

# THE Communicator



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## Leadership Bucks . . . Upper County Class of 2008 Graduation and Business After Hours June 5, 2008 Revivals Restaurant & Banquets



The graduates of the Class of 2008!



Leadership Committee member Andi Trump celebrates with former Leadership graduate Danielle Bodnar.



Leadership Committee member and Chamber Board member Tom Skiffington greeted Chamber Board member and Leadership alumni Anita Fordyce.



First Savings Bank graduate Deb Henry was cheered on by coworkers Jeanne Mazurek (left) and Dawn Kauffman (right).



Chamber President Neil Fosbenner was joined by First Savings Bank CEO Fred Shea, Executive Director Betty Graver, and First Savings Bank Branch Manager Nancy Buckner in congratulating the graduates.



Leadership Committee member and Chamber Board member Rodney Altemose sampled the food with Penn Foundations's John Goshow and graduate Carl Shannon.

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**Deb Henry**  
First Savings Bank of Perkasié



**Jill Lamb**  
Divers Technical Lines, Inc.



**Hillary Matthias**  
DRAPER-DBS, Inc.



**Lu Mauro**  
Penn Foundation

# Class of



# 2008



**Marilyn Reese**  
Upper Bucks County Area Vo. Tech



**Kimberley Roth**  
Fulton Bank



**Carl Shannon**  
Upper Bucks County Area Vo. Tech



**Michael Tobin**  
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The following companies have made an important investment in their businesses 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.

**Green Packaging, Inc.**, Wayne Siefert, 650 N. Cannon Avenue, Lansdale, PA 19446, phone: 215-368-7265, Web site: [www.greenpackaginginc.com](http://www.greenpackaginginc.com). Green Packaging specializes in environmentally friendly packaging solutions that protect your product and the environment. All of their products are recycled or recyclable, and they offer green alternatives to conventional corrosion inhibiting packaging. This company supports environmental causes such as the National Arbor Day Foundation, and the Sierra Club. They are also members of One Percent for the Planet, donating one percent of their annual sales to environmental charities. Purchasing products from Green Packaging serves a dual purpose. You will be protecting your products and the environment at the same time.

**Waslin Drywall**, Paul Waslin, P.O. Box 142, Hilltown, PA 18927, phone: 215-822-5552. This sole proprietorship specializes in the installation of drywall for construction purposes. The next time you are in need of a professional drywall installer, be sure to give Paul a call.



## AUTUMN GALA

Work has already begun to make this year's Autumn Gala an evening to be remembered. "An Evening of Elegance" is being planned for **Saturday, September 27, 2008** at the Indian Valley Country Club. This evening is an annual event for our members and is used for the presentation of four prestigious awards. The *James Hacket Memorial Good Neighbor Award* is given to an outstanding organization, association, fellowship or fraternity in the Pennridge area which has given invaluable humanitarian service and has brought recognition to the area. The *Arts Award* encompasses the entire spectrum of the arts, unlimited in scope. The *Business Achievement Award* is given to a business for recognition of their contribution to the economic health of the Pennridge Area. And the most prestigious award of all, the *Frank Kulp Memorial Award* is given to an individual in the Pennridge area whose talents, abilities and dedication to their personal goals in their chosen field of endeavor have enriched the lives of everyone in the Pennridge area or whose sacrificial heroic act has demonstrated courage beyond any sense of duty to their fellow person. The most important task is for **you**, our members, to make these nominations. Please be sure to forward your nominations to the Chamber office by **August 22, 2008**.

Along with the awards ceremony, the committee is planning a delicious elegant meal, served in an atmosphere of soft music, beautiful surroundings, and fine company.

Every member has received a letter explaining our corporate sponsorship request and our award nomination form. If forms are needed, please contact the Chamber Office at 215-257-5390. We depend on you to make this event a success. Look for your invitation in the mail shortly and be sure to mark the date on your calendar and plan ahead to attend this gala event!

