



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! PENNRIDGE COMMUNITY DAY 2008

Kudos to the volunteers who represented and served the Chamber at the Pennridge Community Day celebration at Lake Lenape Park by judging and tallying the results of the Baby Parade. On an overcast day in the park, the Pennridge Community was blessed with many, many volunteer organizations who worked together to help make this a wonderful event for all of us. Hundreds of people joined in the celebration and took part in the events that were offered. The Pennridge Chamber took responsibility for the baby parade and had a fun time trying to pick winners in the different categories!



Our wonderful judges!



This cutie was dressed to the Tee

Our Master of Ceremonies was Rep. Paul Clymer, who did a terrific job in moving the parade along and making everyone feel welcome. A line awaited the arrival of the Chamber staff, who worked diligently to register and prepare certificates for 34 babies. We are very grateful for our judges, Marty and Jim Steeley of Betty Meier Steeley Funeral Home, Cheryl Soliday of Daniel L. Soliday, CPA, CVA, and Tom Skiffington of RE/MAX 440 Realty. These volunteers had the difficult job of scoring each baby numerically in six unique categories. The numerical scores were then given to the tabulators who came up with the winners using the fairest way possible. Dan Soliday of Daniel L. Soliday, CPA, CVA, and staff member Donna Drexler handled the tabulating of scores. After scrutinizing the results, a first place, second place, and third place winner in each of the categories was determined and ribbons were presented to all of the proud winners.

We give **our** special thanks to all who gave of their time to help make Community Day possible. The Chamber is made up of volunteers and exists because of the dedication and hard work of many people who give of themselves for others.



Chase Zandier, of Perkasio, won the 1st Place Ribbon for the cutest legs.



Ellie Keesler, of Sellersville, took home a 1st Place Ribbon in the Cheekiest Cheeks category.



The whole family, dogs included, supported Jessica Warrick, of Perkasio, and helped in winning the 1st Place Ribbon in the Best Decorated/Most Patriotic category.

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## Congratulations to our Members who were named in the 2008 Reader's Choice Awards

For the seventh year, readers of the Perkasie News Herald and the Souderton Independent voted for their favorites in many, many business categories. Ballots were submitted online as well as on paper. To all of the winners and business owners, we want to give you our congratulations. It is a tribute to you that your customers went out of the way to vote for you.

We are proud of the following members who were winners this year:

### **Costume Jewelry**

One of the Best—Frox

### **Kid's Furniture/Toy Shop**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Three Wishes

### **Thrift Shop**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Pierce Library Thrift Shop

### **Thrift/Furniture**

One of the Best—Lutheran Community at Telford

### **Veterinary/Pet Groomer**

One of the Best—Rockhill Veterinary Associates

### **Commercial Bank**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Harleysville National Bank  
One of the Best—Univest

### **Estate Planner/Financial Advisor**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Harleysville National Bank  
One of the Best—Millenium Wealth Management

