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East Penn Chamber of Commerce

Letter from the President

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We have had two very successful events in the past month. The East Penn Chamber enjoyed a night out at the Lehigh Valley Phantoms on March 28. We had a great time socializing and cheering for the Phantoms!

On April 15, we had a wonderful event at The Good Shepherd Health and Technology Center, discovering “How Papa Raker’s Dream evolved: Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Today.” We were privileged to tour the Good Shepherd’s Neurorehabilitation Program and learn about cutting edge therapies to assist out-patients reach function and independence following stroke, spinal cord injury, brain injury or any other neurological event. The center attracts patients from all over the country seeking the positive results Good Shepherd therapists achieve.

Our next luncheon event will at Brookside Country Club on May 20. Please join us at 11:30 a.m. to learn more about “The Crisis in Public Education Funding.”

Dr. Tom Seidenberger, who retired in 2014 as the superintendent of the East Penn School District, and Saucon Valley School Board Member Sandra Miller will shine the light on the crises in Pennsylvania’s public education funding system. Pennsylvania is one of only three states without a funding formula for public education; 42 states in the union provide a greater share of education funding than our Commonwealth does, which puts the burden on local Pennsylvania taxpayers. School districts are often required to pass budgets before they know the state allocation. Dr. Seidenberger and Ms. Miller are Circuit Riders for the Campaign for Fair Educating Funding, an initiative created by a coalition of over 50 organizations from the education, business, and faith-based sectors underwritten by the William Penn Foundation, whose mission is to develop a fair funding program by 2016. The goal is to provide all public schools with the resources to enable every child to meet state academic standards, be prepared for post-secondary success, and become productive, knowledgeable, and engaged adults.

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We look forward to seeing you all at our next event!