

Put on Your Poker Face, Oakland!



Join the Oakland Kiwanis in a **Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament!** On Sunday, September 10th at 2 p.m. The Tournament will be held at the Rodef Shalom Congregation in Oakland.

Directions are available at www.rodefshalom.org. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$125 or for \$140 at the door. All proceeds will benefit children's charities.

For more information, please contact Joanne Cain by calling 412-498-1390

**Texas Hold 'Em
Poker Tournament**
DATE: Sunday, September 10th
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: 4905 Fifth Avenue
PRICE: \$125 in advance
 \$140 at the door
RSVP: Joanne Cain, 412-498-1390

Spend an Evening at Phipps Conservatory!

What: First Tuesday After Hours

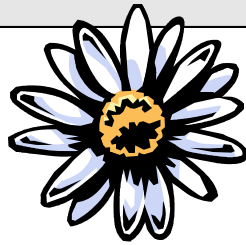
Date: Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Time: 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Where: Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

Price: \$15 for Partners, \$25 for Non-Partners

Your business will bloom when you join VisitPittsburgh at Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens for an exceptional evening of networking and entertainment!



Merchant and a Special performance of contortion dance by the Dance Extensions Performing Arts Center.

To register, call Julie Stevens at 412-281-0482, extension 3170 or e-mail julie.stevens@visitpittsburgh.com.

The event features; the new Phipps Exhibits: Mythical Beasts and Butterfly Forest, Cultivating Networking, a fabulous selection of hors d'oeuvres, smooth jazz sounds of Groove

Log onto www.visitpittsburgh.com and click on the members/partners link.

Mixing and Mingling at Joe Mama's

The Business Network Mixer held at Joe Mama's on July 11th was a big success! Thank you to those who attended and special thanks to **Eureka Bank** and **OBID** for sponsoring the event!

Mike Abriola: Eureka Bank

Joe Bettinger: Heiber's Pharmacy

Carol Crum: Subway

Jay Dantry: Jay's Bookstall

Jeff Dzamko: Neighborhood Enterprises

Joe Emanuele: Jay's Bookstall

Dan Friedson: Law School Clinic

Ray Garofalo: Dollar Bank

Michael Glasser: Medical Center Opticians

Abdul Halal: Salem Halal's Meat Market

Andy Hardie: Dave and Andy's

Joann Kradel: Medical Center Opticians

Lalet Kumar: Selection Boutique

Steve Schooley: Island Ink Jet

Ed Seserko: Eureka Bank

Jennifer Sinfelt: Office of Mayor Bob O'Connor

Barry Zwibel: Sir Speedy



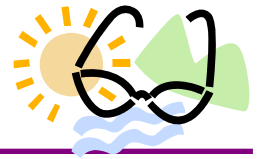
BIZ-Bits

- On Saturday, July 1, the **Pennsylvania General Assembly** passed a number of bills that contain significant Pennsylvania tax changes, including Senate Bill 300, House Bill 859, House Bill 801. The most significant of these changes involve Corporate Net Income Tax, Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, S Corporation and Personal Income Tax. For more information visit www.revenue.state.pa.us/



Farewell Friends!

The OBID wishes farewell and lots of luck to familiar faces in our businesses: **Thomas Vandergrift** of the Atwood Street State Liquor Store, who's last day was on June 30th and **Kelly Spielvogle** of Maggie and Stella's, who's last Day was on July 31st.



Great Opportunities to Market to Students!

The Oakland Business improvement District is in partnership with the Oakland Biz Network is Providing Oakland businesses with yet another unique opportunity to freely market their goods!

We are calling Oakland businesses in the district to provide the OBID with literature, discounts and gift items to display at our organization's tables at university orientations throughout the city. Take advantage of this opportunity, it will provide you with the ability to reach out to **thousands** of students from all over the world! We will be speaking with a large number of students, so its

important for you to provide us with enough handouts.

Remember, the more you provide, a greater number of students will be reached!

For more information, contact Melanie at 412-683-6243x.20.



SPECIAL COUPON OFFER FROM SIR SPEEDY:

Black and white copies— 4¢/copy
Minimum Purchase: 500
OR 69¢ each color copy
412-687-0500

The OBID will be tabling at:

- University of Pittsburgh Office of International Studies Orientation Fair
- University of Pittsburgh's "Arrival Survival"
- Chatham College
- Duquesne University
- Carlow University
- Carnegie Mellon University



Attention Business Owners! Don't miss this great opportunity to advertise in the **Welcome Back** edition of the **Pitt News**, which will be published on August 22nd. Make sure to reserve your advertising space by August 4th at 3:00 p.m. by calling the Pitt News at 412-648-7979 or by e-mailing advertising@pittnews.com.

Oakland's Cooling Down This Summer!

Rita's Italian Ice

3715 Fifth Avenue, Oakland

Just in time! Summer is sizzling and there's a new way to cool off in Oakland! Rita's Italian Ice, who's grand opening was on July 22nd is an amazing addition to our business district. Throughout its season, which runs from the first day of spring (an entire day of **free** ice) until November, Rita's will be publishing



coupons in the Post Gazette.

Rita's opened in the area because it believes that Oakland is a great opportunity be introduced to the City of Pittsburgh. People from all over the metropolitan area frequent Oakland for its hospitals, schools, museums and employment opportunities: a great consumer base for doing business!

Rita's most popular flavors are **cherry**, **mango** and **lemon**, so check them out!

BID-Bits

- **Congratulations to UPMC!** The hospital was named one of America's best hospitals in U.S. News & World Report's annual listing.



Of the 176 medical centers that are ranked, 14 earned "Honor Roll" status by ranking at or near the top in at least six specialties. UPMC was 14th on that list.

- **Congratulations to Milano's Pizza** owner and newly-wed **Ben Sculli!**



Dr. Rand Werrin of Miller, Werrin & Gruendel posed as Uncle Sam during the Forbes Field Wall Celebration in July!