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Chamber Announces Rebranding at Annual Dinner

The Chamber has been serving business interests since 1913, and during its 104 year history has gone through a number of visual and name branding changes. In 2008, the former North Penn Chamber of Commerce took a regional focus through the merger with the Suburban Chamber of Commerce, creating the PennSuburban Chamber of Commerce. Since that time, membership has increasingly expanded throughout greater Montgomery County, and as a result, just about three years ago, the decision was made to incorporate in our name the region we serve. At our Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration, we announced that "PennSuburban" has been removed from our name and today we share with you the exciting news that we have rebranded to become The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Montgomery County. With the new name also comes a new URL for our website, www.chambergmc.org.

Discussion regarding the rebranding of the Chamber has been several years in the making and with the board's approval, it was agreed the timing was right to have a name that reflects the profile of our members. The

decision to maintain the logo was made to assure members and the business community that the rebranding is a clarification rather than a change in the goals and objectives of the Chamber.

In addition, a fresh tagline, "Connecting Community and Commerce since 1913" has been incorporated to reaffirm the mission of the organization.

We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to building a strong community together that allows you to network, learn and grow with businesses in the greater Montgomery County area.



Chamber President, Pam Kelly, with Chamber Board Chair, Dan Reavy, display The Chamber's new logo at the Annual Dinner.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



"Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, and success have no meaning" - Ben Franklin

As we approach the end of 2017, it is exciting to see the Dow at an all-time high and the Eagles with the best record in football. The Chamber also achieved its largest growth in recent memory, with the addition of over 160 new members.. The clarification of our name to better reflect the area in which we serve has already proven to be a great asset. I hope as you reflect on the past twelve months that you take the time to celebrate your successes, but also consider opportunities for improvement. Please know that the Chamber stands ready to support your efforts through networking, learning and giving events and programs. On behalf of the board of directors and staff, I wish you the best this holiday season and a very prosperous New Year.

Best,

Pam

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ANNUAL DINNER & AWARDS CELEBRATION

Nearly 200 members and guests joined The Chamber in recognizing local businesses and community members who have made outstanding contributions and accomplishments within the region during our Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration at Pinecrest Country Club on Wednesday, Oct. 25. This year, The Chamber reached a membership of more than 800 members, and with the expansive growth The Chamber has seen, it announced it was making another change. As of October 25, the PennSuburban Chamber will now be known as The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Montgomery County.



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MEMBER NEWS



[AnB Education](#) invited [Rachel Beck Photography](#) to its offices to offer photography tips & tricks, as well as holding a photo contest.

[Merck Sharp & Dohme Federal Credit Union](#) raised \$20,000 for [Sebastian Riding Associates](#) and The Shepherd's Shelf through the 18th Annual NBCF Charity Cow Plop.

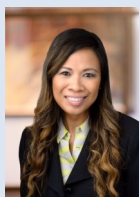
[American Heritage Credit Union](#) members and employees recently donated over 7,350 new books to local hospitals, community centers, and special care facilities.



[Montgomery County Community College](#) celebrated the opening of its new 145,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art Health Sciences Center, positioning the College to be a regional leader in health and wellness education.



[Dunlap & Associates, P.C.](#) announced the firm successfully completed a rigorous peer review of its accounting and auditing practice.



[Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC](#) announced that Kathleen A. Maloles joined the firm's Trusts and Estates department. Kathleen earned her law degree from Widener University School of Law.

[North Penn School District](#) was honored by the Association of School Business Officials International with its Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in budget presentation for the third year in a row.

[North Penn Water Authority](#) will be a drop off site for the Toys for Tots Program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps for an 18th year.

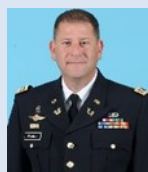
[Hidden Meadows on the Ridge](#) hired Christopher Kielar as Director of Sales & Marketing. Christopher has over 10 years experience working with seniors.



[Rothman Institute](#) founder, Dr. Richard Rothman, was inducted into the Philadelphia Business Hall of Fame at the Philadelphia Inquirer Industry Icons event.



[The Law Offices of Jennifer J. Riley](#) welcomed James P. Shygelski as an Associate Attorney. James earned his law degree at Temple University's Beasley School of Law.



[Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford, P.C.](#) announced that Firm partner and Lieutenant Colonel, Matthew Taylor Wilkov, graduated from the U.S. Army War College receiving a Master of Strategic Studies.



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- 1) chambergmc.org/login
- 2) Click **News Releases** on left column

Chapter News

This December, find the Village of Skippack aglow with the warm light of candles, hospitality and the sounds of the season. Luminaries will line the sidewalks



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outside the stores and restaurants to light the way for shoppers and diners and to warmly welcome the start of the holiday season.



The Lower Gwynedd Business Association held its Harvest Holiday Party on November 9 at il Giardano in Spring House.



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Chamber members and guests went back to school at Small Business University for information on the hottest topics in business. The conference kicked off at Montgomery County Community College with a presentation by Marat Mamadov, Boardroom Spirits, sharing a behind the scenes look at how his business was created.



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Patient First, Montgomeryville, celebrated their 5 year anniversary with The Chamber. George Yanoshik Jr., Community Relations is pictured with staff and Directors.



Wally Rosenthal of 309 Office Furniture was joined by Chamber President, Pam Kelly, to celebrate 25 years of Membership.



Paul Delp and the Lansdale Warehouse team are celebrating 30 years of supporting The Chamber and the local business community.



Ché Bella Designer Consignment Boutique opened its doors in Skippack with a ribbon cutting and celebration.



Tomkins VIST Bank is celebrating 20 years as a member of The Chamber. Pictured with Pam Kelly, is Scott Stimson, Vice President Regional Community Banking Manager.



Blueprint Brewing Co. in Harleysville held a grand opening event for family and friends.



Board & Brush, a new DIY wood sign workshop in Blue Bell, recently held its grand opening.



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Members of the Community Health & Youth Foundation Board of Directors, Chamber Board, teacher and company advisors were in attendance to hear from North Penn High School, Souderton Area High School and Christopher Dock Mennonite High School students about their experience this summer at Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW).

It was also announced that the proceeds from the 2018 Broad Street ReRun will be donated to the PFEW in conjunction with the Chamber's Foundation, Bob Babb and The Physical Therapy & Wellness Institute.



A Young Professionals Network evening event was held at CJ's Doghouse in their newly renovated upstairs event space.



The October Women's Network luncheon, *Filling Your Pipeline with Qualified Prospects*, was presented by Lisa Peskin, CEO, Business Development University. Attendees were asked to bring donations for Mission Kids.

The November Women's Network breakfast event, *Negotiating from a Position of Strength*, was held at Nationwide Insurance in Harleysville with a panel of experts from Nationwide. Guests were asked to bring donations for Manna on Main Street.



The November Meet New Members Reception at Elm Terrace Gardens introduced some of our newest members to important Chamber resources as well as other members.

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