



# The Chamber Chatter Box

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## President's Corner



Greetings to all of our new members and welcome back to those returning for this upcoming year! I hope that the summer afforded all a time to relax, refresh, and recharge in preparation for the year ahead. This is our first newsletter of the year and the first time that some of you will be hearing from the Chamber and from the new president. We are looking forward to a wonderful year coming with a lot of opportunities for networking, marketing, and for getting to know

more of the wonderful people and businesses in our Baldwin, Brentwood, and Whitehall Communities.

I know that I speak on behalf of the Board of Directors in saying that we cannot wait to work with our membership in building up, promoting, and taking our Chamber to the next level. Please come to us with any questions, problems, and suggestions on what we can do as a Chamber to make our businesses and communities the best in the region. Take advantage of all of the opportunities afforded to you by your membership in the Chamber, to promote your business in this upcoming year. Our networking luncheons, after hour's mixers, women's networking group, the directory, website, the 51 Communities Golf Outing, and the various seminars and programs that we host and co-sponsor are some of the benefits that your membership gives you. Our organization can only be as good as our members. We are the driving force in the success of the Chamber. There are a lot of opportunities for you to do your part in keeping us the premier networking group in our area. Have your voice heard and guide is in the areas that we can improve this Chamber of Commerce by serving on one of our many committees alongside the Board of Directors in the promotion of our organization.

I look forward to working with you all and getting to know you and your needs better so that we can ensure the continued success of our businesses and our Chamber.

Healthy Regards,  
**Dr. Sean J. Hayes**

## LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**September 3, 2009**

**South Hills Country Club**

4305 Brownsville Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Noon

Welcome Back Luncheon

Featuring High School Football Coaches

**Kevin Kissel, Brentwood**

**Jim Wehner, Baldwin**

Special Guest: New Teachers and Principals  
From Baldwin-Whitehall, Brentwood School Districts  
and Steel Center Vo Tech

**John Slater will give an update from  
Economic Development South**

Advance reservations required:

Contact Mary Dilla at 412-884-1233 or email:

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

\$15 with reservation \$18 without

**LUNCHEON SPONSORS**  
If your business would like to sponsor lunch for a new teacher or administrator, please contact the secretary. We can arrange for you to sit with your guest if you would like. You also will receive recognition at the luncheon.

## 51 COMMUNITIES GOLF OUTING

The **51 Communities Golf Outing** is set to tee off at 11:30 a.m. **Monday, September 21st**, at **South Hills Country Club**. This is the chamber's biggest fund raiser of the year and we need your help. Lunch, golf and dinner is \$160. You could win a flat panel TV, golf clubs, a shopping cart full of food and tons of other prizes at the dinner. The chamber would especially like to thank this year's Platinum sponsor **The Bank of New York Mellon**. If you can't come to play or eat, please donate a prize or gift certificate for the raffle. If you are unable to golf, please consider supporting the outing by donating a prize for the raffle or purchasing a tee sign or ad in the program book...for additional information contact Bob McKown (412) 885-5045, Ben Lodico (412) 882-8133.



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**THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON**

## WOMEN'S NETWORKING

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.

Our featured speaker, Denise Marasco, will explain how to incorporate Social Networking, that's Facebook and Twitter, into your business marketing plan.

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](mailto:secretary@bbwchamber.com)

Lunch \$15 for Chamber Members  
\$18 for Non-Chamber Members

Display Tables - \$10

**WOMEN'S NETWORKING will also meet October 9.**  
See you at South Hills Country Club, noon.

### Women's Network Meeting Dates South Hills Country Club

October 9, 2009	February 12, 2010
November 13, 2009	March 12, 2010
December 11, 2009	April 9, 2010
January 8, 2010	May 14, 2010

### *WELCOME - New Members!*

#### Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC)

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## CHAMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Virginia Weida Designs LLC

Don't be fooled by what you might see on T.V.! In addition to selecting colors of materials and arranging furniture, did you know that Interior Designers can save lives, reduce consumer costs, promote energy efficiency, pursue environmental responsibility, and further increase productivity and well-being? Contact me and I will send you the 10 Ways Interior Designers can accomplish any of these objectives for your upcoming projects. *Designs@Work*: The design of your office space to enhance business is my plan!

An accomplished **commercial interior designer**, Virginia Weida creates solutions with aesthetics to support the business culture, function and practicality demanded by facility managers & building owners, and sustainable solutions required to protect our environment. A Certified Interior Designer, Certified Facility Manager, and LEED Accredited Professional, Virginia is quick to credit her educational experience at Cornell University with providing the tools for success in Commercial Real Estate. She started her own consulting practice, *Virginia Weida Designs*, in June 2006, a women-owned commercial interior design company based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Specializing in Tenant Projects, she creates designs that work for business owners, property managers, real estate professionals, facility managers, architects, and other design professionals.

Community involvement is also a personal priority. She received the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2008, Silver Level, which recognizes volunteer hours over 250 hours for the year. She is immediate Past-President for the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Pittsburgh Foundation, which supports women with cancer ([www.crewpittsburghfoundation.org](http://www.crewpittsburghfoundation.org)). Virginia is also current Membership Chair for the International Facilities Management Association (IFMA) Corporate Facilities Council, and supports the IFMA Pittsburgh Chapter. Virginia Weida Designs is also a proud member of the BBW Chamber since 2006.

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