



# Around Town

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*It's off to school we go.....*

**Thursday, October 10th**

**12:00 Noon**

**Delaware County Christian School**

**Cost: Free (Hosted by DCCS)**

***The Program:***

**Building Employer/Employee Relationships**

***The Speaker:***

**Timothy G. Habbershon**

Dr. Timothy Habbershon is the Director of the Wharton Enterprising Families Initiative and the founding director of Wharton's Family-Controlled Corporation Program. He is a lecturer in the management department, teaching the strategies and practices course for family firms and lecturing in Wharton courses on family-influenced wealth creation. Dr. Habbershon has degrees in counseling and business and delivers executive education seminars worldwide to large family groups on strategic thinking, transgenerational wealth creation, organizational restructuring, consensus building and family relationships, and multigenerational leadership empowerment. He is a founder of The TELOS Group, a consulting group specializing in the strategic management for enterprising families.

***Directions To DCCS***

The school is located on the corner of Malin and Goshen. From Newtown Square either come down Bryn Mawr Avenue and turn left at the light on Malin or take 252 north from Newtown Square and turn right at the light on Goshen Road. At Malin Road take a right and the school will be on your left. Parking will be reserved for guests. Then follow the signs to the High School Library.

## ***PRESIDENT'S CORNER***

A big thank you to our guest speaker last month, Rev. Roland Buccialia, Pastor of the Spruce Street Baptist Church, for his comments on "What good has come from 9/11" at our September meeting. I have received e-mails and phone calls from those that attended expressing their appreciation for Rev. Buccialia's insightful remarks. We plan to continue to have great guest speakers, so mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings.



On Monday, September 9, 2002, the NSBPA presented the Newtown Square Fire Company and Ambulance Corps and the Newtown Township Police Department with a plaque of appreciation for the dedicated service they provide to the residents and business owners of Newtown Square. Also, as a sign of appreciation we had a cake delivered to both the Fire House and the Police Department (and biscuits for our K-9).

The Association is sponsoring a direct mail piece to be sent out to Newtown Square residents. Those businesses wanting to participate please contact Ronnie Liadis at 610-353-8330 or email her at [ronnie@liadis.com](mailto:ronnie@liadis.com) <<mailto:ronnie@liadis.com>>. We are in the process of determining the cost per business. The Association will be picking up a majority of the cost. Those wanting to take part will be chosen on a first come first serve basis.

Have you noticed St Albans Circle? It looks FABULOUS !!! Our hats are off to Jim Shelldrake, George Clement, and the rest of the township personnel who helped beautify the circle.

**Our November meeting** will be a card exchange with special guest Fred Sherman, on Thursday, November 13 at 5 PM (note the time) at the Sovereign Bank in Newtown Square. **Our December meeting** will be our Holiday Luncheon on Thursday December 12 at noon at the Paxon Hollow Country Club. Mark you calendars now!

# ***Fantastic Kick-Off Meeting***

September 12, 2002

Dear Steve,

I just wanted to thank you for putting together such a thoughtful meeting today for our September 2002 NSBPA lunch meeting. I must admit that at first I asked myself, "What good came out of 9/11 ?" and didn't have any answers. Chaplain Buscilia's presentation was very thought-provoking and sincere, unlike some of the media sensationalism that was drummed up for the 9/11 anniversary for the sole purpose of ratings. Well, the NSBPA meeting today got very high ratings in my book.

I also thought that Board Member Ken Tanis' comments relating to how NSBPA members should support each other throughout the year by shopping locally were very important. I hope this coming year, the NSBPA monthly meeting attendance will grow and we will once again become the tight network that we were several years ago. I challenge each NSBPA member to call another member and get them to come out to the November 10th meeting at the Delaware County Christian School. I know Dr. Tim Habbershon personally and agree with Ken that he should have a lot of valuable insight for us all.

Congratulations on a fantastic kick-off meeting.

T. J. Antich, M.S., R.P.T.

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*NSB&PA ' website will be added to the bottom of the welcome sign at each end of the township. Attaching the new sign is Steve Videon, Ronnie Liadis and Rich Crowe*

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# What is a Volunteer Firefighter?

One of the most difficult questions posed to fire chief or a fire company administrator is. "What is a volunteer firefighter?" There is no simple answer. The definition of a volunteer talks of a person who undertakes a service with no compensation.

With that in mind the first element of a volunteer firefighter begins. But, that is not the true and full story. The responsibilities undertaken by the men and women staffing the local fire company are really closer to the definition of a professional.

While there is no pay involved, there are standards of training and experience and ethical standards as well. Glancing at the definition of a professional, one can easily see why this group is not the typical collection of traditional volunteers. A profession is characterized by or conforming to the technical or ethical standards. This group of dedicated neighbors is truly more of a group of unpaid professionals.

Who are these people? They are really representative of a cross section of the community. There are educators, health care, clergy, financial service professionals, high school and college students, mothers with children, at home; persons with their own businesses who often employ large numbers of their fire company colleagues; and other vocations that make this list endless.

What this group of unpaid professions is doing for their community continues to change. Schooling, once a luke warm necessity has expanded to a long and growing list of mandated topics. Add to this educational need the requirements for the most active part of our total community service, the required topics of education grow even more.

Approximately two-thirds of our emergency responses focus upon medical emergencies. This element of the full service activities has altered the make up of the personnel list. Because of sometimes more flexible scheduling and an extension of home-based responsibilities, more and more of our volunteers are women.

One additional benefit from this form of volunteer staffing is the change over from one element of our community service to another. In the past few years, members joining to do "Ambulance duty" have begun to attend the rigorous, but do-able fire training. The reverse is also true. It seems that people who find a special form of satisfaction in helping other people are finding the responsibilities found within the Newtown Square Fire Company to fit their personal needs. How and where are these people found? The Newtown Square Fire Company has had a limited success in newspaper recruitment programs. We still find our most successful recruiting program is personal contact.

An example of this is demonstrated by the membership of Roland Buccialia. During an extrication and eventual helicopter evacuation of an injured occupant of a severely mangled car, Buccialia approached a Newtown Square firefighter. The conversation unearthed the local minister's previous training in an allied area of the fire service. Knowing the busy schedule of a minister of a growing congregation, the fire company recruiter chose to explain the workings of the local emergency service to the entire family. In several days Buccialia elected to follow through on his original inquiry. Currently Rev. Buccialia has three roles within the Newtown Square Fire Company. Through growth in his first election, the pastor of the Spruce Street Baptist Church is Lieutenant of Fire Police. Additionally, he serves as the group's Chaplain and most importantly, he is a good friend.

What is a volunteer? It is someone just like you. Will you join us?

**Doug Everlof, Fire Chief, Newtown Square Fire Company**



*Steve Videon presents Appreciation Award to Fire Chief Doug Everlof in recognition of the company's outstanding volunteer service and loyal dedication to health safety and welfare of the community.*



*Steve Videon and September speaker, Reverend Rev. Roland Buccialia, Pastor of the Spruce Street Baptist Church*