



Join the Celebration



at the PCC Annual Dinner

Honoring our 2009 Award Recipients

Friday, November 20, 2009
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Cocktails
6:30 Dinner & Awards Presentation



Revivals Restaurant & Banquets
4 South Ridge Road, Perkasié

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Join us for this special evening featuring:

- ◆ Awards to Members of the Chamber and the Penridge Community
- ◆ Election of the PCC Board of Directors for 2010
- ◆ Networking Opportunities
- ◆ Great Food and Music
- ◆ Door Prizes

**Please mail, e-mail, or fax your reservations with
dinner selections to the Chamber by November 9.**

September 16, 2009

Pennridge Airport



Sellersville resident John Coombs had his blood pressure taken by Inga Allen from Grand View Hospital.



FBLA students from Pennridge High School, Steve Yoast, Nick Olindo, and Andy Harris, enjoyed a pizza donated by Perkasio Pizza & Pasta after helping with the morning setup.

PENNRIDGE BUSINESS EXPO 2009



Smiley the Clown was one of many who enjoyed the wonderful samples given out by Rich Baringer, owner of Dinner's Done Personal Chef Services.



Nikki Carr from Perkasio Pizza & Pasta met Robert Nieznanski while handing out bruschetta and hand filled cannolis.



A representative from Doylestown Hospital took the time to speak with Susan Knight from the newly opened Clare Bridge.



PA Career Link representative Patty Goldbach was busy at her booth.



The Pennridge High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Steve Mosser, performed a variety of musical selections.



When entering the EXPO, Jennifer Smith manned the first booth, promoting the variety of services available at Penn Foundation.

PENNRIDGE BUSINESS EXPO 2009



Chamber Past President Neil Fosbenner helped welcome visitors along with Lisa Bogan, PCC, and Mary Antonsson.



This team from Moyer Indoor Outdoor spoke with many visitors from the community about their products and services.

Leadership Program Kicks Off for 2009-2010



Steve Chadwick, Prodesco Inc./Secant Medical, LLC, and Blair Rush, National Penn were part of the CEO Panel at the opening leadership session.



Committee member Andi Trump, Teams by Trump, moderated the CEO Panel discussion.



Participant Brandon Shaw, TMA Bucks, took notes at this session.



Participants Jen King, and Carl Yusavitz, from Penn Foundation, and Margaret Bardar, McCormick Brothers met at the first orientation session.



Peter Brown, First Savings Bank of Perkasie, Jen King, Penn Foundation, and Pete Fischer, National Penn listened to an "Ethics" presentation given by Kim Fickes.



down to earth café, J. Ryman Maxwell, 1141 North Fifth Street, Perkasie, PA 18944, phone: 215-258-2233, Web address: www.thedowntoearthcafe.com. This café, located in the Glenwood Shopping Center, was created with the interests of local businesses and residents in mind. Menu items focus on locally farmed foods as well as organic, healthy choices, using quality ingredients with a lot of flavor. Locally roasted coffee and fresh fruit smoothies are offered beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Customers can enjoy their food in the relaxing atmosphere of the café or take it out to home or business.



The following company has made an important investment in their business and community by joining the chamber. Please remember them for your business and personal needs. Also make a special effort to welcome them as they attend our functions.

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Business After Hours— October 14, 2009 Phoenix Rehabilitation and Health Services, Inc. Anniversary Celebration



Jamie McCormick, McCormick Brothers, Sam Bogan, CA, and Chamber Director David Alderfer, Grand View Hospital, networked while they checked out the facilities.



Joe Gianoni, DPT (center of picture), facility director of Phoenix Rehabilitation, mingled with patients and Chamber participants.

Green Side Up!



A joint partnership forum with our neighbors from the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce was held on September 24 at the Indian Valley Country Club. The event, sponsored by Penn Foundation, featured display and information showcases along with a formal presentation by architect Philip Lederach. A crowd of 110 participants attended the event.

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BUSINESS NEWS



S.C.O.R.E. (Senior Corps of Retired Executives) will present a free seminar for women on November 17 from 6:20 to 8:30 at the Levittown Library, 7311 New Falls Road. The seminar will contain information on "Starting and Growing a Small Business." Seating is limited and

reservations are suggested. Please call 215-943-8850 or e-mail score570@verizon.net to reserve your seat. Free S.C.O.R.E. counseling is available at the Chamber office on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

SCORE counselors will also be holding a workshop directed to small business owners who maybe experiencing operating, financing and other related issues in their business on four consecutive Tuesday evenings (11/3 through 11/24) at **The Upper Bucks Vocational Technical School** as part of the Adult Education Program. The workshop will be flexible to the needs of the participants. Cost is \$79. Call the Upper Bucks Vocational Technical School at 215-795-2011 to register.

First Savings Bank of Perkasie announced the acquisition of the Papalia Financial Services Group, an asset management company specializing in financial planning for small to medium size businesses. Founded in 1994 by Mark Papalia, the newly acquired company serves commercial, business and individual accounts throughout Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region. In addition to investment planning and management, the company also has expertise in retirement plan administration, business succession and estate planning. The new division will be known as First Savings Financial Services and will join First Savings Insurance, First Savings Investment Group and First Savings Bank as part of the First Savings family of financial service providers.

