

Friday, September 10, 2010

**Guest Speaker: Susan Shank, AVP
On the Job Sales Officer
S & T Bank**



Topic:
"Identity Theft" & "On The Job Program"

Location: Rivertowne Pour House
312 Center Road, Monroeville, PA 15145
Time: 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Register online at www.plumchamber.com or call our office at 412-772-8420.

Chamber Meetings for September

September 8th and 22nd "Early Bird Business Builder"

Time: 7:45 a.m.— 8:45 a.m.
Location: S & T Bank
301 Unity Center Road, Plum
Coffee and doughnuts served.
Free for members and their guests!

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Membership Ambassador Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2010
Time: 12:00 p.m.— 1:00 p.m.
Location: Pattyn Computer Services
795 Pine Valley Drive, Plum

Economic Development/ Community Affairs Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Location: S & T Bank,
7660 Saltsburg Road, Plum

Some Changes in the Wednesday Morning Networking Meeting!

"Early Bird Business Builder"

Starting this month, our Wednesday Morning Networking Meeting ("Early Bird Business Builders") will be as follows:

7:45 a.m.—8:00 a.m.
Open Networking
8:00 a.m.—8:45 a.m.
Network Presentation

We hope that this time change will better accommodate your morning schedule. Please consider attending one of these morning meetings. Meet your business neighbors while having your morning coffee. Bring a guest! We look forward to seeing you there

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Thursday, September 16th After Hours Event St. John the Baptist School



Time: 5:00—7:00 p.m.
Hosted by: Kathy Edmundson
Director of Advancement

Location: St. John the Baptist School
418 Unity Center, Road, Plum
(Annex Building)
"Appetizers and Beverages Included"

Topic: Dr. Ronald Bowes, Assistant Superintendent for Public Policy & Development for the Diocese of Pittsburgh is scheduled to give a brief overview of the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. This is a program unique to Pennsylvania, whereby you can redirect your business tax dollars to directly benefit local school, like St. John the Baptist. The EITC program provides companies with a 75% tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization. This increases to 90% if the company commits to making the same donations for two consecutive years. Come network with other businesses and learn about this win-win tax credit program!

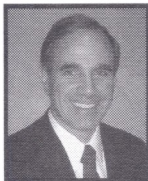
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August Luncheon

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our August Luncheon at **Pugliano's Italian Grill**. It was a small, but quaint crowd in attendance.



Our keynote speaker was **Tom Mitlo, Owner, of The Orion Delta Group**. Mr. Mitlo talked about the best practices in attracting and retaining quality and talented employees. We are sure that everyone who attended would agree that Mr. Mitlo was a truly dynamic and interesting speaker.

In addition to heading up The Orion Delta Group, Tom Mitlo is the founder and Executive Director of **The Blessing Board**. The Blessing Board is a local organization that gathers and distributes household essentials to those in need. They accept any donations from forks and spoons to furniture and appliances. Hundreds of families throughout Allegheny County have received "blessings" from The Blessing Board.

The Blessing Board is in continuous need of your support to keep the blessings flowing. If you would like to donate, volunteer or know of someone in need, you can contact Tom Mitlo, The Blessing Board, 217 Unity Center Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239, Phone: 412-573-0162, ext. 101 or email at: mitlot@integrity.com. For more information, please visit their website at theblessingboard.org.

We are truly fortunate to have this wonderful organization located right in our own community!

We would also like to thank **Gary** and **Pugliano's Italian Grill** for being so accommodating to our last minutes changes. Please consider patronizing **Pugliano's Italian Grill, 808 Golden Mile Hwy., Plum, PA**, the next time you are dining out!

Come meet and network with the other business members in your community. In addition, you will have the opportunity to listen to our keynote speaker of the month. Take an hour or two out of your busy work schedule to attend one of our lunches. You will be glad you did!

August After Hours-Thank you!!

Please see thank you letter below from David Johnson, D. Johnson Insurance Agency regarding the After Hours Meet & Greet/Plum EMS Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who participated. If you were unable to participate, but would like to make a donation to the Plum EMS, you can do so by sending your donation to: **Plum EMS, 4545 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239** or visit their website at www.plumems.com.

To my fellow Chamber members,

I wanted to personally thank all the businesses and people who donated and/or participated in the Plum EMS fundraiser at my office on Thursday, August 19th!! Through your generosity we were able to meet our goal of \$10,000 for the Plum EMS and were also able to make contributions to both the Penn Hills EMS and North Bessemer VFD for their help. For the members that made the event I believe everyone had a great time and hope you would agree that everything at the event was what I said it would be!

Everyone should be very proud in knowing that your efforts, time, and monies will someday save someone's life in our area. I could not have done this without! You really showed what kind of people and businesses make up our community and chamber.

You can view the pictures of the event at"
www.djohnsoninsurance.net

You can read the newspaper article about the event at
<http://www.yourplum.com/plumadvanceleader/article/ems-fundraiser-offers-boost-plum-penn-hills-departments>

Thanks again,

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Wednesday, September 8th Morning Networking Meeting "Early Bird Business Builder"



Time: 7:45—8:45

Location: S & T Bank, 301 Unity Center Road, Plum

Tim Sullivan from the Pittsburgh Business Times will be doing a presentation/workshop on that Wednesday about how to read the Business Times paper to benefit your business, including finding leads.

