

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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February Highlights

A total of (Twenty-nine) 29 members and guests were registered for the February 11, 2015 luncheon meeting at Chartiers Country Club. First time attendees: Larry Gooch of First Energy/Bruce Mansfield Plant; Gary Rodgers of Weavertown Environmental and Daniel Coast of Henderson Brothers.

Coast Guard News

LCDR Patrick Burkett covered the **attached** report.
Several additional items:

- Port Security Grant Workshops conducted by FEMA at the new Coast Guard offices on January 27 - 28, 2015 were well attended.
- A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for April 1st for the new Headquarter Offices. Formal notification will be sent shortly.

Army Corp of Engineers

Mark Ivanisin covered the **attached** report.

In addition to the Report provided by Mark Ivanisin, Richard Lockwood, Pittsburgh District Operations and Regulatory Division Chief briefed the Association on the following additional matters of interest;

- USACE initiative on Levels of Service is in the final stages of internal coordination and will soon be submitted to HQUSACE for vetting. If the Proposal is accepted there is a good chance that Pittsburgh District Locks will see an increase in staffing that will alleviate some of the service issues caused by lack of staffing
- A joint meeting will be held in late March with both the CEWAAG and CERRUS groups to share information about the FY15 Budget, FY15 Repair Plan and Schedule and the 2015 Recreation Season. Contributed Finds issues should be resolve by that time and hours of operation set.
- A contract for repairs to the River Chamber at Maxwell should be awarded by 13 February concluding the actions resulting from the 2013 allision.
- Southside Marina permit has been issued.

National Weather Service

Joe Palko covered the **attached** report.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission Report

Mary Ann Bucci covered the following information:

- There are still available funds for the FY14-15 CMAQ Program and an additional \$4 million that will be available for projects beginning on October 1, 2016. Additional information and applications can be obtained by contacting JD Fogarty or Mary Ann Bucci at the Port's office. Application deadline is February 23, 2015.
- The annual Washington DC trip in conjunction with the WCI Seminar is underway. Members will be conducting congressional visits to advance our regional projects such as the Lower Mon Project.
- On Thursday, February 19th, a press conference is scheduled with Senator Casey at the Gateway Clipper Fleet. Mary Ann Bucci will be forwarding specific details to Cheryl for membership dissemination. Industry attendance is strongly encouraged.

The Pittsburgh Maritime Club will kick-off its 2015 year with a night at the Improv Comedy Club on April 11th featuring comic Greg Warren. Anyone interested in this VIP evening should contact Mary Ann or Cheryl directly.

Education Committee Report

Michael Graham reported on the following:

- The spring "Who Works the Rivers" program will be held on April 16, 2015. It will host the Consortium for Public Education and the TFIM (the future is mine) group and total number of students should exceed 60 in attendance. Any company wishing to provide a presentation during this program should contact Mike Graham directly. The fall program dates has not yet been confirmed.

Navigation Committee Report

Eunice Ratcliff was unable to attend the meeting.

Legislative Committee Report

Richard Kreider was unable to attend the meeting due to the annual Washington DC Congressional meetings. A detailed report will be provided at the March membership luncheon.

Other Comments

Dan Lacek, WAP President, discussed recent board actions to aid in transparency. Formal responses pertaining to proposed permits will now be processed through entire board and an official responses issued not only from the Navigation Committee but association officers on Waterways letterhead. These formal responses will be maintained by the Executive Director.

He is also seeking volunteers from member companies to service on the Navigation Committee, Legislative Committee and Education Committee. Anyone interested in serving on any of these committees should contact the respective committee chair.

Gretchen Chamberlain, Membership Chair, informed membership of new member Donora Docks LLC which is a part of Robindale Energy Group.

March Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2015 at Chartiers Country Club. Cost of the luncheon will be \$25. Registration will begin at 11:45 a.m. Please call, email or fax the response form below by Thursday, March 5, 2015 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Chartiers Country Club

March 11, 2015

Menu:

Mixed Field Greens w/Chartiers Crouton - Balsamic Vinaigrette
Chicken Romano lightly egg battered w/lemon butter sauce
Wild Mushroom Parmesan Rice
Chocolate Parfait

Cost: *\$25/per member*

_____ YES, I will be attending

_____ No, I will not be attending

****Special Dietary Requirements:** _____

NAME: _____
(Please print)

COMPANY: _____

Please respond **by Thursday, March 5, 2015** to:

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