KUDOS

The **Upper Bucks Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Coalition (UBHCHY)** based in Quakertown was one of only four Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant recipients in the state of Pennsylvania in this funding cycle, and will receive \$625,000 over five years in DFC grant funds to involve and engage their local community to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug abuse among youth. The **UBHCHY** was also awarded its second year of a two-year "mentoring grant" allowing it to mentor and coach another local coalition to become a highly functioning coalition. In order to be considered for the grant, each coalition had to secure a local "match" of IN KIND contributions. Donors included **Bucks County Community College**, Bucks County Intermediate Unit, Bucks County United Way, Family Service Association, Palisades School District, **Penn Foundation**, **Pennridge School District**, Pyramid Healthcare Center, Quakertown School District, **RE/MAX 440 Realty, Inc.**, St. Luke's Quakertown Hospital, and the **Upper Bucks YMCA**. More information about the Drug-Free Communities Program is available at: www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/dfc.



During the first week of May of this year, 10 **First Savings** employees participated in the Habitat for Humanity "Women Build Week" to lend a hand at constructing affordable housing in the area. Not to

be outdone by their female counterparts, a group of 10 First Savings male employees rolled up their sleeves and also worked at the local Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County's "adaptive reuse" homebuilding effort. In recognition of the project, and the employees' efforts, **First Savings Community Foundation** has made a \$5000 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County, matching the contribution that was made for the Women Build Week. In addition to the total amount of \$10,000 donated this year to Habitat by the Foundation, First Savings employees have contributed 160 hours of labor to the project. Habitat is currently fundraising and a wide variety of partnership opportunities are available as well as opportunities to lend a hand in the actual construction of the project. More information can be obtained by contacting Billy Dunn at b.dunn@habitatbucks.org or calling 215-822-2812, extension 314.

Doylestown Hospital was one of only 53 hospitals nationwide identified in two studies recently released by HealthGrades[®], the nation's leading independent healthcare ratings company. From the sixth annual HealthGrades Patient Safety in American Hospitals Study, Doylestown Hospital was named one of the recipients of the **2009 HealthGrades Patient Safety Excellence Award[™]**. The top five percent of all hospitals in the U.S. were recognized with this award in this study for having among the lowest incidence rates of patient safety events. In addition, Doylestown Hospital was one of the recipients of the **2009/2010 Outstanding Patient Experience Award[™]** named in HealthGrades' second annual report. This award is reflective of patients rating Doylestown Hospital among the top 10% nationwide for satisfaction, including immediate staff responsiveness, quiet rooms, and well-controlled pain. HealthGrades' individual hospital ratings can be viewed for free at HealthGrades.com.



On Sunday, September 20, the 41st annual **Penridge Gallery of the Arts** was held in the Sellersville Historic District. From noon till 5 p.m. more than 50 artists and 30 crafters displayed their work accompanied by music, food, and historic tours. John Moyer of Moyer Indoor/Outdoor[®] presented Dennis Levy with the Walter Baum Best of Show Award. **Moyer Indoor/Outdoor** has been the presenting sponsor of the Penridge Gallery of the Arts for over 10 years running and sponsors first, second, and third place awards. Shown in the photo are John Moyer (President, Moyer Indoor/Outdoor), Dennis Levy (Walter Baum Best of Show Award Winner), and Margaret Bardar (Chair, Penridge Gallery of the Arts)

Univest National Bank and Trust Co. has been named one of the 100 Best Places to Work in PA for 2009. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Company has earned this designation. The program is a public/private partnership between Team Pennsylvania Foundation, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry and the Central Penn Business Journal. This survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places to be employed in Pennsylvania, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. Univest will be recognized at the Best Places to Work in PA evening awards ceremony on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center in Hershey, PA.

COMING EVENTS



A Poetry Reading event, sponsored by **Penn Foundation**, will take place on Friday, November 6, at the Karlton Café, 310 W. Broad St., Quakertown, from 6-8 PM. This event is open to all Bucks and Montgomery County residents and is a great opportunity to share and hear the work of people who

are recovering from mental illness or addictions at a live venue. Space is limited. To register, or for more information, call Dan Flore or Lisa Dembrosky at 215-257-4760 or e-mail ldembrosky@pennfoundation.org.

November 6 is the date for the sixth annual **Circle of Life Auction**, which benefits **Doylestown Hospital's Cancer Center and Hospice Program**. The fundraiser will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Doylestown Country Club. The Circle of Life Auction is Doylestown Hospital's largest annual fundraising event. The evening features a live and silent auction and a raffle drawing for a new BMW 128i or \$20,000 cash. Items for the auction will include: luxury getaways, sports memorabilia, fine arts including original artwork from well known Bucks County artists and much more—all donated by community residents, Hospital Associates and merchants. Tickets for the Circle of Life evening are \$50 each. To be an event sponsor, or purchase auction or raffle tickets, call Lisa Repko, Director of Development at 215-345-2124.



