

Bucks, Montgomery County business achievers

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New hires, awards and other local business news.

Donna Ramos, a hospice care certified nursing assistant at Pennswood Village in Middletown, has received the Spirit of Hospice and Palliative Care Award from the Pennsylvania Hospice and Palliative Care Network. The award is bestowed on a hospice or home health aide who has demonstrated outstanding performance, sensitivity, respect and continuous excellence of service in hospice and palliative care. Ramos, who is also a certified dementia practitioner, has been with Pennswood for just over a year. photo

Lynn Powell, of Buckingham, has joined CMA as managing director of marketing. She will oversee client serves and marketing operations for the Princeton Junction, New Jersey-based communications, marketing and association management firm. Powell has more than 20 years of experience in client services, account management, operations, business development and financial administration. She most recently was group account director for Wunderman, where she was a key client lead and strategic marketing advisor for Dell and managed an internal team of account and project managers.

Mary J. Pedersen, an attorney with the Montgomery County law firm Wisler Pearlstine LLP, was recently inducted into the Penn Athletics Hall of Fame Class of XI. To be eligible for consideration, a candidate must have graduated from the university or been a member of the General Alumni Society of Penn and earned his or her last letter at least 10 years ago. Candidates are selected based on accomplishments during their undergraduate days at the University of Pennsylvania. A member of the varsity gymnastics team, Pedersen graduated from Penn in 1994. In her law career, Pedersen represents individuals and businesses in various commercial litigation and employment matters.

Daniel Grossman has joined the Fort Washington law firm Timoney Knox LLP as an associate. Grossman is a member of the firm's insurance industry team. A 2015 magna cum laude Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law graduate, Grossman handles matters involving insurance litigation. Prior to joining Timoney Knox, he represented defendants in criminal matters in Philadelphia courts.

Joe Kelly of Horsham has joined Ernst Brothers Builder in Spring House as a construction estimator and project manager to assist the company as it continues its expansion into more complex projects throughout the Delaware Valley. Kelly comes to Ernst after 18 years with a high-end custom builder in Bucks County, where he worked his way up the ladder from staff carpenter. While there, he served as field manager for projects that exceeded \$7 million, prepared estimates for projects from \$10,000 to \$6 million and managed a residential multi-home sitework development.

James Levins of Fairless Hills is one of three independent associates of Stream, a direct-selling company and provider of energy and wireless services, to be promoted to national director, the highest associate position and greatest Stream honor. Levins, who challenged Stream co-founder Rob Snyder to a business bet during a presentation, started his Stream business in 2010 and holds the record for the fastest promotion to executive director in Stream history. photo

YMCA of Bucks County recently announced additions to their leadership team in the Central and Upper Bucks regions. **Bryan Detweiler** was appointed the vice president of operations in the Upper Bucks region and **Danielle Cioffi**, vice president of operations in the Central Bucks region of Bucks County. Detweiler, a native to Quakertown and graduate of Quakertown Community High School, most recently was employed by the Ford Performance Racing School as a race shop and operations manager. Cioffi recently moved into her new leadership position helming the Central Bucks region after serving as the branch executive of the Fairless Hills and Newtown branches of the organization. Before serving the YMCA of Bucks County, Cioffi, of Franklin Park, New Jersey, was employed by The Gateway Family YMCA in New Jersey as the district executive director overseeing two branch operations.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Fox & Roach, Realtors recently honored sales associates from several Bucks County offices with a President's Circle Award for their sales performance for 2018, placing them in the top 5 percent of agents in the national BHHS network. Those recognized include: Doylestown office sales associates **Mary Beth Allen, Ron Ridolfo, Patti Booth, Christy Booth, Jaime Fox, Chris Stevens, and Kurt Marhefka**; Southampton office associates **Jodi and Robert Costin, and Donna McHugh**; Newtown Home Marketing Center associates **Kathleen Layton, Terri Foley, Maria Dwyer, Jane Andrews, the Mary Dinneen Team and Sally Hammer**; New Hope office associates **John Clement and Fran McNinch**; and Yardley Home Marketing Center associates **Brenda Mass and Andrew Jacobs**. BHHS Fox & Roach also honored sales associates with Leading Edge Awards for their 2019 sales performance, ranking them in the top 8 percent of agents in the national network. Those honored include New Hope associates **Sue Podhor and Dee Dee Bowman**; Doylestown associates **Tina Fetter, Cheryl Laumakis, Tony Molae, Opy Eskandarian, Amy Emery, Cindy Knotts and Angela Guidone**; Yardley associates **Brian Doto, Rena Rosenthal, Amy Vandenburg, Debra Chmielecki, Bettyanne Hildebrand, Debbie McIntosh and Jacqueline Pascale**; and Newtown associates **Julie Short, Marian Lacey-Walls, Kathy and Brittney Dumont, and the Morgan Arnold Team**.

Kamil Marcinkiewicz, of Philadelphia, **Dawn O'Hara**, of West Point, and **Mark Forcinito**, of Southampton, have joined HomeStarr Realty as licensed real estate agents serving Bucks, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. HomeStarr has offices in Bensalem, Upper Southampton, Montgomery Township, Northeast Philadelphia, New Hope and Warrington.

Weichert, Realtors' Doylestown office recently recognized its top producers for sales achievement in April. The Walton-Winn Team, helmed by sales associates **Jennifer Walton and Kelley Winn**, led the office for sales units and volume. **Susan Gordon** was the associate in the Doylestown office with the most listings during the month, and **Juliet "Julie" DiIoia** led for listing volume.

St. Luke's University Health Network, which operates a hospital in Quakertown and is building a new hospital in Milford, has earned a Governor's Employer Award for outstanding hiring practices that move people off government assistance and into financially stable jobs. St. Luke's received an Employer Honor Roll Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services for its record of success in hiring participants in the state's Employment, Advancement and Retention Network program. EARN works in all 67 counties to get participants off government assistance by addressing barriers to employment and coordinating existing employment and training programs. St. Luke's currently employs more than 15,000 people at 10 hospitals and more than 320 outpatient sites.

COMPANY MILESTONE

The **Credit Counseling Center** recently celebrated its 25th year of operations at the expansion of its office located within the First National Bank of Newtown in Northampton. The nonprofit agency, which provides homebuying, credit and bankruptcy counseling, also has offices in Doylestown and Levittown.

BUSINESS EXPANSION

Bucks County-based dental group **Smile Culture Dental** has opened a third location in Huntingdon Valley. The opening of the Huntingdon Valley office follows the company's rapid growth in patients served since its first year in business in 2015. Smile Culture's approach combines creating a modern-day patient experience, from offering Netflix to Bose noise-cancelling headphones in the dental chair, with multi-specialty, convenient care. Smile Culture also has created the SMILE4SMILE program which donates oral health essentials and education from Smile Culture providers to underserved areas, matching the number of patients Smile Culture offices have seen the previous year. The new office is located at 2150 County Line Road.