

Around Town

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Luncheon Meeting

Date: September 11, 2003

Location: Newtown Square

Fire House

Rte. 252 & Rte. 3

Newtown Square

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$10.00

Great Program!

"Present and Future of Newtown Square"

Presenters ~

Jim Sheldrake
Township Manager

George Clement
Assistant to the Manager

Code Enforcement Rep.

Law Enforcement Rep.

Fire Department Rep.

*Come and join the NTSB&PA in its first
meeting of the new fall season.*

President's Corner

Perhaps you are like me in feeling that September often seems more like the beginning of a new year than January. Even though we work hard during the summer, it always feels like a change of pace and a break from the routine. But when September comes, the pace quickens, schools start again, vacations are over and traffic returns to "normal". A new sense of purpose, direction and energy appears.

This is also true of the NSB&PA! After a recess over the summer months, we start our monthly informative meetings once again. In July some of the members of the NSB&PA met in order to firm up the fall line-up of speakers. We feel that we have put together a varied and useful program for the year. Hopefully there will be something that appeals to everyone. However, we are always looking for suggestions and feedback. Please contact us with any of your ideas.

When we set up this month's meeting, we were very conscious of the fact that it fell on 9/11. As we think back to that unforgettable event, we were reminded of the local people who serve our communities to make them the special places that they are. So we have invited those who lead and serve us in Newtown Square to provide input for us into the changes and trends in our community. As businesspersons, we are affected by the decisions that are made by the management team. So we have had contact with Jim Sheldrake, our township manager, who will be assembling a team of folks who will give us up to the minute insights into issues and directions of our community. Even though we have had our township manager before, we have not had as ambitious a program as this. We need you and your questions to make this meeting a great exchange of ideas.

We are extremely grateful to the Newtown Square Fire Company for making its facilities available to us for this meeting. I encourage you to visit their newly designed web site at WWW.nsf.org.

I hope to see you at the meeting and hope you have had a great summer.

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9/11 Program

The strength of our nation begins with strong communities. Strong communities like Newtown Square require good communication. That is why the program committee of the NTSB&PA has decided to launch this new cycle of meetings with reports and "questions and answers" from the people in leadership roles within our community.

As businesspersons we need to know where the leadership is taking this community and what trends are being observed by the experts. Come and increase your understanding of the community so you can know how your business can plug into their changes for the future.

See you at the firehouse at high noon on 9/11.



TOP TEN REASONS for joining NSB&PA?

#5 Your business benefits from information gained from the leadership of our community as they comment on the future of Newtown Square at our meetings.

President:	Anthony Ryan, Sovereign Bank
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	Paul Facenda, Paul Facenda Photography
	Steve Mostardi, Mostardi's Nursery
	Pat Osieki, Newtown China & Glass
	Dick Pound, Ex Officio Member



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

If you needed a life-size model of Spider Man or Mister Peanut, would you know what store in Newtown Square to visit? How about a jewelry store? You say you are surprised? Well so was I. But it is true. You can obtain these rare items and a ton more at **Mitchel D. Robbins Jewelry Store** on the corner of Rte 252 and Rte 3.

Mitch Robbins, the friendly, affable and knowledgeable gemologist, is the owner of this special establishment in our town. Mitch has blended the two rather disparate entities of jewelry and collectable memorabilia into one tightly defined store. Perhaps these unusual extremes help us capture a little about the man who is behind this businessman.

For the past 10 years Mitch Robbins has been a vital part of life in Newtown Square. He is a loving parent and a devoted husband for the past 17 years. Mitch is a firm believer that the business community does not exist for its own gain, but for the benefit of all. He believes that it is the responsibility of the business community to "give back" to the greater community so that the quality of life will be enriched for all. And to put his money where his mouth is he has provided dugouts for girls' softball teams and scholarships for MN graduates to mention just a couple of these initiatives.

So, are you ready for a unique experience? Do you want to see walls covered with the faces of friends and families of the community and antiques of every kind? Do you have an interest in a rare collection of pinball machines? (Perhaps Mitch will take you upstairs to see the collection) Well, if you do, then drop in and pay a visit to Mitch. Pull up a 50's style barstool and take in the surroundings. And while you are at it, why not purchase that special gift for that special person.