

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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December Highlights

A total of (thirty-five) 35 members and guests were registered for the December 10, 2014 luncheon meeting at Chartiers Country Club. First time attendee, Earl Brown, was recognized.

David McQuiston thanked the PMC Holiday Party organizers, Gretchen Chamberlain, Mary Ann Bucci, Nancy Wisniewski, Daria Schwartz and Cheryll Cranmer for the excellent evening!

Coast Guard News

CDR Lindsay Weaver and Lt. Ariana Mohnke covered the **attached** report. MSU Pittsburgh New Office address is: 1041 Washington Pike, Suite 300, Bridgeville, PA 15107 and new main office line is 412-221-0807. The Marine Safety Unit Duty Officer number remains the same 412-670-4288.

Army Corp of Engineers

Dane Summerville covered the **attached** report. One correction was noted on the Four (4) floating mooring bits in New Cumberland's main chamber installation has moved to late summer.

National Weather Service

Joe Palko covered the **attached** report.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission Report

Mary Ann Bucci covered the following information:

- On behalf of the PMC Holiday Party Committee, special thanks were offered to all the companies that participated in the event and provided a record setting number of donations for the Chinese Auction this year.
- An informational CMAQ meeting will be scheduled for the week of January 12th to review submission & payment procedures along with funding availability. Information on the meeting will be sent out next week.
- The House passed a bill, "Achieving a Better Life Experience" (ABLE Act). The bill includes a 9-cent-per-gallon increase to the barge diesel user fee. Senator Bob Casey is introducing the bill in the Senate. The bill has 76-co-sponsors and is expected to pass. This is extremely positive progress for the replenishment of the Waterways Trust Fund.

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.

Navigation Committee Report

Eunice Ratcliff reported on the following:

- In a proactive effort, Ice Committee conference calls are occurring between the US Coast Guard, Army Corp of Engineers, the National Weather Service and the Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Navigation Committee on a weekly basis.
- The Pittsburgh Area simulation is nearly complete in Paducah. Ingram Barge Company has provided Captains to run test simulations to work out the systematic details. The lower Allegheny River, Lower Monongahela River, and the Upper Ohio Rivers will be available. Campbell Transportation Company has been a huge sponsor of the project. Peter Stephaich is being honored at the Annual Riverbell Luncheon in Paducah and is receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Legislative Committee Report

Richard Kreider was unable to attend the meeting. David McQuiston presented the following information:

- The WCI Washington Meetings have been scheduled for February 10-12, 2015 and will include the following:
 - o February 10th - WCI Board of Directors meeting and Waterways Seminar
 - o February 11th Capitol Hill visits and the Leadership Service Award Dinner

An email will be sent to the membership seeking volunteers to attend this annual trip. The association covers expenses for the Waterways Seminar, hotel and attendance to the Leadership Service Award Dinner. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn for attendees. Richard Kreider will be organizing the event and any questions should be directed to him.

January Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2015 at Bella Sera located off the Southpointe Exit of Route 79. 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, January 8, 2015 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Chartiers Country Club

January 14, 2015

Menu:

Romaine & Radicchio Salad w/Balsamic Vinaigrette & Buttermilk Ranch
Fork Tender Beef w/Rosemary Horseradish Cream
Au Gratin Potatoes
Fresh Baked Caramel Apple Walnut Pie

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, January 8, 2015** to:

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