Please join us for this informative and worthwhile presentation!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

September 1-14, 2010

**Shoe Drive to Benefit Soles4Souls® Inc.
The Shoe Charity at Concordia at Ridgewood Place**



Concordia at Ridgewood Place Assisted Living Facility located in Plum Borough will be sponsoring a shoe drive to benefit Soles4Souls. Gently worn shoes can be dropped off at Concordia at Ridgewood Place, 1460 Renton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239, September 1-14. Collection hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. A \$2.00 donation per pair of shoes to offset shipping costs will be greatly appreciated. **For more information, please contact Cheryl Sopcak at 412-798-1855, ext. 114 or Elizabeth Kirk, Soles4Souls at 615-391-5723, elizabethk@giveshoes.org.**

Thursday, 9/16/10, 3:00 p.m. until Friday, 9/17/10, 6:00 p.m.

Scavenger Hunt at Plum Senior Community Center

Participants will be given a list, along with addresses (so they'll know where to find you). When they visit you on Thursday or Friday until 6:00 p.m., you will give them verification of having visited and met your requirements. The senior center is planning an Open House, Passport to Plum event which will be held on Friday, September 17th at the Center. Businesses have the opportunity to set up stations (as space permits) at the Senior Center on Friday, September 17th between 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. to offer samples of your products or services or distribute informative literature.

For more information on how your business can participate, please contact the senior center at 412-795-2330.

Ongoing

The YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh is a nationally affiliated, character-building association, focusing on program services for individuals and families. As one of the largest human service agencies in Allegheny County, the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh serves individuals of all ages, race and religions. Its programs address the needs of adults and children, including the mentally and physically disabled and it is the largest provider of childcare in Western Pennsylvania. This would not be possible without the support of generous people in our community. If you are interested in support opportunities, please call 412-227-3828. Donations can be mailed to: YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Attn: Development Office, 420 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, Suite 625, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Advertising

To all of our members...

We are in the process of compiling a 2010-11 Plum Chamber Member Directory of all of our current members. **The deadline for submission is October 1, 2010.** Please consider advertising in this directory. We have different sizes and price ranges to choose from. We have included an advertising rate sheet in this newsletter for you to review. We need your help to make an informative directory that can be utilized by Plum and surrounding communities.



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1st Annual Plum Chamber Golf Outing!

October 9, 2010

Rolling Fields Golf Club



Just fill out the brochure enclosed in this newsletter and mail back to the Plum Chamber office. Spaces are already filling up, so please take advantage of this easy way to register and do not lose your spot.

This promises to be a fun day with prizes, good food and great opportunities to network and meet new businesses in our area.

We are encouraging all skill levels and non-chamber members to play!

You do not have to play golf to enjoy the day. We will need volunteers to help and there will be many opportunities to network! If you are interested in being a non-golfer volunteer for this event, please contact our office at 412-772-8420.

So please join us. Come play, volunteer, help out, cheer on your team and eat great food while networking and finding new business opportunities.

Finally, we are looking for skill prize sponsors. This is a great opportunity to promote your business.

FOR JUST \$25.00, YOU CAN SPONSOR A SKILL PRIZE HOLE. WE ARE LOOKING FOR 6 COMPANY SPONSORS.

Please contact the Chamber office to sign up. Thank you and we will see you on the course!!

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Sponsor an After Hours Event...

Our monthly "After Hours" Event is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of every month, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in hosting one of these events, please contact our office at (412)772-8420 to make arrangements. We look forward to hearing from you.

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~Members~

Remember to check the Plum Chamber website often for updated events, new members, member to member discounts, committee updates, community events, and much more!
www.plumchamber.com

"Early Bird Business Builder" Presenter

If you are interested in giving a 10 minute presentation/workshop about your business and how it can benefit others, please contact our office. These presentations are held at our morning networking meetings which are scheduled the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. *There is no charge for Chamber members to be a presenter.*



Reminder... Chamber Challenge!

One Year...100 Members!

We are still striving to reach our goal of 100 members by the end of 2010. Please help us reach our goal. If you know of any business that you think would be interested in being a member of the Plum Chamber, please contact our office so that we can send them a membership information packet. It takes the businesses in our community to help make the Chamber a success!

(Any Plum Chamber member who refers the most new members from June 1 through December 31, 2010 will receive a free lunch at our February 2011 Anniversary Luncheon and a free luncheon sponsor/spotlight commercial at our monthly luncheon in 2011.)

Our Anniversary Luncheon will be held on Friday, February 18, 2011 at the Oakmont Country Club.
(More details will be coming out in the upcoming months)

The Green Plum Market



For the health and well-being of the whole community but particularly for seniors who may not have ready access to farmer's markets, the Plum Senior Community Center (PSCC) operates an outdoor Farmer's Market, weather permitting – The Green Plum -- at the center, 499 Center New Texas Road. The Green Plum will be open every Thursday until October 14, from 3- 6:45 p.m. under tents.

While located at the Plum Senior Community Center, The Green Plum is open to the whole community.

The market features a variety of locally grown produce supplied by a farmer's cooperative of nearly 30 local producers. In addition, the market offers delicious Malissee Corn.

"We also encourage other local farmers and individual gardeners to participate. We are still looking for local producers approved by the state to accept Farmer's Market Coupons and encourage them to contact us.



"Home baked items, like bread, nut rolls, pies, candy, cakes, cookies, and pizzelles are offered along with a selection of items produced by PSCC crafters. Other local crafters and product vendors include Avon and Tastefully Simple products, and jewelry vendors.

A nominal fee of \$5.00 per space for participation will be charged with proceeds benefiting PSCC programs.

Weekly spaces must be reserved by Wednesday noon to ensure a space that Thursday. Food and beverages are served as well. Join us for a "down-home" time on the lawn, every Thursday.

Thanks to the Borough of Plum and their employees for their kind assistance with the market.

For additional information about the market or to reserve a table, contact the Plum Senior Community Center, 412-795-2330.

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