### **Friendliest Bank/Mortgage Company/ Tap MAC/Community Bank**

One of the Best—Harleysville National Bank

### **Investment Broker**

One of the Best—Millenium Wealth Management

### **Accountant**

One of the Best—Dan Soliday, CPA

### **Hospital**

One of the Best—Doylestown Hospital

### **Home Health Care**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Grand View Hospital

### **General Physician**

One of the Best—Tri-Valley Primary Care

### **Foreign Car Dealer/Domestic Car Dealer/Service/ Domestic&Foreign**

One of the Best—A&T Chevrolet

### **Motorcycle Dealer**

One of the Best—Dean's Harley-Davidson

### **Best Menu/Buffer/Banquet Facility/ Casual Dining/Catering/Pub/Bar/Take-Out Lunch/Places to Meet People**

One of the Best—Revivals

### **Business Lunch/Wings/Ribs**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Revivals

### **Fine Dining**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—The Washington House

### **Grocery Store/Deli/Salad Eatery**

One of the Best—Landis Supermarket

### **Pub/Bar**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Naceville Hotel

### **Seafood Dining**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Revivals  
One of the Best—Naceville Hotel

### **Family Dining**

One of the Best—Naceville Hotel

### **Music/Entertainment**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Sellersville Theater

### **Roofer**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Pennridge Roofing

### **Mower Store**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Detlan Equipment

### **Facial**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Artistic Trends

### **Nail Salon**

One of the Best—Artistic Trends

### **Promotional Materials**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Ayers

### **Pre School/Day Care**

One of the Best—All My Children Learning Center

### **Dry Cleaners**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—McCormick Brothers

### **Real Estate**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Keller Williams  
One of the Best—RE/MAX 440

### **Adult/Assisted Living**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Lutheran Community at Telford

### **Retirement Community**

One of the Best—Lutheran Community at Telford

### **Cell Provider/Cell Retailer**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Verizon

### **Bus Tours**

One of the Best—Perkiomen Tours

### **Country Club/Golf Course**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Indian Valley Country Club

### **Local Event**

One of the Best—Pennridge HS Musical

### **Live Theatre**

One of the Best—Sellersville Theatre

### **Funeral Home**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Sadler-Seuss Funeral Home

### **Carpenter/Designer/Builder**

1<sup>st</sup> Place—Richard Henofer

### **Masonry Supplies**

One of the Best—Moyer & Son

## PFEW Event Held at Lycoming College



John Trombetta, President and CEO of PFEW hosted the awards banquet. Chamber Executive Director Betty Graver judged and then announced the winners in the Advertising and Marketing competition.



Students gathered for the awards banquet at the end of this week-long event. Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week attracts over 400 students from across Pennsylvania, in each of the four weeks the event is held, who then participate in business simulation activities throughout each week.



The following companies and individuals have 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.

**Ronald R. Bolig, Esquire**, 5 Temple Avenue, Sellersville, PA 18960, phone: 215-257-1188. Ron is an attorney in the Lechowicz Law Office in downtown Sellersville. He has been with the firm for over 25 years. In this small, general practice office Ron

specializes in elder law, business planning, estate planning and administration, real estate, and divorce. The practice has a second office in Telford and services local businesses and individuals.

**David James Custom Builders**, David James and Marie Lee, P.O. Box 50, Perkasio, PA 18944, phone: 267-718-8694. This small business is a general contracting firm that specializes in home remodeling. If you need custom carpentry done by professionals, why not give them a call today?

**V Industrial Corporation**, Matthew B. Volovnik, 1624 Three Mile Run Road, Perkasio, PA 18944, phone: 267-446-7573. This corporation installs and services factory equipment. If you have need for industrial services, be sure to contact Matt.



## AUTUMN GALA 2008 "An Evening of Elegance" Celebrating 45 Years of Excellence

The Chamber's largest social event of the year is almost here. The Pennridge Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its annual Charter Night/Autumn Gala, for Saturday, **September 27, 2008** at the Indian Valley Country Club. This "Evening of Elegance" is an annual event for our members to share the evening with friends and fellow members, while also honoring those chosen from the community as award recipients. Many deserving individuals and businesses have been nominated, and the winners of these prestigious awards will be announced in the near future.

Along with the awards ceremony, a delicious meal, served in an atmosphere of soft music, superb surroundings, and fine company, will be served. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. The cost remains the same at \$45.00 per person, which also includes music after dinner and the ceremony. Choices for dinner include Breast of Chicken with Shallots, Mushrooms and a Marsala Demi Glace or Mesquite Grilled Salmon with Dill Sauce. Reservations are due by September 19.

Every member should have received a letter explaining our corporate sponsorship request. This grand event is a tremendous undertaking and we depend on you, as members, to make this a success. Please remember to support the Chamber in this Charter Night event by returning your corporate sponsorship pledge and your reservations for this spectacular event as soon as possible. The names of corporate sponsors will be prominently displayed at the event and in the program for the evening. Members can also help to make this night a success by contributing door prizes. Suggestions include: gift certificates to local stores, restaurants or services, sample items of your product or service, gift baskets, etc. Your commitment/contribution is needed by September 5 to allow time for printing.

