



Business UPDATE

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June/July 2009



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Dear Friends,

How blessed I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard! As a number of you already know, I have recently accepted a position with another company and will be leaving on July 2, 2009.

Thank you for the support you have provided me during my time at the Chamber. I have enjoyed the past ten years and I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to work with you. I believe so much in the Chamber and the opportunities its provides local business and the Perkiomen Valley community.

I am truly leaving here with mixed feelings; happy about my new career opportunity but sad to be leaving such a great organization where I have so many wonderful friends and colleagues. I will always treasure the time I have had as a member of the Perkiomen Valley Chamber team. I learned a great deal and worked with many people with whom I am sure I will remain friends for a long time. I can only wish that my new job will give me such rewarding experiences and supportive friends.

My very best wishes for the future go out to you. Please keep in touch. If there is ever anything I can do for you, contact me at AmyPurcell@dejazzd.com.

Yours sincerely,

Amy
Amy Purcell



A search committee will be reviewing applications for this part-time position. Deadline for submission is July 20th. Please forward your resume to info@pvchamber.net.

Business Luncheon
New Date: July 21st
11:30-1:00 p.m.
Sly Fox Brewing Co.
312 N. Lewis Road, Royersford



**"Build YOUR Business"
Network Luncheon**

11:30-12:00 p.m. Open Networking
 12:00-12:15 p.m. Lunch/Beer Presentation
 12:15-1:00 p.m. Individual Introductions/Transactions

Bring your flyers and promotional materials for the display table.
Be prepared for good food and great networking!

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Attendee: _____

April 23 Build Your Business - Network Luncheon
 The Sly Fox, 312 North Lewis Road, Royersford
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- \$2000 per person - Registration Expires by April 21
- \$2500 per person - At Door / New Member

"The Strategist" by Rhonda Deo Consultants LLC (18 minutes presentation)

May 21 Build Your Business - Network Luncheon
 The Sly Fox, 312 North Lewis Road, Royersford
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"New Market by" by Motivational Marketing (10 minutes presentation)

- \$2000 per person - Registration Expires by May 19
- \$2500 per person - At Door / New Member

July 21 Build Your Business - Network Luncheon
 The Sly Fox, 312 North Lewis Road, Royersford
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

"How to Keep your Business Safe" by Identity Theft Shield (10 minutes presentation)

- \$2000 per person - Registration Expires by July 20
- \$2500 per person - At Door / New Member

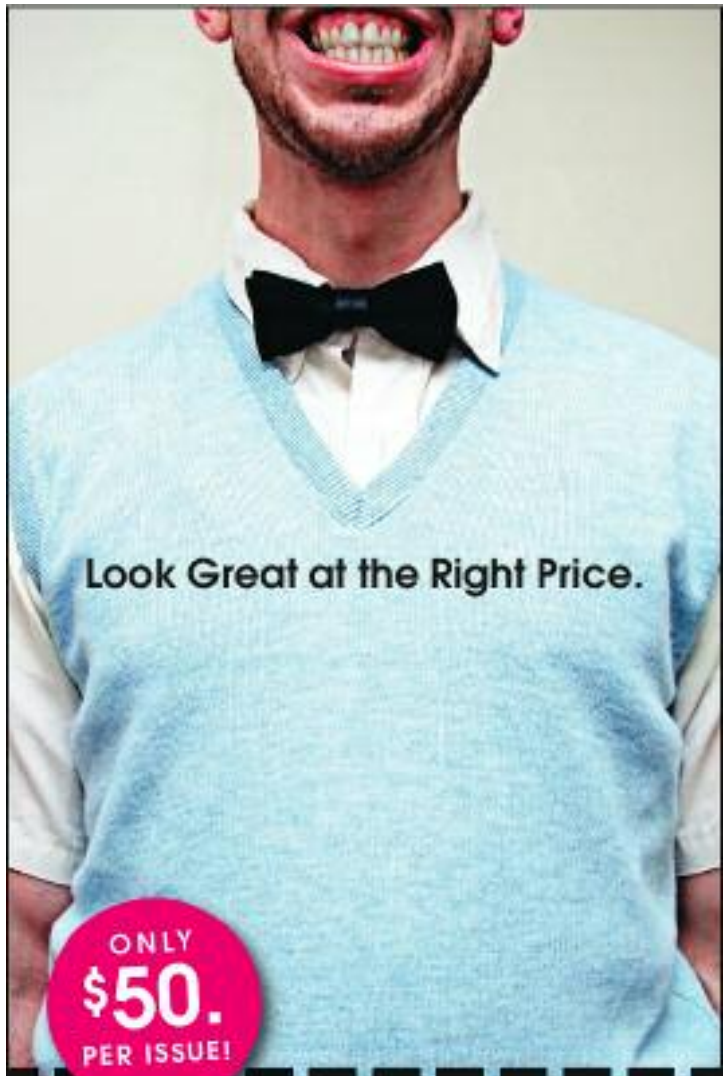
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Committee Chairman: Bruce Zetter, Motivational Marketing, www.motivmarketing.com
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First Place!

