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5 Tips to Get the Most Out of Holiday Shopping

'Tis the season for shopping trips and presents under the tree.

And if you're planning to spend more this year on gifts, you're not alone. This holiday season is expected to be one of the biggest yet for gift spending – with shoppers expected to spend more this holiday shopping season than ever. Brand name apparel and accessories will once again serve as the mostwanted on holiday lists, which means holiday budgets may easily get blown.

That's why The Philadelphia Premium Outlets located in Pottstown, PA, is a mustvisit for all your gift-giving needs. The center offers more than 150 brand name and designer outlet stores including coveted brands like Michael Kors, The North Face, Kate Spade New York, Under Armour and UGG, at a savings of anywhere from 25 to 65 percent. A win-win for getting exactly what your loved ones want this year, without you breaking the bank.

"We attract shoppers from the Greater Philadelphia Area and beyond who are discerning about quality, loyal to the brands they like but also looking to save – especially during the holidays," said Kate Johnson Area Director of Marketing and Business Development at The Philadelphia Premium Outlets. "Customers know they can visit our center and not only find their favorite name brands but enjoy incredible savings."

To get the most out of your shopping trips, the shopping experts at Philadelphia Premium Outlets have put together tips to pack the most into each shopping adventure. **1. Get an early start:** Morning hours are generally the best time to shop, so get started as early as possible. Also, try and schedule your shopping trip for a weekday as the stores are less crowded and you'll find a better parking spot.

2. Stay in the know: Scope out a store or destination before arriving, so you know exactly where to go. Visit the mall's website — that way you'll be able to also see which stores have additional holiday promotions or sales that day. You can also sign up to become a Premium Outlets VIP (at no charge) and receive a Savings Passport, a compelling discount book amenity that features 100 additional retailer offers. This year, the Outlets is taking its Savings Passport digital, so shoppers can enjoy extra savings with just a touch of a button on their smartphones.

3. Be safe: Always be aware of your surroundings and your personal belongings when out and about. Place all valuables inside your trunk so they are out of sight. Park in a lighted area at night and contact mall security if you need any assistance.

4. Dress for comfort: Shopping till you drop means a lot of walking, so wear appropriate shoes and comfortable clothes — you'll be thankful at the end of the day.

5. Remember to have fun: Shopping for loved ones can be a very enjoyable experience if you set your mind to it. Try making it a day for you and your bestie to catch up while shopping. Many destination shopping centers like Philadelphia Premium Outlets hold special events through the holiday season. Let that holiday cheer sink in and put you in a holly jolly mood.



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Being tucked away in historical Pine Forge adds an air of mystery to the venue, a peaceful European slant. The interior artfully created with 'whimsy' to induce comfort and a sense of fun and relaxation. Outdoor patio available for dining, cocktails, & in colder months you'll cozy up to one of our three fireplaces.

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own festive sparkle to bring that special 'spirit' to your dining experience. We extend our hours to meet your Holiday catering & dining requests for luncheon, dinner, or brunch, @ the restaurant or at your home or office.

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If you haven't yet visited this extraordinary place, you owe it to yourself to "Kick Back, Relax, & Enjoy!" Gracie's 21st Century Café is located at 1534 Manatawny Drive, Pine Forge, PA. Phone: 610.323.4004. Open Wednesday – Saturday 5:30 to 11:00.





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The Twin Turrets Inn

The Twin Turrets Inn Bed and Breakfast, located at 11 East Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown, is owned and operated by fourterm Boyertown Mayor Marianne Deery and her husband Frank, President of Boyertown's Borough Council.

There is a lot to do in Boyertown. "All Aboard" The Little Red Caboose for an exciting excursion on the Colebrookdale Secret Valley Railroad. Or you can catch a baseball game at the famous Bear Stadium. Our park hosts a rambling walking trail, Frisbee golf and a playground for all children. Boyertown is rich in history so a visit to Boyertown's Museum of Historic Vehicles and Boyertown's Historical society is a must. Boyertown's century old State Theater provides live entertainment.