We ask your participation to help make this a memorable year for our award recipients. Please set aside Saturday, September 27 to pay tribute to our deserving award recipients who, with the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce, are striving to make the Pennridge community a better place to live, work and do business. We hope that many of our faithful members will show their devotion to the Chamber and the community by attending this year's "Evening of Elegance."



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# Chamber Executive Director Betty Graver Chosen as Pennridge Citizen of the Year for 2008

On July 6, 2008 at the opening ceremony of Pennridge Community Day, Pennridge Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Betty Graver was presented with the award for Pennridge Citizen of the Year 2008. Community Day coordinator Tom Skiffington, along with Jim Steeley, Rep. Paul Clymer, and Bucks County Commissioner Jim Cawley lauded Graver for her exceptional service to the Pennridge Community.

Graver has spent most of her adult life in the Pennridge area with her husband, Ron. When her three children were in school, Graver was an active room mother and home and

school officer. Along with being a local Girl Scout troop leader, her more than 20 year involvement with the Girl Scouts included being a Girls Scouts of Freedom Valley board member.

In addition to her Chamber of Commerce job, Graver has also been involved in other community groups or projects, said Hugh Niles, a Sellersville resident, chairman of the committee that picks the Pennridge Citizen of the Year, and a retired Pennsylvania National Guard brigadier general. "She was very instrumental working with the families when the Sellersville National Guard, part of the 228th Forward Support Battalion, went to Iraq from mid-2005 to mid-2006. She spent a lot of time on that," Niles said.

Graver stated, "My strength and character come from the way I was raised. My dad (an NBC television executive) was a self-made man. I pretty much have done the same thing he did." After her father's death in California, Graver's mother moved to Sellersville, where mother and daughter joined the Sellersville Fire Company Auxiliary. More than 20 years later, Betty is still a member of the group, and her mother remained a member until her death more than a year ago at age 90.

Additionally, Graver has served on the Board of Trustees for Bucks County Community College and was instrumental in establishing the Upper Bucks campus of the college. She was recently appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees for the coming year, and will oversee the planned expansion to this campus.



Rep. Paul Clymer, Betty Graver, Commissioner Jim Cawley



## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Doylestown Hospital is pleased to welcome the following physicians: **Charles Fasano, D.O.** has joined the Department of Emergency Medicine in association with Doylestown

Emergency Associates; **Ninad Sthalekar, M.D.** has joined the Department of Medicine/Physical Medicine & Rehab/Pain Management in association with Mackell/Cody/Burrows Orthopedics, Doylestown; **Andrew Rudnick, M.D.** has joined the Department of Medicine/Cardiology in association with Hunterdon Cardiovascular Associates; **Varun Saxena, M.D.** has also joined the Department of Medicine/Cardiology.



Mary Anne Gill



Karen Kemmerer



Fini Alegre



Barbara Graser

RE/MAX 440 is pleased to announce that **Mary Anne Gill**, **Karen Kemmerer**, **Fini Alegre**, and **Barbara Graser** are now affiliated with their Perkasio office located at 701 W. Market St., Perkasio. Mary Anne has been a real estate agent for 20 years. Karen has been a real estate agent for 10 years and carries a designation of ABR. Fini previously was employed in the Social Service Field and was the Administrator for Montgomery County Head Start. Barbara has been a real estate agent for seven years.

Psychiatrist **Christopher Squillaro, D.O.** has joined the staff of Penn Foundation. He will provide psychiatric assessments and medication management for the outpatient mental health department as well as evaluations, consultations, admissions, and medication management for the emergency department at Grand View Hospital.



Doylestown Hospital has announced the appointment of **Carolyn Della-Rodolfa** as Chairman of the Boards of the V.I.A. Health System, which includes Doylestown Hospital, Doylestown Health Foundation, and V.I.A. Affiliates.

**Jason Hiestand** has joined First Savings Bank of Perkasio as Controller. As controller he will oversee the internal controls of financial reporting and the accuracy of financial data. He is a CPA in PA and a member of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



Moyer Indoor Outdoor announces the recent addition of **John Buell**, award-winning salesman, to the company. John is a Sales Representative for Lawn Care, Tree & Shrub Care, Lawn & Garden Irrigation, and Landscape Lighting.

