



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

by: Kevin S. Putman, Jr.
CBCC Chairman of the Board

Fellow Chamber Members, Colleagues, and Friends,

The holidays are a time for celebration with family and friends, giving and receiving, and embracing what means most to us in life. The end of the year is often about revisiting and reflecting on successes and challenges. In business, we design strategic plans and develop our road map for a better future. The new year stands before us with much opportunity and many goals on the horizon.

As I step into my new role as Chairman of the Board for the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, I approach it with enthusiasm, vision, and a steadfast commitment to the office, the organization, and the businesses of the Bucks County region. Bucks County has been a central part of my family's story for four generations and the foundation for my family's business. I feel so fortunate to be a member of a very special community where I have also developed deep social roots. I believe the area offers an exceptional and diverse environment that promotes a wonderful quality of life.

I would like to thank Tom Gockowski, past Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Vail Garvin, past President and CEO of the Chamber, for their leadership. I hold them both in the highest regard and wish them well as they move on to new adventures. Vail, your decades of service and passion for the Bucks County community demonstrates your ability to always extend a hand to those in need, to offer a warm smile, and to welcome new businesses and friends into your circle. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to the outgoing Chamber team, Amanda Soler, Sally Parham, and Debbie Hays. I recognize their many valuable contributions and years of dedication to the Chamber and certainly wish them all well in their future endeavors.

As the Chamber moves forward under the guidance of Theresa Fera, I am eager to embark on a positive period of change and innovation. I am confident that our mutual passion for the Chamber and the business community will be a springboard for fresh ideas, planning, and progress. I echo Theresa's desire to set a course for growth by creating educational programming that brings together great thought leaders and subject matter experts. I know Theresa's deep knowledge of business, commitment to the Chamber mission, and positive demeanor will make her a tremendous asset to the organization. Together, we will foster opportunity and encourage business relationships that ultimately help you thrive.

I encourage you to embrace all the Chamber has to offer, whether through networking opportunities, participating in committees, or attending our many business and social events. Take advantage of the *Business & Arts Journal* that reaches thousands to advertise your business. Meet with a fellow business person and share your knowledge about Chamber membership. I look forward to serving my years as an ambassador and leader, forming meaningful professional relationships and helping your businesses grow.

Happy Holidays, and my very best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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