"Bear Fever" is contagious and it begins with historic "Townie Bear" and "Bubbles"

located at the entrance to Twin Turrets. There are many other bears as you enjoy your walk along Boyertown's tree-lined streets and see our beautiful architecture, unique shops, restaurants, bakeries and even a microbrewery. Our artistic community is awesome and Taylor Backes Glassblowing Studio is universally recognized.

With so much to do you should really spend an evening or two at The Twin Turrets Inn; you will be glad you did. All of the rooms are tastefully appointed, bathrobes provided for your private bath. All guests will enjoy a fully cooked breakfast, which is served at your convenience. Complimentary usage of a secured wireless network is available.

For additional information, please call 610.367.4513 and visit www.TwinTurrets.com.

Spring Hollow Golf Club

Spring Hollow Golf Club is a challenging, 18-hole Public Golf Course with a fullservice restaurant and banquet facilities. Open Seven Days a week for Golf, please call ahead for Tee Times.

The Grille is the full-service restaurant at Spring Hollow, which is also open to the public. With its comfortable and friendly setting, it is a great place to meet friends after work for cocktails, or have a relaxing sit-down dinner with the family. Whatever your reason, you'll be sure to leave with a smile! The Grille is open for Lunch and Dinner Wednesday through Sunday.

The Banquet facilities at Spring Hollow can be used for Weddings, Business meetings, Golf Outings and many other types of functions. We offer diverse menu selections to suit your needs and we can assist you with any catering needs you may have.

Spring Hollow Golf Club is truly a hidden treasure of the Tri-County Area. Since the Holidays are upon us, stop in to buy a Gift Card for that special someone.

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Consider a New Look for the New Year



By Debbie Werner, Owner; **Reflections Hair Designs** December 31st is approaching with the speed of a shoot-

ing star, signaling the end of another year and the beginning of a new one. This is the

time of the year that causes us to step back and reflect on where we were, where we are, and where we want to be, and to decide on what we need to change to help accomplish new goals.

These resolutions that we promise to do mostly center on our physical appearance. Somehow, this outward physical change gives us a greater confidence to move forward. A good illustration of this is in the movie "Now Voyager." The main character, Charlotte Vail, is drab and lacks confidence. Her character undergoes a transformation, mentally and physically. The physical change in her appearance helps her to become more confident.

Physical changes give us a sense of control over our lives, so as you enter the New Year, take the plunge. Change your color or hairstyle. This also applies to men. A new or current haircut can change your image. Play with color, like glossing treatments that add

shine and a whisper of translucent color, or be bolder and add a sprinkling of lighter pieces.

For women, winter is the time to add richer, deeper tones like mahogany, plum or chocolate brown to your color. With your make up, remember that your tan has faded so lighten your foundation. Moisturize and apply primer before the foundation to assure flawless coverage. Use a bronzer to contour your cheekbone, and place a soft pink or peach above the bronzer to highlight. Eyebrows are still a focus, so consider reshaping and enhancing to create a beautiful frame around the eve.

Speaking of eyebrows.... Men, keep them trimmed for a well-groomed look. If you are a proud owner of a uni-brow try having the center above the nose waxed. You will be amazed at how that will alter your appearance.

As you look forward in 2018, decide what simple physical adjustments will help to build your confidence and create an awesome first, second and third impression. You only have seven seconds.

For additional information, please call Debbie Werner at 610.323.2030 or email: reflectionsh@verizon.net.



A Favorite Christmas Classic

The Pottstown Dance Theatre Repertory Ensemble will be doing a full version of the family classic "The Nutcracker" at the Hill School Center for the Arts on Saturday December 2 at 7pm as well as Sunday December 3 at 3pm. Under the direction of Michelle Jones Wurtz, the performance will include the party scene with young dancers showing off their strong ballet technique, "Waltz of the Snowflakes", the beloved "Waltz of the Flowers", and the other works with new lighting design, a brand new snow- scene backdrop, and other amazing stage effects.



Adult tickets are \$20 in advance (\$23 at the box office upon arrival), and \$15 for students and seniors in advance (\$18 at the box office upon arrival). They are available at Pottstown Dance Theatre, by calling 610.323.2569, or online at www.pottstowdance.com. For information on group rates please call the Theatre at 610.323.2569.





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