In addition, **Rudy Rudolf** will be filling the position of Lawn Care Service Manager. Rudolf brings with him thirty plus years of working in the "Green Industry" as a lawn care specialist.



## BUSINESS NEWS

The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA®) announces the election of **Frederick E. Schea, CMA®, CFM®, CPA** as Board of Directors Chair for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Through June 30, 2009, Schea will serve as senior volunteer leader for the organization's worldwide network of nearly 60,000 accounting and finance professionals. With a career of more than 35 years as a senior finance executive, Schea is currently President and CEO of First Savings Bank of Perkasio.



**Executive Promotions & Geiger** announces their Annual Holiday Showcase, Wednesday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at Franconia Heritage Banquet & Conference Center, 508 Harleysville Pike, Franconia. Don't miss this opportunity to see thousands of holiday gifts and business promotion ideas! There is no admittance fee—bring your business card. To register visit [www.GeigerPromosPA.com](http://www.GeigerPromosPA.com).

**Habitat for Humanity** has moved its Bucks County offices. The address is now: Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County; 31 Oak Avenue, Suite 100, Chalfont, PA 18914; (phone) 215-822-2812, (fax) 215-822-6086. As always, their web address is [www.habitatbucks.org](http://www.habitatbucks.org). The new facility provides updated office space, much-needed warehouse space and the room to open a ReStore operation ([www.habitatbucks.org/restore.asp](http://www.habitatbucks.org/restore.asp)). Based on the affiliate's successful ReSale events, the ReStore will be open to the public and sell donated, new and gently used construction materials and home furnishings. For more information about Habitat Bucks, please call 215-822-2812.

**Moyer Indoor Outdoor** and Copesan, an international company devoted to serving the pest management needs of the commercial, national account market, have partnered to provide many of our surrounding area national chain restaurants, retail stores and food processing plants with quality pest management. The partnership helps to provide local commercial customers with a local service provider while maintaining consistency at all locations throughout North America. The synergies and best-practices sharing of the Copesan organization allows Moyer Indoor Outdoor to become more effective and provide better service for all customers.



D.M. Takes, President and CEO of **Harleysville National Bank (HNB)**, has announced that the renovations to the bank's Marketplace office, 1551 Valley Forge Rd., Lansdale, are complete. The new office includes additional square footage, three new customer

service representative offices, an enlarged safety deposit box room and a modernized interior decor. *Photo- (right to left) Louis Spinelli, Executive Vice President of Retail Delivery, HNB; Deb Takes, President and CEO, HNB; Jane Murray, Township Tax Collector, Upper Gwynedd Township; Matt Lowery, Vice President and Branch Manager, Marketplace Office, HNB; Heather Slifer, Assistant Manager, Marketplace Office, HNB; R. Michael Owens, President and CEO, North Penn Chamber of Commerce; Evan Hand, Senior Vice President and Regional Retail Manager, HNB. All took part in the bank's June 24 VIP ribbon cutting event.*

## KUDOS



Employees of **First Savings Bank of Perkasio** recently participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk held in Lenape Park in Sellersville. Eleven employees took part in the 5.6 mile trek and were able to raise over \$1,400 in pledges and donations

to help eradicate MS. As part of the employee matching funds program, First Savings Community Foundation also contributed \$1,000 to the cause bringing the total amount collected to \$2,437.60. Todd Hurley, Chief Operating Officer of First Savings, representing the Foundation and Team Captain Diana Schaffer, right, presented the check to MS Development Manager Amy Peters.

The new book by Ivan Jurin "**Perkasio**" is now available. This book is a collection of historic pictures of Perkasio and a must have for any Perkasio and/or Pennridge area resident. It can be purchased at the online bookstores such as Arcadia Publishing and Amazon.com. Or it can be purchased locally at Treasure Trove Antiques, Arch St. Deli, Kuhn's Corner Books and Countryside Cards and Gifts. You can also get the book by calling Ivan at: (215) 249-9187 or email him at: [ijurin@hotmail.com](mailto:ijurin@hotmail.com). The *Scenic Bucks County* website, [www.scenicbuckscounty.com](http://www.scenicbuckscounty.com), is proud to have worked with Ivan Jurin to produce the "**Perkasio Then and Now**" web page in the Perkasio section of *Scenic Bucks County*. This page shows the old pictures of Perkasio compared to today. You can go there directly at: <http://scenicbuckscounty.com/Perkasio/PerkasioThenAndNow.html>.