Jean P. Vernor, President & CEO of Sculptz® will be on hand at the **27th Annual Day for All Women Conference**, Saturday, November 7, at **Bucks County Community College**, 275

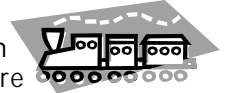
Swamp Road, Newtown. Revitalized in spirit and renewed in mission, this is a great day to come out and enjoy the talents, knowledge, expertise and friendship of other women in Bucks County. It's a day of empowerment for mind, body and soul. A Day for All Women annually brings women together for education and networking. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Gateway Center, followed by the opening at 8:30 a.m. Workshops continue until 4:00 p.m., with a break for lunch. Registration is \$35 at the door,

including three workshop selections and lunch. For more information, visit www.bucks.edu/dfaw. For questions, please call Marian Colello at 215-968-8140.

The regions best artisans and crafters come together in this juried collection of crafts, gifts, fine art and antiques at this popular, one-stop-shop holiday show at **Pearl S. Buck International**. The **Annual Juried Craft Show** will be held from Friday, November 27 to December 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pearl S. Buck Cultural Center, 520 Dublin Road, Hilltown. Admission is \$2.

The Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority announces that the **Sellersville Museum** will be open Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, hosting a "Model Railroad and Trolley" exhibit. The Sellersville Museum is wheelchair accessible. The Museum is located next to the Sellersville Borough Office at 120 East Church Street, Sellersville.

The Museum will be open from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM each day. As always, admission is free. Call (215) 257-5253 for more information.



Experience what it might be like to depend on a soup kitchen for your meals at the **Keystone Opportunity Center Soup Night** on Thursday, November 19, 2009 from 5:00-7:00p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Perkasie. Cost for the meal is \$5.00 and all proceeds will benefit the newly organized Upper Bucks Inter-Faith Hospitality Network, serving homeless families in the Penridge community. For more information, contact Brenda Oelschlager at 215-723-8750. You are also invited to participate in "**Sleep Out for Homelessness**" on November 14-15 and experience what it might be like to have no place to spend the night. Keystone Opportunity Center will be hosting the event beginning at 5:00 p.m. on November 14 with a homelessness rally at the corner of Broad and Main Streets in Souderton. Activities will continue at Zion Mennonite Church on Cherry Lane from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00a.m. Check out the website to learn more at www.keystoneopportunity.org.

The **Ladies Auxiliary of the Sellersville Fire Company** is hosting its **22nd Annual Craft Fair** on Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Sellersville Fire House. Santa will visit with children from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light lunch, including homemade soup, turkey pot pie, and beef barbeque will be available all day.



Business Community Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Patrick Murphy August 31, 2009 at Revivals Restaurant

Photos by
Joe Ferry




Congressman Patrick Murphy, serving Pennsylvania's 8th District, makes a point about healthcare reform at a forum sponsored by the Penridge and Upper Bucks Chambers of Commerce at Revivals Restaurant and Banquets in Perkasie. Over 80 people attended this informational event. Todd Alderfer, a cardiologist at Grand View Hospital, engages Congressman Patrick Murphy in a discussion about healthcare reform and its impact on the medical profession.

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down to earth café Holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



PCC Director Bill Delaney, Owners Kate and J. Ryman Maxwell and their children, Lily and Margaux, and PCC Chamber Treasurer Tom Skiffington.

New member, down to earth café, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 19 to help celebrate the opening of this new restaurant located in the Glenwood Shopping Center on N. Fifth Street in Perkasie.

down to earth café was created with the interests of local businesses and residents in mind. Menu items focus on locally farmed foods as well as organic, healthy choices, using quality ingredients. Locally roasted coffee and fresh fruit smoothies are offered along with a full breakfast and lunch menu. Café hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Customers can enjoy their food in the relaxing atmosphere of the café or take it out to home or business.

 Remember to do your part in helping us to help Penridge F.I.S.H. (Fellowship In Serving Humanity) serve needy children of the Penridge Community. The toy drive begins November 6 and ends on December 7. 



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Coming Events

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| October 29 | PACC, Bucks County Community College Upper County Campus 7:30 p.m. |
| November 3 | Election Day |
| November 6 | Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m. |
| November 10 | Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m. |
| November 11 | Business After Hours, Grand View Hospital Sellersville Outpatient Center
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. |
| November 17 | Leadership Bucks . . . Upper County Session, Bucks County IU 8:00 a.m-4:30 p.m. |
| November 19 | PACC, Bucks County Community College Upper County Campus 7:30 p.m. |
| November 20 | Annual Dinner, Revivals Restaurant & Banquets 5:30 p.m. |
| November 26 | Chamber Closed—Happy Thanksgiving |
| November 27 | Chamber Closed—Happy Thanksgiving |
| December 9 | Joint Holiday Mixer, Pearl S. Buck International 5:00 p.m.-7:00 |

Quote of the Month

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

SCORE Counselor available every Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 am or 11:00 am at the Chamber office.
Check out their web site at <http://www.score.org> seven days a week.

Remember your ABC's: **ALWAYS BUY CHAMBER**

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