- 1st Place - Kelley & Souder Collision
- 2nd Place - Allstate Insurance - Penney
- 3rd Place - State Farm Insurance - Hoak
- 4th Place - Keyser Miller Ford - G. Keyser
- Long Drive Men & Putting Contest Winner - Andrew LaRosa
- Long Drive Women - Donna Kelly



Second Place!



Bill Penney, ALLSTATE INSURANCE, (center) thanks for another fantastic golf outing! We greatly appreciate your dedication to the chamber for 9 years as Chairman of the Golf Outing Committee. You have raised thousands of dollars in support of the Chamber's business programs.

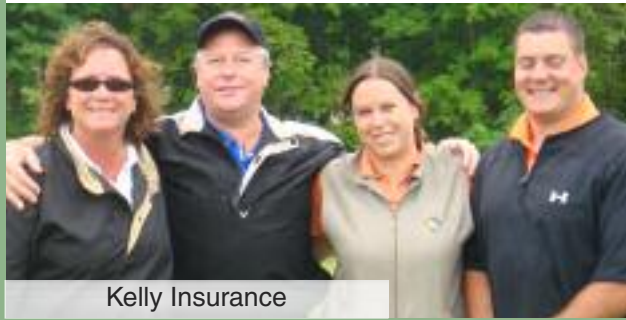
Members: Be sure to stop by Bill Penney's Allstate office located at 1 West Main Street, Trappe or call 610-409-9000. You can also email Bill at BPenney@allstate.com. We appreciate Bill's passion for golf!

Prizes ... Thanks to all!

- 1st place Extreme Gift Basket - Wells Fargo Advisor-Frederick
- 2nd place RiverCrest Golf Club & Preserve Foursome
- 3rd place Golf Foursome from Spring Ford Country Club
- 4th place Raven's Claw Golf Hats

Raffles:

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| Golf Twosome | Raven's Claw Golf Club |
| Golf Foursome | Raven's Claw Golf Club |
| Golf Foursome | Plymouth County Club |
| Odyssey Crimson Series Putter | Golf Committee |
| Fairway & Greene Golf Shirts (5) | Golf Committee |
| Raven's Claw Golf hats (4) | Golf Committee |
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| Banner Certificate | Signs By Tomorrow |
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| One Night Stay | Courtyard by Marriott |
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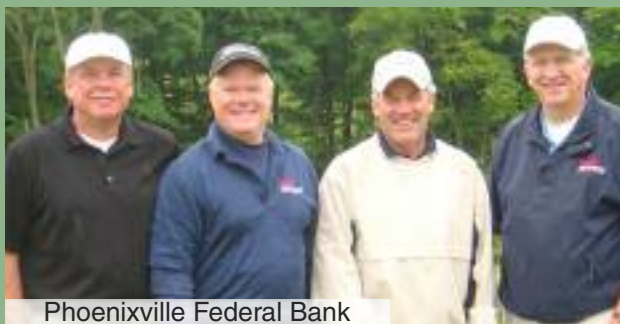
Putting Finalists & Golf Committee