**Alina Kiljanski, RN, FNE**, a Doylestown Hospital nurse who works in the Emergency Department as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, has been awarded the International Association of Forensic Nurses Achievement Award. The award recognizes individuals for significant contributions made in the advancement of the scientific practice of Forensic Nursing through research and publications. Alina, who has worked at Doylestown Hospital for 17 years as an Emergency Department nurse, is one of four Forensic Nurse Examiners.

At the CleanMed2008, global conference for environmental leaders in health care, **Doylestown Hospital** was recognized for eliminating the use of mercury with the "Making Medicine Mercury-Free Award." The award was part of the Practice Greenhealth Environmental Excellent Awards, and recognizes facilities that have virtually eliminated mercury from their facilities and have demonstrated a commitment to continue to be mercury-free. Award criteria include mercury-free management and purchasing policies and recycling programs. In 2007, Doylestown Hospital also became part of a group of Delaware Valley Healthcare Council member hospitals that work together on a "Green Hospital" pilot project. The project goals are to save money, reduce waste stream and enhance environmental practices.



Grand View Hospital presented **Larry Handy** of Perkasio with the LOVE (Life of Volunteer Excellence) award. Larry has been a volunteer for seven years and contributed over 1100 hours facilitating employee orientations for Human Resources. Employee orientations are held every other week and as a "facilitator" Larry helps with presentations, offering a few jokes or stories to break up the tedium and takes the orientees on a brief hospital tour.

Through it all he maintains a good sense of humor and respect for all.

## COMING EVENTS



The Uninvest Grand Prix, which has won international acclaim as a grueling bicycle race that showcases the best rising stars in the sport, returns to Souderton and Doylestown in 2008 with a world-class line-up of 180 racers. The Uninvest Grand Prix features a tough 101-mile road race on Saturday, Sept. 6 that winds its way through the rolling countryside of Bucks and Montgomery counties before the uphill finish in Souderton. Racing continues with a fast, tactical criterium race on Sunday, Sept. 7 in Doylestown. The Souderton race will be televised live by WFMZ Channel 69. Both days of racing will be broadcast live on WNPV Info-Radio. During the professional race on Saturday, spectators in Souderton can enjoy a Family Fun Zone from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Uninvest Plaza. For more information, visit [www.uninvest.net](http://www.uninvest.net).



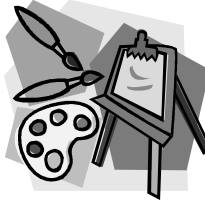
November 7 is the date for the sixth annual **Circle of Life Auction**, which benefits **Doylestown Hospital's Cancer Center and Hospice Program**. The fundraiser will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Doylestown Country Club. The Circle of Life Auction is Doylestown Hospital's largest annual fundraising event.

The evening features a live and silent auction and a raffle drawing for a new BMW 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. 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.

Perkasie's Annual **Fall Festival** will be held Sunday, October 5 in Menlo Park from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The Perkasie Borough Park and Recreation Advisory Board has arranged for events and attractions sure to please the entire family. Featured will be crafts, family entertainment, children's activities and rides, refreshments, educational programs, demonstrations and workshops. All applications and pre-registration for the scarecrow and pumpkin carving contests and for crafters are handled through the Perkasie Borough Office at 215-257-5065. The Perkasie Carrousel will also be in operation.

Discover the legacy of the first American woman to receive the Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes for literature. Learn about the life of author, activist, and humanitarian **Pearl S. Buck** by visiting the 68 acre estate, with beautiful gardens, greenhouses, cottage, milk house, and renovated barn.. Upcoming special exhibits and events include: September 2 to November 3: Exhibit of the Literary

Collection of Pearl S. Buck and Richard Walsh; November 4-December 31: Festival of Trees Holiday House Tours; 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Tuesday, December 16: Annual Members' Event and Candlelight Tour of the Pearl S. Buck House. Be sure to visit the web site [www.pearlsbuck.org](http://www.pearlsbuck.org) for more information.



