

December 2011 Newsletter



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DECEMBER CHAMBER EVENTS

December Luncheon:

We are getting in the Holiday Spirit with this month's Luncheon! While the December Luncheon will still focus on relationship building with our members and guests, we also wanted to continue our tradition of benefiting a Christmas charity and other charities that have a direct impact on our community.

To that end, we will once again partner with the United States Marine Corp in their "Toys for Tots" mission and with the Plum Food Pantry.

We encourage all of our members to bring to the Luncheon a new toy, in its package, as a donation for Toys for Tots and/or a small

bag of non-perishable items for the Plum Food Pantry.

Members and guests who donate to either charity (or to both) will be entered into a prize drawing to be awarded at the end of the luncheon.

This Holiday Luncheon celebration will be held on **Friday, December 9th at the Holiday Inn in Monroeville from 11:30am to 1pm.**

If you register for this event on or before December 5th, you are automatically entered into a drawing for the featured speaker spot for this luncheon. The featured speaker receives 3 minutes of presentation time for their business. A huge opportunity! Register today!

Advertise your products or services at our monthly luncheon with a **VENDOR TABLE!** For just **\$10.00** you receive a full table for display. With members and guests looking for gift solutions for family, friends and co-workers, this luncheon is a perfect time to reserve a vendor table. Vendor tables are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Call the Chamber Office to reserve yours today. **Space is limited.**

We look forward to ringing in the Christmas season with our members and guests at this Celebration! We wish all of our members a wonderful and successful Holiday Season!



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EARLY BIRD BUSINESS BUILDER—Providing Key Networking Education

EBBB is not just a place to network and gain referrals, it's a place to hone your marketing and networking skills. EBBB's are held the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month, from **7:45 am—8:45 am**; at **Clover Commons Clubhouse**, 600 Cloverview Drive, Plum, 15239. Energize

your regular routine, by learning new skills, making new contacts, and presenting your business in your own 1 minute commercial.

Sign up to be a presenter, and have 10 minutes to focus on spreading the word about your business!

Free to members and first time guests; No registration needed, just be there; and don't forget your marketing materials!

To be a presenter for 2012, Contact the Chamber Office!

Presenters for EBBB:

Wednesday, December 14
Drew Barto,
Energy Swing Windows

Wednesday, December 28
No Presenter; Fully Educational Meeting



Chamber Members and Community Members gather at Judge Linda Zucco's November After Hours in October for a "Law Night".

PLUM CHAMBER'S SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS & CHARITIES CONTINUES INTO 2012

While the Chamber's primary mission is to support our local businesses, large and small, we are pleased to have participated in supporting several organizations and charities while pursuing a climate that encourages economic growth in Plum and the surrounding communities.

Our After Hours events have not only set a tone as fun and informal networking events, but have also allowed our members to participate in giving back to

the community in affordable and rewarding ways.

Our January After Hours was successful in raising \$500 for the East Suburban YMCA's expansion project through donated raffle items; In July we were proud to participate with Plum Borough in Plum Community days; The September After Hours supported the Plum Food Pantry. Moving into December the Chamber will join with employees of the municipality of

Plum in an outreach program giving direct holiday support to local, needy families in the form of Christmas gifts for their children and supplying them with food during this holiday season.

We are very proud to be a support these charities and hope to do so much more in 2012. Our sincere thanks to our Chamber members, not only for your membership, but for your generosity to your community this past year!



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CHAMBER ESTABLISHES SPONSORSHIP LEVELS FOR 2012

Plum Chamber has been working diligently to help our members get the most from their membership. In November, we created and introduced brand new sponsorship levels for 2012, which have made the benefits of sponsorship more accessible for all of our members.

Four levels of Sponsorship are available: Bronze, Gold, Silver and Platinum. These levels of sponsorship now provide different options for marketing and networking that will aid any size of business. **Please see the enclosed flyer for details about each level of sponsorship.** From being a featured member of the month on up to full year feature members, these sponsorship levels not only sup-

port the Chamber's mission to encourage economic growth in Plum, but also provide the participating member with more opportunities for local exposure of their business.

We are looking forward to continued growth for our members and the Chamber in 2012. Contact the chamber office today to arrange your 2012 Sponsorship!

SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

December 14, 2011 – Early Bird Business Builder ; Board Meeting (both at Clover Commons) **7:45 am**

December 28, 2011 – Early Bird Business Builder (Fully Educational EBBB, No Presenter Scheduled!); Board Meeting (both at Clover Commons) **7:45 am**

December 9, 2011 – December Holiday Luncheon at Holiday Inn Monroeville **11:30 am**

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NOVEMBER 2011 EVENT RECAP

November 2011 was an exciting month for the Chamber!

At our November 11th luncheon, held at Palmieri's Restaurant, we introduced a new format, Speed Networking. Each attendee was asked to share a fun fact about themselves while meeting one on one for a short time with every other person in attendance. Not only did we share some wonderful experiences that we otherwise would not have known about our members, we also shared some fun and laughter! It was wonderful fun and a great relationship builder. If you have hesitated to attend

a luncheon because you are not comfortable with first introductions, try our next Speed Networking Luncheon, coming in early spring, and see how easy it can be to break the ice and share information about your services and your connections to our community.

Energy Swing Windows hosted our November After Hours event on November 15th at their facility in Murrysville. Members and guests were treated to tasty appetizers and a very informative tour on the unique way that Energy Swing produces their windows and serves their customers. Our special

thanks go to Drew Barto for arranging the event and for his participation on our event committee this year.

Our Early Bird Business Builders, held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, continue to be a great source for marketing education and networking. Our thanks to Mike Bowman of the Quarter Roll Magazine and Carol Manson of Innova Benefit Services for the fun and informative presentations.



WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS!

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