



The Chamber Chatter Box



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President's Corner



THE LAW OF GIVING AND RECEIVING

Have you ever heard the expression that it is better to give than to receive? Ever since I remember, I've loved to give - giving my time, my talent, and my resources.

Some people have commented that it can seem like one is trying to buy some good will by my acts. Some people have said that

through volunteering, I was wasting my time, as I "don't get paid for all the hard work".

I have found that for me, the gift of giving can be a source of happiness. I have been a believer in practicing the Law of Giving and Receiving, whether material things, mental concepts or just blessings.

This is how the Law of Giving and Receiving works. Giving is the other side of receiving. Therefore if you wish to receive anything in your life, you first need to give it. It is that simple.

If you wish happiness, simply give happiness to the people around you. If you wish love, simply give love. If you wish friendships, joy or abundance simply give it to the people around you and you will receive loads of it.

Where's the catch?

The catch is that you have to give without expecting anything in return. Giving for the sake of giving. Only then the flow begins. The intention behind the giving is the most important. The intention has to be for the creation of happiness, harmony, peace and joy, as these are fundamental to life. The reward will be there when you give from your heart and without condition. Giving should be a joyful act, just as a child bringing a piece of "art" born from their heart to their parents.

Albert Schweitzer said, "The one who gives is the one that receives most".

The easiest way to fulfill your wishes is by supporting others to achieve their wishes. This principle is true to individuals, organizations, businesses and nations. If you wish to be blessed with all the good things in life, learn to give a blessing to all that surrounds you. Even a thought and silent blessing has the power to start the flow of giving and receiving.

Start practicing the Law of Giving and Receiving and watch your life become abundant and joyful.

Healthy Regards,

Dr. Sean J. Hayes

LUNCHEON

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 4, 2010

Salvatore's

5001 Curry Road

Baldwin Borough

Buffet opens at 11:45 a.m.



Guest Speaker

Jim O'Brien

Pittsburgh sports author and Alumni and Community Relations Director for the Baldwin-Whitehall School District

Mr. O'Brien grew up in Hazelwood and is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, with a degree in English. Currently Jim has written his 18th book in 18 years, his 20th about Pittsburgh and 23rd altogether. He has been a sportswriter with The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, The Miami News, The New York Post and The Pittsburgh Press, a contributing columnist to The Sporting News, The Football News, Basketball Times and Basketball News. Jim O'Brien is proud to be the only Pittsburgher ever named to the U.S. Basketball Writers Hall of Fame

(Start celebrating St. Patrick's Day with us and wear your GREEN!)

\$15 with reservation*

\$18 without a reservation



Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or email: secretary@bbwhchamber.com

* It is important that we respect our host restaurants and make our reservations timely. Also, if you do not cancel a reservation, you are financially responsible for your commitment. We realize how difficult it is for our hosts to prepare for walk-ons, and as a Chamber we need to take responsibility for no-shows.

April 1, 2010 is the next Chamber Luncheon. This the Annual Awards Luncheon which will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, West Mifflin, catered by the Blvd. Café. Join us as we honor our fellow chamber members.

Thank-you
to our
2009-2010  **THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON**
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WOMEN'S NETWORKING

The monthly luncheon meeting of the Women's Networking of the Brentwood Baldwin Whitehall Chamber of Commerce will meet on **Friday, March 12, noon, at South Hills Country Club**. Please plan on attending and bring a friend.

Discover that work-life balance is not equal balance but a unique perspective on life that is very freeing. Finding work-life balance in today's frantic paced world is no simple task. Three kinds of balance will be explored in order to realize options and strategies to increase quality of life, reduce stress and restore harmony. Presented by Pauline George, M.Ed., President, PG Training & Consulting. Author of: "If You Can't Move Your Mountain . . . CLIMB IT!" How to turn setbacks into comebacks.

We welcome members and non-members. Tables are available for ladies who would like to display products or merchandise. 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."

Please make a reservation by contacting secretary, Mary Dilla, 412-884-1233 or email: secretary@bbwchamber.com

Lunch \$15 for Chamber Members
\$18 for Non-Chamber Members
Display Tables - \$10

WOMEN'S NETWORKING will also meet April 9.

William Egan, CPA, Named CFO of the Year by the Pittsburgh Business Times!

BBW Chamber member and Whitehall resident William Egan, CPA, was named the 2009 CFO of the Year by the Pittsburgh Business Times. Mr. Egan took home the top honor in the competitive Small Private Company category. More than 300 people were in attendance for the event held last November at the Omni William Penn hotel in downtown Pittsburgh. Mr. Egan, VP of Finance for BitArmor Systems, orchestrated a nearly \$5 million venture capital and angel round of financing for BitArmor. It was among the biggest capital raises in the region in 2009, accomplished during a recession and when the capital markets were virtually unresponsive. Moreover, the judges also consider the nominees leadership abilities, overall contributions to company growth and community, and responses to lengthy essays.

Mr. Egan is also a CPA in private practice, focusing on small business and individual tax, accounting, and financial needs. He can be reached at 412-401-7036.

Please join us in congratulating Mr. Egan, and to learn more about the prestigious CFO of the Year award and Mr. Egan's story, please go to:
<http://pittsburgh.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/stories/2009/11/09/focus2.html>

CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

Maria Sauro Moore, CRS Sales Manager Century 21 Rise/McIlrath

Dear fellow Brentwood & Baldwin Whitehall members of Chamber of Commerce;

HOME BUYER TAX CREDIT EXPIRES APRIL 30TH, 2010!!!!!!!!!!!!

Here are some of the most frequently asked questions:

How much is the tax credit for the first time home buyer?

Up to \$8000 (typically 10% of the purchase price)

Who qualifies as first time home buyer?

You have not had a vested interest in a residential property in last 3 years

How much is the current home owner credit?

\$6500

Who qualifies as current home buyer?

You have lived in the property for at least 5 of the last 8 years

Is there an income limit?

Yes, maximum single income \$125,000 and married \$225,000

We at Century 21 Rise/McIlrath have a philosophy, it is simple. We are a results driven "Full Service" Real Estate Company that excels and believes in giving a quick response and excellent client service with a positive outcome!

We provide the following:

- *Real Estate Services
- *Insurance
- *Notary Service
- *Career Opportunities

Stop in anytime with your Questions!

If you would like a comparative market analysis on your property please feels free to give me a call and ask for Maria Sauro Moore at 412-884-1600 ext. 123 and I will be happy to assist you.

WELCOME - New Member!

Dawson's Deli
Caste Village
Al Dawson
412-881-0200



MiXer March 16, 2010 - 5-7 PM Donte's Pizzeria

6409 Brownsville Road, South Park
Don't miss this opportunity to network with your fellow chamber members!

Please make your reservation by emailing chamber secretary, Mary Dilla at secretary@bbwchamber.com

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