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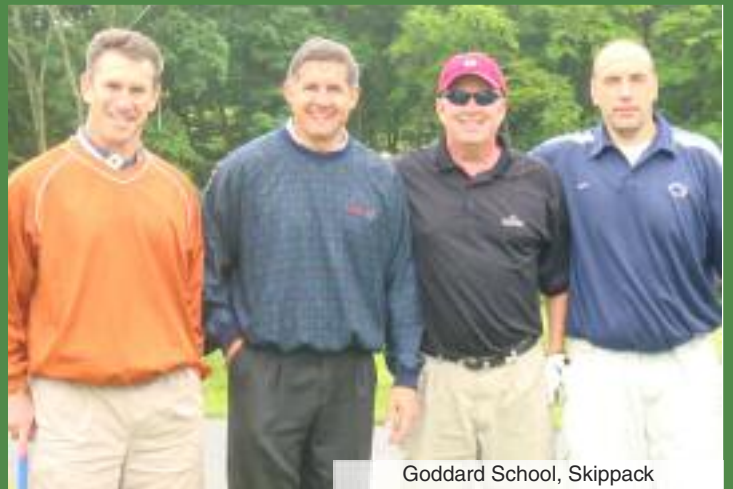


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Andrew LaRosa & Donna Kelly
Long Drive Winners



Phil White, Sign*A*Rama
7th Year Putting Contest Volunteer

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Brian Dubas, Meridian Bank
Brian Smith, Platinum Disc Jockeys
Erik Van Voorhees, Seamaster Cruises
Phil White, Sign*A*Rama
Marsha Poust, Signs By Tomorrow

GOLFER BAGS:

Sweet Ashley's - Chocolate Sample
The Trappe Tavern - Golf Outing on July 19th Info
Allstate Insurance - Penney cozies
Collegeville Financial Group, LLC - Golf Tees
Kelly Insurance Agency, LLC - Note pads
Meridian Bank - Pens
Rental World, Inc. - Note pads
Rita's Water Ice - Coupons
Sign-A-Rama - Chip clips
Signs By Tomorrow - Water

NOTE OF THANKS to Gene Carpino, Golf Pro at Raven's Claw for a great day! RAVEN'S CLAW GOLF CLUB is a premier golf and residential community in Limerick. Designed by Ed Shearon of Shearon Golf, the course is challenging with flowing streams, rolling hills and stunning views. Raven's Claw was ranked in the top 15 on Golfweek America's Best rankings for daily fee courses. Call to schedule your next day of golf - 610-495-4710. www.ravensclawgolfclub.com.



Member SPOTLIGHT

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Keyser Miller Ford is a family owned and operated dealership that has served the Collegeville community since 1956. Since the day our Grandfather opened the doors, we have always stood behind the products and services we sell. Through three generations of ownership we have been committed to doing business in an honest and straightforward way, we always have and we always will.

Our history is important to us - it provides us with the vision and the determination to do business the right way in good times and bad. That determination is even more important today. With the internet, imports, gas prices, and market swings, the business changes pretty fast. We have to be able to adjust quickly to our customers changing needs. Having a single location with a full line manufacturer like Ford has allowed us to meet the changing needs of the market. Ford's new products are fun and exciting with the highest quality standards in the market today.

Last year we delivered new and pre-owned car and trucks in ten states and three countries. From Canada to Florida customers searched the net and found the cars and trucks they were looking for at Keyser Miller. Our Pre-owned Department has more than doubled its sales over the last two years. We feature all makes and models of high quality pre-owned vehicles that we value price to sell quickly.