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Dr. Leah Garlan, owner of Pennridge Wellness Center in Blooming Glen, greeted Cindy Paetow, and Dorita Hodelka from PA CareerLink Bucks County.



Business After Hours  
 Pennridge Wellness  
 Center  
 April 16, 2008



Jill Lamb, Diverse Technical Lines, Inc. spoke with Chamber President Neil Fosbenner and Dr. Garlan.



Jim Church, Moyer Indoor/Outdoor, sampled the healthy goodies, while Pennridge Wellness employee Tim Garrison looked on. Walter Buck, DPM networked with Sharon Kotchetovsky from Bank of America.



## PCC Scholarships Given to Local Graduates

Penridge Chamber of Commerce scholarship awards, generously sponsored by Gene Fickes, were presented to two recent graduates of Penridge High School for their exceptional work in the arts. The Chamber had the opportunity to present two \$1000 scholarships to the students with the greatest talent and ability in the areas of music and art. **Abigail LaVecchia** was chosen for her musical talent and **Heather McMordie** was chosen for her artistic ability. Abigail plans to attend Temple

University for piano performance, and Heather plans to study art at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

After the completion of their first semester, a \$1000 check will be sent to each student's school toward their second semester tuition. The scholarship is going to be given out on an ongoing basis, thanks to the enthusiasm for the arts by Gene Fickes. We extend our sincere thanks to him for his generosity.

## BUSINESS NEWS



**First Savings Bank** held the ribbon cutting for its newest branch office in New Britain borough on May 19. Local dignitaries as well as the bank Board of Directors and officials participated in the ceremonies. Located at 380 W. Butler Ave. (Route 202), the newly constructed building is the ninth branch office of the local community bank. The staff of the branch includes Branch Manager Deb Henry, Assistant Branch Manager Peter Gray, Head Teller Mary Strassel and tellers Matt Rinehart and Sharon Fitzsimmons. Business Development Officer, Vice President Susan Jones, also has her office in the newest First Savings Branch. The ribbon that was used during the ceremony was highlighted with \$10.00 bills and that money was donated by First Savings President and CEO, Fred Schea, to Robert Snavelly, representative of the "Food Larder", a local food bank located in New Britain. Customers coming in to the branch during the Grand Opening Celebration were encouraged to bring a nonperishable food item to be donated to the "Food Larder" program. **Photo Left to Right:** Katherine Watson, Pa. State Representative; Deb Henry, Branch Manager; Walter Cressman, First Savings Chairman of Board of Directors; Steve Swartley, President of Penn Builders; Robert Snavelly, New Britain Borough Mayor and Food Larder Representative; Fred Schea, First Savings President; Mike Raphael, President of Raphael Architects; Robert Cotton, New Britain Twshp. Supervisor; Vernon Wehrung, First Savings Director; Bob Byers, First Savings Director; Bob Lewis, Vice President First Savings Insurance.

**David D. Bilger, CPA** recently attended the H.D. Vest Financial Services® National Conference at MGM Grand at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Mashantucket, CT. There he learned about the latest in planning concepts and technology within the financial services industry. He also gathered financial strategies appropriate for various situations. Advisors, like David, were informed as to the most recent changes in the financial services industry, as well as provided with ongoing information regarding investment and business tactics. David welcomes the opportunity to share with you the many wealth-building strategies gathered at the conference. Please call him at 215-536-1040 if you would like to learn more about how you can benefit from these new ideas and strategies.

**Fox Rothschild LLP** announced that 13 attorneys have been elected to the partnership as of June 2008. The following attorneys have been elevated to partner in Bucks and Montgomery Counties: Andrew W. Bonekemper (Litigation – Montgomery County); Megan J. Duryea (Corporate - Montgomery County); Cheryl A. Garber (Litigation - Bucks County); Marcel L. Groen (Litigation - Bucks County); Elizabeth D. Sigety (Corporate - Bucks County). Fox Rothschild LLP ([www.foxrothschild.com](http://www.foxrothschild.com)) is a full-service law firm built to serve business leaders. Over the past 100 years, they have grown to more than 400 lawyers in 14 offices coast to coast.