Discover Dublin is hard at work planning the third ever **Dublin Arts Festival** for Sunday, September 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This festival features artisans and crafters displaying and selling their wares, food, children's crafts and great music. Volunteers are needed to help with parking, crafter registration and crowd control. For more information contact April Donahue at [adonahue@qnb.com](mailto:adonahue@qnb.com) or 215-538-5600, ext. 5860.

The **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Gallery of the Arts** will be held in downtown Sellersville, on Sunday, September 21, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. The Gallery will feature over 75 artists and crafters. Main Street will be closed from Temple Ave. to Elm Street for the crafters and artists to display their work. Music will fill the air at the Walnut Street Corner Park featuring the Quakertown Band beginning at 12:30 p.m. There will also be craft and art activities, storytelling, face painting and much more. New this year is a special exhibit by the BCCC Art Mobile and walking tours through the historical district. For more information, visit the website at [www.galleryofthearts.org](http://www.galleryofthearts.org) or call Doug Smith at 215-453-1954.

Get a jump on your holiday shopping and decorating by visiting the annual **Ridge Crest Christmas Shop Bazaar** on Thursday, October 2 from 2 p.m.-6 p.m., Friday, October 3 from 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at First Savings Bank, 1129 N. Fifth Street in Perkasie. Enjoy homemade holiday crafts and raffles. A special raffle will be held for a game ball autographed by Jamie Moyer. All proceeds benefit LifePath's Ridge Crest Intensive Care Pediatric Facility in Sellersville.

The **Perkasie Lions Club** will hold their Annual Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, September 7 at Perkasie Borough Park (Menlo Park), 5<sup>th</sup> Street & Park Ave. Adult tickets for the complete dinner are \$9.00 and children's are \$5.00 if purchased in advance, while tickets purchased the day of the event are 50 cents additional. Tickets can be purchased from any Perkasie Lions Club member, Contemporary Garden Supply, or at the Perkasie locations of First Savings Bank and First Savings Insurance. Held rain or shine, serving times are from noon until 3:00 p.m. (or until sold out) and take-out dinners are also available. All proceeds from the barbeque help the Lions help those less fortunate.



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

more information: Bike Show Registration: Mark Flicker 610-324-4309 or Rick "Snuffy" Smith 215-738-2705 Vendors : call Jeanne Zummo at 610-631-1157 or Barb Reigel at 267-767-4537 or register online <http://www.bluecometmc.com/main.htm>. Raffle tickets with a chance to win a 2009 Harley Davidson can be picked up from Dave Beck at The Weimer Group or any other Blue Comet member .

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101 Quakertown Ave., Pennsburg      (215) 679-9797

4092 Skippack Pike, Skippack      (610) 584-1160  
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Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist from Norwell, Mass., with \$21 of their own money. Since then, the registered 501c3 non-profit organization has raised almost \$1 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas. Through increased fundraising efforts, the Bergquist family hopes to raise more than \$9 million in the next five years to fund new programs, such as providing video phones and prepaid service to allow soldiers abroad to see their families on a regular basis.

The collected phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad. Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in over 40 countries around the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled. For more information, please visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com).



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### **Coming Events**

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| 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, Bucks County Community College UCC, 8:30 a.m. |
| September 16 | Leadership Bucks . . . Upper County Session, Bucks County Community College UCC, 8:00 a.m.     |
| September 17 | Membership Committee Meeting, Chamber 9:00 a.m.  |
| September 21 | 40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gallery of the Arts, Main Street, Sellersville 12 noon -5:00 p.m.      |
| September 25 | Government Affairs Committee Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m.  |
| September 25 | PACC, Bucks County Community College UCC 7:30 p.m.   |
| September 27 | Autumn Gala, Indian Valley Country Club 6:00 p.m.  |
| October 7    | Board of Directors Meeting, Chamber 7:30 a.m.  |

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

*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."*

JOHN DEWEY

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