



LBPA TODAY

Information Update for Lansdowne Business and Professional Association Members

A Note From the President

Last May, Fran Wayne said to me, "Pat, you're always a bridesmaid and never the bride! Don't you think it's time to take your turn as president?" Like many who are called to serve, I've got a bazillion things to do and wonder how in the world I'm going to get them all done. But, I know when you're enthusiastic about something, you find the time.

After being a member of the LBPA for almost 25 years, I'm still enthused. I am excited to hear about so many things happening in town, and honored to have the chance to be president during this, our 30th year as the Lansdowne Business & Professional Association. Thank you for your support. I'm looking forward to being part of the continued development and evolution of the business environment in our wonderful town.

I believe our businesses AND our town have benefited from our organization, and I am eager to help further our mission to improve and promote the Lansdowne business community—making the borough a better place to live, work and shop.

Please call me with your suggestions or comments on how the LBPA can work for you. And, let me know if you'd like to become a more active member. Like every organization, we can always use a helping hand. My number is 610-574-3449.

—Pat Arone

Next Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 14, 2005
6 to 9 pm: Networking, Short business meeting, food, refreshments & program

Where: Lansdowne Borough Hall
Lansowne & Baltimore Avenues

Cost: \$20 includes food, refreshments, networking and program. \$5 for program only (starts at 7:30)

Program: "Protecting Yourself From Identity Theft"

Details: Back by popular demand is John Featherman, an internationally recognized expert on identity theft detection and protection. Those of you who attended his program last time were shocked at how easy it is to have your identity stolen. John will give you lots of tips on how to protect yourself from this costly experience. Bring a friend, or two. They'll thank you for inviting them!

RSVP: So we'll have enough food and refreshments on hand, please RSVP by 6 pm on Sept. 12. Call Pat at 610-574-3449, or fax to 610-626-5707.

"I'm a little concerned about this notion everybody wants us to be objective."

— Peter Jennings



2005-2006 LBPA Officers (left to right): Taleese Peters, Secretary; Pat Arone, President; Bill Brown, Treasurer; Kelly Bliss, First Vice President; and Rick Grocott, Second Vice President.

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News in Brief

Main Street Manager Comes To Town

As many of you already know, a Main Street Manager has been hired, effective September 1. Garry Chilutti's job will be to attract new businesses to Lansdowne and to assist in the revitalization of the Lansdowne Central Business District. Go to www.ourtownsfuture.com to read about the revitalization plan. Hiring a Main Street Manager has been in the works for years, but has recently become possible through the hard work of the Lansdowne Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) and assistance from Representative Micozzie in obtaining a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DECD).

Garry is anxious to meet Lansdowne business and property owners and will be the central point in administering the Facade Improvement Grant Program. Please welcome Garry if he stops by your shop or business. We also look forward to having Garry at one of our LBPA meetings.

Do You Have a B.O.B. Card?

Enjoy "Breakfast on Bob"—Bob Doyle, that is. Have your B.O.B. card punched each time you buy breakfast, and after 10 punches, the next one is on Bob (up to \$6 value). See card enclosed. Visit Doyle's Deli & Grille, Mon-Sat 8-4PM; and Sun 8-2PM.

Need More Visibility? Get Your Name in this Newsletter!

Members who want to publish an item of interest about their company or personal accomplishment can email a paragraph (about 200 words) for inclusion in this newsletter. Have you been recognized for an achievement or personal service; or

have you received accolades by your industry peers or community groups? Send your item (with photo, if available) to pat@aroneassociates.com. Also, if you'd like to be the featured member in a future newsletter, call Pat (610-574-3449) or Kelly (610-394-2547) to set up a short interview.

Fitness With Bliss in Time Magazine

Lansdowne Fitness With Bliss was featured in the cover story in the June 6th issue of TIME Magazine. The concepts of self-care (exercise and healthy eating) and self-acceptance for all sizes were highlighted by large color photo and interview in the national magazine.

Lansdowne Parks & Recreation Announces a New Program

Lansdowne Walk & Stretch With Bliss will begin Saturday, September 24 and continue for 10 weeks. Kelly Bliss and participants will enjoy walking through Lansdowne neighborhoods and parks, ending with a gentle stretch at St. John's Church (Lansdowne Avenue). Individuals, couples and families are welcome. Contact Jerry Staiber at 610-284-1493.

Sherwin-Williams Offers Paint Discount

The LEDC has negotiated a 20% discount on all Sherwin-Williams products for Lansdowne residents and businesses. Items already on sale will be reduced by 5%. The Sherwin-Williams people have also put together a Lansdowne Color Pallet for the central business district. This is a terrific opportunity for all of us to spruce up our properties. Discount cards are available by contacting the Main Street Manager.

Notes From the Zoning Board Meeting

Cell Phone Antenna Approved for Theater

At its August 18 meeting the Zoning Hearing Board of Lansdowne approved an application by NEXTEL to install cell phone communication antennas on the rear and side of the Lansdowne Theater building. This application had been continued from May 26, 2005 when the Zoning Hearing Board requested that the applicant provide evidence that the auxiliary use requested would not interfere with the primary use of the building, that being a theater, and that the auxiliary use would not adversely affect the historical certification of the building.

NEXTEL revised its plans to locate equipment inside the building, rather than on the roof as originally proposed, and obtained a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Screening Report and an opinion letter from the Pennsylvania

Historical and Museum Commission Bureau for Historical Preservation addressing the Boards concerns.

Social Club Denied

In another matter on August 18, the Zoning Hearing Board denied an application by the Teo-Chew Association of Philadelphia to change the use of the property at 160 E. Plumstead Ave., currently a furniture store, to a social club because the applicant failed to provide the Board with sufficient evidence to grant a special exception. At the conclusion of the hearing the Zoning Solicitor advised the applicant and those present that the applicant has the responsibility to provide evidence that all the requirements of the Zoning Code have been satisfied before a Special Exception can be granted.