We back every vehicle we sell with a Service and Parts Department that can care for all your automotive needs. Service is about trust and you can trust us to fix your vehicle right, at the right price, the first time. Don't be alarmed when you pull into our service parking area. You're likely to see police cars, ambulances and rescue trucks from twenty miles surrounding our community. They all trust Keyser Miller to take care of their service needs. For over fifty years we have been delivering value and trust to our customers. Today, we hope you give us a chance to earn your business.

Greg and Ron Keyser



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DAVINCI'S PUB hosted the 2nd
Annual Outdoor Music Festival
and Business Expo in May.
Nine bands performed through-
out the day along with great food
and fun!

Residents were also able to
meet representatives from
M.C. WEEKS and RE/MAX
ACHIEVERS who set up infor-
mational tables at the event.

Davinci's Pub is located at
217 E. Main Street, Collegeville.
For more information contact
Frank Sautner at 610-831-1955
or visit www.davincispub.com.



Amy Purcell & Dave Duryea, Trappe Tavern

TRAPPE TAVERN MIXER MAY 28, 2009



Many thanks to Dave Duryea,
host at the recent Mixer at the
THE TRAPPE TAVERN and his
team for their hospitality!

Members gathered on the Trappe
Tavern's new covered deck from
2-4 p.m. for an afternoon of infor-
mal networking and conversation.
What a great place for lunch or
dinner or after a hectic day!

Visit The Trappe Tavern at
416 Main Street, Trappe.
www.trappetavern.com.



About Our MEMBERS

Thanks to Shelly Meenan, **THE TIMES HERALD**, on the featured Special Advertising Section: "Welcome to Collegeville & Trappe" in the June 23rd edition of the daily paper. The tabloid included featured Photos, Calendar of Events, Community Gatherings and businesses in Collegeville and Trappe. The inserts went to over 20,000 subscribers and newsstands for *The Times Herald* and *The Mercury* surrounding the Collegeville/Trappe area. Contact Joe Zummo, 610-272-3831 X263 or email jzummo@timesherald.com for information about the Fall edition. www.timesherald.com.

CENTURY 21 ALLIANCE recognized Billy-Jo Salkowski, with the Ruby level CENTURY 21 Master's Award, awarded to an agent who has met a specified level of sales production, or closed transaction sides, within a calendar year. (Contact Billy-Jo Salkowski at 610-948-2100). Steve Arditi, Collegeville office and Pat Webster and Terry Ayres of the Royersford office, were top producers nationwide and earned Emerald level CENTURY 21 Master's Award. (Pat Webster-610-948-2100). Ayres received the Silver award for the second highest listing and sales production (Terry Ayres-610-948-2100); Arditi also received the Bronze award for the third highest listings and sales production in the office. (Steve Arditi-610-489-2100). www.EveryHomeByEveryAgent.com.

BRUSTER'S REAL ICE CREAM at 241 W. Ridge Pike in Limerick is a family owned and operated business that opened in June 2006. A year later Dave and Sheelagh Straub added a patio and sand volleyball court, offering families a unique alternative for parties and events. So successful - a second Bruster's site has opened at the Village Shopping Center in Audubon on Egypt Road. This location also offers 160 flavors of ice cream. For corporate and community events, three mobile Bruster's ice cream carts are ready to go! Please call 610-489-8880 or send an email to brusterslimerick@verizon.net for information. www.brusters.com.

Linda Flederbach, Main Street Manager for the Collegeville Main Street Program of **CEDC** went to Harrisburg to support the Main Street and Elm Street programs. Senate Bill 850 is proposed to eliminate Main Street and Elm Street funding in the PA budget. Collegeville was accepted into the program in 2008. Funding provides façade grant money for property and business owners within the Main Street specified district to make improvements. For more information or to get involved in CEDC committees, please contact Linda Flederbach, at 610-454-1050 or e-mail manager@collegevilledevelopment.org.