**Penn Foundation** has expanded its ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) program to include a second team of professionals with specialty in forensics. This new 13-member team, located in Sellersville, will serve residents of Lansdale, Souderton, and Telford as well as qualifying individuals released from Bucks County prisons (a new endeavor for Penn Foundation). Introduced in 2006 and based in Pottstown, Penn Foundation's ACT program provides 24/7 community-based psychiatric treatment, outreach, rehabilitation, and support to individuals with mental illness and/or co-occurring mental health and

substance use issues. The goal of ACT is to lessen or eliminate symptoms of mental illness and/or substance use, prevent hospitalization, and increase community involvement. The Sellersville-based ACT team will offer these same services as well as a forensic component for those in Bucks County leaving the criminal justice system. For more information, call (215) 257-6551, extension 238.

## KUDOS

Representatives from **Univest National Bank and Trust Co.**, a division of Univest Corporation participated in *National Teach Children to Save Day* on April 29 to teach students the basics of saving. Sponsored by the American Bankers Association Education Foundation, the event is an annual, nationwide effort to promote financial literacy. Students had the opportunity to apply concepts and practices through games and other hands-on activities. Classroom materials support curriculum standards. If teachers or administrators are interested in bringing this program to their schools, they should contact Kristen Nonnemacher at [NonnemacherK@univest.net](mailto:NonnemacherK@univest.net) or 215-721-2450.



**Grand View Hospital** recently presented **Jennifer Cook, RN** with the Ellis Greenspan Memorial Award. Established by cardiologist Mitchell M. Greenspan M.D. and family, the award is presented in memory of his father. A monetary award is given at a special ceremony and the recipient's name is recorded on a

plaque which is hung in the hospital. The recipient of the award exemplifies the "heart of nursing," by consistently demonstrating compassion, care and understanding of a patient and family during the course of his or her illness. Jennifer demonstrates a true dedication to the nursing profession and has promoted the image of a professional nurse. Currently she is a staff nurse in the Department of Emergency Medicine. Darla Weaver, vice president of patient services and cardiologist Mitchell M. Greenspan, MD are shown with the award recipient.

**Jan Hench**, owner of McCoolle's Red Lion Inn in Quakertown, is this year's recipient of the Entrepreneurial Woman of the Year Award. This annual award, presented by The Women's Business Forum of Bucks County, honors a woman who has had a significant impact on other women business owners by inspiring them to reach for and achieve greater success in their business. Her positive contribution to others reflects the mission of the Women's Business Form, which is to provide support, mentoring and inspiration to women entrepreneurs. Jan is responsible for organizing Richland Township's Community Day and was voted Volunteer of the Year in 2004. She was also responsible for decorating the Christmas Houses for the Quakertown Historical Society and helped in the Upper Bucks Day of the Arts. She also participated in creating the Tranquilla Wellness Center. An article and photo appears in the *Bucks-Lehigh Magazine* July/August issue.

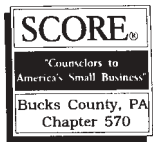
**Lu Mauro, Director of Penn Foundation's Wellspring Clubhouse**, a rehabilitation program for adults with mental illness, was recently recognized by both the National Alliance for the Mentally III – Bucks County Chapter (NAMI) and the Pennsylvania Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (PAPSRS) for her 24 years of dedicated service to the mental health field. Mauro received the Distinguished Practitioner Award from PAPSRS in recognition of her commitment to the principles and ethics of psychiatric rehabilitation. NAMI of Bucks County presented Mauro with a **Community Leadership Award** to recognize her 14 years of dedicated service to Wellspring Clubhouse and for helping so many individuals live in recovery through the clubhouse model. NAMI is a nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support, and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with severe mental illnesses. Mauro has spent 20 years practicing the clubhouse model. She became Director of Penn Foundation's Wellspring Clubhouse when it opened in 1994.



