy and Healthy New Year  
Your  
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