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600 volunteers worked throughout the Perkiomen Creek's 362 sq. miles in celebration of Earth Day filling four 20-30 yard dumpsters. A record 275 tires were retrieved, power washed and recycled along with several tons of metal. The **PERKIOMEN WATERSHED CONSERVANCY** thanks volunteers for their efforts to protect the Perkiomen Creek. Join us on July 15, 18, 22, 25, 29 and/or August 5 & 8th as we work at Delmont Lake, currently being choked by an invasive aquatic plant called "European water chestnut." Contact Kelly Germann to register: kgermann@perkiomenwatershed.org or 610-287-9383. www.perkiomenwatershed.org.

EPPS ADVERTISING was nationally recognized with a Bronze Award in the 2009 Aster Awards Program. Epps was chosen from approximately 3,000 entries, and judged for layout and design, creativity, production quality and overall appeal. The winning entry was created for Pottstown Memorial Medical Center's Joint & Bone Health campaign. Deb Bennis, Director of Marketing and Communications at PMMC stated, "We have worked with Epps for over 15 years, their work is always right, on time and within budget." For more information, contact Shirley Epps at 610-489-6211. Post a comment on our blog at www.eppsadvertising.com, or reach us through Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter.

The orthodontic office of **DR. ADAM J. WEISS** and Dr. May O' Keefe hosted its Second Annual Patient Appreciation Day at Arnold's Family Fun Center in June for all patients and their families. For more information, call 610-409-9880.

All welcome to explore the Dewees Museum and the Henry Muhlenberg House on Sundays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. through 9/13. The **HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TRAPPE, COLLEGEVILLE, PERKIOMEN VALLEY** is featuring our Textile Exhibit at the Dewees Museum, a collection of 18th century quilts and fabrics. The Muhlenberg House, 201 W. Main St., has been restored to the period of 1776 when the Muhlenbergs resided there. Donations appreciated. www.trappehistoricalsociety.org.

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Friday, July 24, 2009 – 3:00 to 8:00 PM

Saturday, July 25, 2009 – 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

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SLED DOG DEMONSTRATIONS



The staff at the **SLY FOX BREWING COMPANY** welcomes members to the next **"Build YOUR Business" Network Luncheon** on Tuesday, July 21st. The Sly Fox, Restaurant & Microbrewery, is located at 312 N. Lewis Road, Royersford. www.slyfoxbeer.com BYB Lunch agenda is 11:30-noon - open networking, 12-12:15 p.m. lunch/Guest Presentation, on "How To Keep Your Business Safe" 12:15 -1:00 p.m. with individual introductions/commercials for all present. Bring flyers and promotional materials. Many thanks to Committee Chairman: Bruce Zanar, Motivational Marketing. Limited seating, call PVCC at 610-489-6660, \$20 in advance, \$25/door.

Lisa Tremper Hanover, director of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art at **URSINUS COLLEGE**, received the Artists Equity Award from the Philadelphia/TriState Artists Equity. Past recipients include Gov. Ed Rendell, and Jane Golden, director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program. The Philadelphia/Tri-State Artist's Equity 60th Anniversary Exhibition will be shown in the Main Gallery through 9/04, featuring 80 works. Hanover is a curator, panelist, juror and academic and has been with the Berman Museum from its inception in 1989. Currently the museum is expanding to house its diverse permanent collection of more than more than 3,000 notable works of art. 610-409-3500. www.ursinus.edu.



CONTRACTOR ALERT! New law, register by July 1st with the Attorney General's Office to comply with the new Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act. **All contractors who perform \$5,000 or more in home improvements per year must register**, maintain minimum insurance coverage and use contracts that include start/completion date, description of work and consumers' rights under the law. The registration is valid for two years. www.attorneygeneral.gov, Call 1-800-441-2555. In July consumers will be able to verify a contractor's registration by visiting the site or by calling the hotline.