The honorees for the thirteenth annual Bucks County Salute to Women of Achievement awards breakfast were announced at a reception in Chalfont. The 2008 Honorees are as follows: **Gail Eister**, of

FirstService Bank a division of National Penn Bank, is the Fox Rothschild LLP Business Honoree; **Mira Nakashima-Yarnall**, of George Nakashima Woodworker SA, is the honoree in the field of Arts & Education; **Lynn Martinsen**, of the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership, in the field of Health; **Barbara Clark**, of NOVA, in the field of Public Service; **Beverly M. Miller**, of Stepping Up and Out Inc, is the Doylestown Hospital Volunteerism honoree. The thirteenth annual Bucks County Salute to Women of Achievement awards breakfast and auction will be held on Wednesday, October 15, at Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland. Presenting Sponsors for this event are Doylestown Hospital and Fox Rothschild, LLP. Supporting Sponsors include Abington Bank and FirstService Bank. Contact Robert Smoose at the March of Dimes, 610-945-6050, for additional information.

Anthony J. Bellitto, Jr., P.E., Executive Director for the North Penn Water Authority, presented service awards at the Authority's Spring breakfast meeting to the following employees: **Dale Reichenbach**, 35 years of service; **Francis Kent**, 25 years of service; **Margaret Olender** and **Mark Wensel**, 1 year of service. **Mr. Bellitto** was presented with a service award for 10 years of service. It is because of the employees' commitment that the authority can fulfill their mission critical goal of providing a safe, reliable and economical water supply to customers.



Bucks County **SCORE (Service Corps Of Retired Executives)** hit a major plateau in June by providing its 11,000<sup>th</sup> free and confidential counseling session to budding entrepreneurs and other small business owners in the area. SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, has earned the name of "Counselors to Americas Small Business" with more than 10,000 volunteer counselors across the Country. The Bucks County Chapter, with more than 50 volunteers, was established in 1988 and has offices in Fairless Hills, Perkasio, and Doylestown. They can be reached at 215-943-8850 or at [www.score570.org](http://www.score570.org)

**QNB Bank** recently completed a "Go Orange" campaign to help our neighbors. Beginning May 14, to benefit local food banks, QNB customers received a free orange QNB reusable, recycled cloth bag in exchange for their donations of non-perishable food items, paper and personal hygiene products. The collected items were donated to the Quakertown Food Pantry, Pennridge FISH and the Open Line.



The **Samuel Pierce Branch of Bucks County Free Library** has received a grant from **First Savings Community Foundation** to support their youth summer reading programs. The \$650 gift from the First Savings Foundation will be used to support the 'Catch the Reading Bug' summer

program. In July and August, children ages 3 through teen can attend a wide variety of free programs such as magicians and musical performers. For a complete listing of all summer activities, visit the Pierce Branch Library, look online at [www.buckslib.org](http://www.buckslib.org), or call 215-257-9718. The library is located at 491 Arthur Avenue next to the MenLo Aquatic Center in Perkasio. Photo left to right: Beth Anderson, Library Branch Manager; Edana Hoy, Youth Services Librarian, Fred Schea, President and CEO of First Savings Bank, and Dawn Baum, Reference Assistance Outreach Coordinator.

## COMING EVENTS



The Sellersville Theater **announces its** Children's Theater Summer Lineup. This summer's lineup includes Disney's *Mulan Junior*, *Rugrats—A Live Adventure*, *Bridge to Terabithia*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *That's What Kids Do*, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast Junior*, *Sleeping Beauty*, and Disney's *The Aristocats Kids*. Weekday shows for children/families run through July and August. Tickets are \$8 with group discounts available. Be sure to visit the web site at [www.st94.com](http://www.st94.com) for more information and a complete listing of shows.

The Sellersville Historical and Achievement Authority announces that the **Sellersville Museum** will be open Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13 hosting a special exhibit entitled: "Covered Bridges." The exhibit will be courtesy of members of the Bucks County Covered Bridge Society. The Museum will also be opened August 9 and 10 and feature an exhibit on Elvis Presley. The Museum will be open from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM each day. As always, admission is free. The Sellersville Museum is handicap accessible. The Museum is located next to the Sellersville Borough Office at 120 East Church Street, Sellersville. Call (215) 257-5253 for more information.



