

Waterways Association of Pittsburgh Newsletter

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January Highlights

A total of (forty-three) 43 members and guests were registered for the January 14, 2015 luncheon meeting at Bella Sera. First time attendees: Michael Kidd of Crouse Corp.; Dave Phillians of US Steel/Clairton Works; John Davis of Chalmers & Kubeck, Inc. (guest of Marion Hill Associates) and Chad Ohr, Lindsay Farrell and Jamie Smith of Grandview Barge Line (Guttman Energy).

Coast Guard News

CDR Lindsay Weaver covered the **attached** report.

Several additional items:

- 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.
- Port Security Grant Workshops will be conducted by FEMA at the new Coast Guard offices on January 27 - 28, 2015. Detailed information will be provided to aid in the grant completion to obtain federal grant monies. See detailed flyer **attached** (psg training).

Army Corp of Engineers

John Dilla covered the **attached** report.

National Weather Service

Joe Palko covered the **attached** report.

Port of Pittsburgh Commission Report

Mary Ann Bucci covered the following information:

- CMAQ funds of \$4 million remain for FY14-15 and an additional \$4 million on October 1, 2016. Additional information and applications can be obtained by contacting JD Fogarty or Mary Ann Bucci at the Port's office.
- The Port Security Grant training being offered at the US Coast Guard offices will provide invaluable information on obtaining federal grant monies. Members were encouraged to participate.
- The Pittsburgh Maritime Club Holiday Party was extremely successful. A special thanks was extended to those companies that provided donations for the Chinese auction. The annual PMC Membership Luncheon will be held Thursday, January 15, 2015 at

Bella Sera. Anyone interested in attending and learning more about the Pittsburgh Maritime Club can contact Cheryll 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.
- Annual seminar dates have been tentatively set:
 - Man Overboard Seminar - July 16, 2015 at MonVale Health Plex
 - Barge Breakaway Seminar - October 15, 2015 at Florefffe Fire Hall

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.
- A conference call has been set up to discuss the upcoming Hulton Bridge Replacement Project. **UPDATE:** The Allegheny River will be closed at mile 12.8 for the Oakmont (Hulton) Replacement Bridge Project beginning at 0700 on Thursday January 15, 2015 through Friday, January 16, 2015, re-opening on Saturday January 17, 2015. The USCG will issue a BNM when the river has re-opened.

Legislative Committee Report

Richard Kreider was unable to attend the meeting. David McQuiston presented a summary of the detailed report that is **attached**.

David McQuiston thanked everyone for their support during his tenure as Association President. Dan Lacek along with board members presented David a plaque in recognition of his dedication to the association's success.

February Membership Meeting

The **next** membership meeting is scheduled for February 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, February 5, 2015 if you plan on attending the luncheon meeting.

**Waterways Association of Pittsburgh
Meeting Response Form**

Chartiers Country Club

February 11, 2015

Menu:

Mixed Field Greens w/Chartiers Crouton - Balsamic Vinaigrette
Penne Pasta w/Marinara
Vegetable Medley
Cherry Crisp w/vanilla ice cream

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, February 5, 2015** to:

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