The **WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS IDEA CAFE**, a Collegeville based, free educational resource organization for women entrepreneurs, held their end of season meeting on June 16th, resuming regular monthly meetings on 9/15. Meetings are held from 5:30-7:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month (except July & August). At the June meeting a community outreach collection of new and gently used hand tools were donated to Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County. Each month a different local community non-profit organization is selected for voluntary donations to local residents in need. In the past, the WBOIC has collected for food banks, career clothing for women in workforce re-entry programs, baby clothing, pet food/supplies for shelters, and much more. For information about the WBOIC, visit www.wboideacafe.com.



KEENAN, CICCITTO & ASSOCIATES sponsored the PERKIOMEN WATERSHED CONSERVANCY'S Perkiomen Creek Sojourn held in May. The trip began at PWC Headquarters at 1 Skippack Pike in Schwenksville and concluded at Hoy Park on Arcola Road in Lower Providence Township. Canoers and kayakers from beginners to the most experienced explored the Perkiomen and enjoyed the natural beauty of the surroundings. Visit the current events page at www.keenanlaw.com for further information.

ZWAHLEN'S ICE CREAM & CHOCOLATE CO. at 670 Shannondell Blvd., Audubon, PA 19403 celebrates its 5th Year Anniversary! Save the date for an Open House Mixer on November 5th (9-11 a.m.) for a chocolate tasting where we will learn the fundamentals of chocolate while experiencing four dark chocolates of similar intensities from a variety of sources. Visit www.zwahlens.com.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE BOB MENSCH announced his candidacy for the PA Senate 24th District. As you may know, Senator Wonderling is leaving his senate seat. I wish to bring my experiences in industry and government to this opportunity. Bob Mensch is available for questions/comments at bobmensch@comcast.net; www.electmensch.com; or 484.433.5917.

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THE VICTORY BANK Chairman and CEO, Joseph Major, along with Saul Rivkin, VP, Banking Center Manager and Julie Jackson, Senior Customer Service Rep. presented Gladys Miller with \$10,000 deposited into her new Victory Bank Fortress Savings account. Miller was the Grand Prize Winner at The Victory Bank's Grand Opening held in May at 548 North Lewis Road in Limerick just off the Route 422 Limerick/Linfield exit. The bank donated \$1,000 in honor of Gladys Miller to the First Baptist Church in Pottstown. The Victory Bank is a locally owned and operated bank headquartered in Limerick. 610.948.9000 or www.thevictorybank.com.

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Masonry work began at **THE SPEAKER'S HOUSE**, 151 W. Main Street, Trappe in May to restore the façade of the 18th century home of Frederick Muhlenberg, first Speaker of the House of Representatives. www.speakershouse.org - call 610-489-2105.

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MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS in Skippack Village celebrates "Christmas in July" and supports the Jerusalem Food Bank of Schwenksville. In July, visitors to the Merle Norman Studio are invited to drop off donations of non-perishable food items (no glass) for local residents in need. In return, you'll receive a gift of product samples or a \$5 coupon towards Merle Norman products. The studio will feature gift sets and sale items, priced at \$25 or less. With any purchase of \$100 or more, shoppers will receive a \$10 Merle Norman Gift Certificate! Merle Norman is located at 4007 Skippack Pike. Hours are Tues.-Fri. 10-5 and Sat. 10-4. Evening hours by appointment. 610-222-0577.

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GVF TRANSPORTATION provides management services at Valley Forge National Park for The Revolutionary Shuttle, a service that visitors can utilize at any of nine stops, including the Welcome Center and Washington's Headquarters. The shuttles, equipped with bike racks, come along every 15 to 20 minutes in the 6-mile loop. There is also a 90-minute guided Trolley Tour. Bike rentals at the Lower Welcome Center parking lot. www.gvftma.com.