The Perkasio Park and Recreation Board will once again sponsor the **Summer Concert Series**. Free concerts will be held each Tuesday evening from July 1 through July 29 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in MenLo Park, Fifth Street & Park Avenue, Perkasio. In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be moved to the Fire Department, 100 N. Fifth Street, Perkasio. July 8 will feature "Dan & Galla's Musical Show"; July 15 "Sounds of Swing"; July 22 "The Mango Men"; July 29 "Mike Guldin and Rollin & Tumblin."

**Gallery of the Arts** will be held in downtown Sellersville, on Sunday, September 21, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Again this year the event will be combined with Sellersville's annual Family Fest, a family oriented afternoon of food, fun and music sponsored by the Sellersville Days Committee. They are planning a family day of the arts including professional artists, crafts, live music, kid's tent, kid's crafts and music, and great food.



Perkasio Olde Towne, with the help of The Goodtime Motorvators, is sponsoring their Annual "**Under the Stars**" antique-custom car show on Saturday, August 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m. (Rain date is Sunday, August 17 at 1 p.m.) Enjoy an evening stroll in Historic Downtown Perkasio with over 300 antique, classic and custom cars on display. Trophies, prizes, music and food will abound. Don't forget to stop in the many unique shops in downtown Perkasio, many of which will be offering specials and staying open later for your convenience. For more information call Perkasio Olde Towne at 215-257-4989.

**Perkasio Mennonite Church** will be hosting Free Friday Family Films. Bring your own lawn chair, blankets and your entire family, to view films out under the stars on a 30' screen. Films begin at dusk. Donations of school supplies will also be collected prior to the film showing. June 27: *Evan Almighty*; August 1: *Alvin and the Chipmunks*; September 5: *Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium*. Take a look at [www.perkmenno.org](http://www.perkmenno.org) for more information about this and other events coming up at Perkasio Mennonite Church.



**Lansdale Bike Night 2008**, presented by Lansdale Bike Night Committee and Blue Comet MC will be held on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Main Street in Lansdale. Lansdale Bike Night is the LARGEST one night event on the East Coast!

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## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



Kevin Bennett



John Ceschan



John Buell

Moyer Indoor Outdoor announces the recent addition of **Kevin Bennett** as Account Specialist of Moyer Indoor Outdoor Pool & Spa Care and Heating Fuels, **John Ceschan** as Sales Representative of Moyer Commercial Pest Control, and **John Buell**, an award-winning salesman. Kevin currently resides in Lansdale and seeks to use honesty, integrity and his ability to listen well to meet the needs of his customers. John Ceschan brings with him ten years of sales experience and two years of branch managing experience in pest control. John Buell is a sales representative who brings with him over twelve years of sales experience and a strong dedication to serving his customers.

RE/MAX 440 is pleased to announce that **Susan Grasso** is now affiliated with their Perkasie office located at 701 W. Market St. Susan was formerly with the Keller Williams' Perkasie Office and now joins RE/MAX 440. Susan belongs to the Bucks County Board of Realtors, and she has been a real estate agent for eight years. Susan has lived in Bucks County for 35 years and currently resides in Sellersville.





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### ***Progress Through Community Service***



### **Coming Events**

July 31	PACC, Bucks County Community College Upper County Campus 7:30 p.m.
August 22	Deadline for Award Nominations
September 1	Labor Day Holiday-Chamber Closed
September 2	Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m.
September 9	Leadership Bucks . . . Upper County Orientation
?September 16	Leadership Bucks . . . Upper County Session 1
September 25	Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m.
September 25	PACC, Bucks County Community College Upper County Campus 7:30 p.m.
September 27	Autumn Gala, Indian Valley Country Club 6:00 p.m.

#### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"You don't need to spend a lot of money to have a vacation....enjoy the simple things in life."

*Catherine Pulsifer*

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