THE TRAPPE TAVERN Summer Golf Outing will be held on Sunday, July 19th at Lederach Golf Course, 900 Clubhouse Drive, Harleysville. Registration at 1 p.m. Shotgun Start at 2 p.m. Best ball scramble format, \$440 per foursome includes lunch, cart, prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin, dinner and drinks back at the world famous Trappe Tavern, 416 Main Street, Trappe. Sign up by July 10th. Call 610-489-8686 or email Dave Duryea at trappetaVERN@hotmail.com. www.trappetaVERN.com.

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL is accepting registrations from new students for the summer and fall. CMS's six-week summer session continues through August 14 in addition to private instruction. A Suzuki Violin Camp (August 3-7) offers students a full or half-day program. Camp activities include chamber music, fiddling, as well as fun music and movement activities. Special guest David Kim, Concert Master of the Philadelphia Orchestra, will present a student master class on August 3. For information on these programs contact CMS at 610-489-3676. CMS, located at 775 West Main Street in Trappe. www.cmsmusic.org.

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The PA Society of Sons of the Revolution and its Color Guard will provide a \$50,000 grant to **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CENTER (ARC)** to restore the Center's Commander-in-Chief's Standard, one of the most significant surviving flags of the American Revolution. The ARC has named the Honorable Margaret Pace Duckett and H. Richard Dietrich III to its Board of Directors. H.F. Lenfest, Chairman said, "We look forward to incorporating Peggy's educational experience and Richard's knowledge of artifacts that relate to the Revolutionary period to help advance The ARC's vision and mission." www.americanrevolutioncenter.org.

BEHMERWALD NURSERY celebrates its 20th Anniversary with an Open House for Chamber Members rescheduled to July 9th. Behmerwald Nursery is located at 4904 Garges Road, Schwenksville. Take a virtual tour at www.behmerwald.com. Behmerwald Nursery offers complete landscape design and installation services. Call Bill Donnelly at 610-287-0480.

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Small businesses suffering financial hardship as a result of the slow economy may be eligible to receive temporary relief to keep their doors open and get cash flow back on track due to a new loan program with the Small Business Administration. The SBA will guarantee America's Recovery Capital loans which are deferred-payment loans up to \$35,000 to for-profit businesses that need short-term help to make principal and interest payments on existing debt. For more information on ARC loans, visit www.sba.gov.



The Team at **SUSQUEHANNA BANK** on the recent Open House at 1856 Collegeville Road, Collegeville. Stop in to meet Jerry Holub, Branch Manager or call 610-489-3536 to find out current rates and programs. www.susquehanna.net.

TRAPPE BOROUGH Mayor Connie Peck and Council honored Patricia Katona with a retirement reception celebrating her 15 years at Trappe Borough Hall in June. Mayor Peck welcomes all to the 37th Annual Keystone Grange Country Fair on Friday and Saturday, July 24-25th at Collegeville-Trappe Waterworks Park, West First Avenue, Trappe. Enjoy antique farm machinery; historic crafter demonstrations; wagon rides; music; and much more while looking back in time when farming flourished in the Perkiomen Valley Area. Email Conniepeck1@verizon.net. Space available email twinhillsfarm@yahoo.com for details.

The PA Sunshine Program, the \$650 million Alternative Energy Funding Act, allots \$100 million for PA's new solar initiative.  **SunPower Solar**, est. in 1972, is in its 4th decade of solar installations and energy efficient design and construction. For more information on SunPower and the new solar initiatives, visit www.sunpowerbuilders.com or call 610-489-1105.

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Healthy Woman Program sponsored by **PHOENIXVILLE HOSPITAL** will focus on Arthritis with Dr. Kaliner on Monday, July 20 - 6:30-8:00 p.m. The event will take place at Bethel Baptist Church, Community Room, 412 Fairview Street, Phoenixville. There is no fee to attend. Call for information and to register 610-983-1288.

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