



The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Happy Holidays

Chairwoman

If somebody asked you to describe 2020 in a single sentence, what words come to mind? For some of us, we may be unable to publish them. However, when I think of what the Chamber has been able to accomplish this year, that sentence drastically changes.

There were many great events this year to look back on. The Golf Outing, chaired by **Rod Barker**, Crab Feast, co-chaired by **Jeremy Irons** and **Scott Pfeiffer**, and Marketplace Expo, chaired by **Kathy Diehl**, were all successfully held in person while adhering to all social distancing guidelines. Lucky Ladies Night Out was held virtually and the Outstanding Business Recognition Dinner has been tentatively postponed until the first quarter of 2021. Please visit our Facebook page to view the videos honoring our awardees **UPMC Western Maryland, Business of the Year, Donny & Kristan Carter, Entrepreneurial Spirit, and DelFest, LLC, Community Service**. You can also visit our newly designed website at www.alleganycountychamber.com to view videos of the awardees and stay current with all aspects related to the Chamber.

Leadership Allegany!, Leadership Allegany! Rising, Lunch & Learns, “Chamber After Hours”, and all committees have continued to meet via a hybrid model. I can not thank our volunteers enough that have continued to show up. You have made an impact in our community. It has been proven that volunteering is good for mental health, so if you are looking for a way to boost your

mood, please contact the Chamber at 301-722-2820 for volunteer opportunities.

The Chamber’s Annual Membership Meeting and election of directors will be held on Thursday, December 3 via Zoom. Six seats on the Board of Directors will be filled at this meeting and each qualified member’s vote is important. Please RSVP to the Chamber office.

The Chamber’s Pre-Legislative Forum will be held on Friday, December 4 via Zoom. The Western Maryland Delegation will be providing a brief recap of the 2020 session and will provide insights on the upcoming legislative session. Questions will be taken so please make sure to RSVP to the Chamber office. The Holiday Reception for Thursday, December 10 has been canceled for this year.

So how would I describe 2020? 2020 is the year that has brought us together. It has reminded us that we don’t physically need to be together to implement change. The way we work and volunteer our time is completely different, and we have all been presented our own set of challenges. But coming together, like we have, will help us get through this.

Remember, it will not be this way forever and the power of positive thinking is real. I wish for you to have a new year full of peace and joy. Happy holidays to all!

Nicole Wigfield
Chairwoman

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Cumberland, MD 21502

Annual Membership Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2020
Noon — Zoom Conference

Pre-Legislative Forum with Western Maryland Delegation

Friday, December 4, 2020
8:00 am — Zoom Conference

December Calendar

***NOTE:** If social distancing guidelines continue as they are, committee meetings will be held via Zoom as needed.*

November 30

Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

December 1

8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

December 3

Noon
Annual Membership Meeting
Zoom Conference

December 4

8:00 am
Pre-Legislative Forum with
Western Maryland Delegation
Zoom Conference

December 7

9:00 am
Golf Outing Meeting
Zoom Conference

December 10

8:00 am
Education Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

9:00 am
Leadership Allegany! Rising
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

December 15

8:00 am
Leadership Allegany!
Steering Committee Meeting
Zoom Conference

December 16

8:00 am
Economic Development Com. Mtg.
Zoom Conference

LEADERSHIP *Allegany! Alumni* SPOTLIGHT



Patsy Koontz

The **Leadership *Allegany!*** Alumni Committee is proud to “spotlight” a **Leadership *Allegany!*** alum quarterly in the Chamber e-newsletter. The alumni member is asked to answer a few questions about how their personal and/or professional life has been impacted by their **Leadership *Allegany!*** experience.

The **Leadership *Allegany!*** Alumni Spotlight series this month will highlight the Class of 1990 and we are proud to introduce you to class member **Patsy Koontz**.

What is your current role/title?

Community and Government Relations Liaison,
UPMC Western Maryland.

What is your favorite memory from your *Leadership Allegany!* experience?

While I have many fond memories of my **Leadership *Allegany!*** experience, my favorite memory was our first class: a canoe trip down the Potomac River. It was a beautiful afternoon with breathtaking scenery; it was also a great team-building experience. Little did I know that the wonderful group of fellow classmates I was getting to know that day would become my friends for life.

What advice would you have for future *Leadership Allegany!* members?

I would encourage anyone who wants to expand their horizons and enhance their marketability to take this class. The knowledge and networking connections gained from this nine-month program are invaluable.

How did *Leadership Allegany!* impact you professionally or personally?

Leadership *Allegany!* has been beneficial to me in two ways: 1) it was a valuable networking tool for getting to know individuals from all types of businesses/organizations throughout the county, and 2) it gave me a much better understanding of the county as a result of each monthly class focusing on a specific topic (e.g., education, environment, law enforcement/criminal justice, etc.). I would highly recommend the **Leadership *Allegany!*** experience to those individuals who want to enhance their networking opportunities and/or gain a better understanding of the county.

Describe a rewarding moment in your career?

I was humbled and honored by the awards and recognition I received from elected officials, municipalities, and organizations when I left my job as Public Affairs and Communications Manager of the Luke mill. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people in the community during my tenure at the Luke mill, and I am equally grateful that I continue to have that opportunity in my role as Community and Government Relations Liaison at UPMC Western Maryland.

The Alumni Committee hopes this spotlight will motivate others to sign up for the **Leadership *Allegany!*** program and for past alumnus a rekindle of an eagerness and passion to make Allegany County or themselves better. We would love to hear from you. To have yourself or someone else considered for the **Leadership *Allegany!* Alumni Spotlight** please contact Peg McKenzie at (301) 722-2820 or peg@alleganycountychamber.com or be on the lookout for an email from your class liaison.

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ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 3, 2020** by **Zoom conference call** beginning at noon.

Reservations are required. Please rsvp by contacting Krista Llewellyn either by email (krista@alleganycountychamber.com) or by calling the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 **no later than Wednesday, December 2nd.**

Once your reservation has been received an email will be sent with the link to access the Zoom conference call.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Ms. Karen Johnson, has submitted the following names of candidates for the Board of Directors to serve a term of three years, expiring December 2023.

Patrick W. Buck, *CBIZ Insurance Services*

Kristan S. Carter, *The Toasted Goat Winery*

Robert W. Collette, Jr., *Cumberland Healthcare Center*

Stephen R. McBride, *American Woodmark Corporation*

Kristi N. Minnigh, *Kristi Otto Allstate Insurance Agency*

Rebecca L. Ruppert, *Allegany College of Maryland*

Additional names of candidates to serve as directors can be nominated by petition bearing the signature of at least five (5) qualified members of the Chamber. Such petition should be filed with the Nominating Committee prior to November 30, 2020.



THE ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

presents

**PRE-LEGISLATIVE FORUM WITH
MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN
MARYLAND DELEGATION**

Friday, December 4, 2020

8:00 a.m.

ZOOM CONFERENCE

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Members of the Western Maryland Delegation will be on hand to provide a wrap up of the 2020 Legislative Session as well as issues and an overview of the 2021 Legislative Session

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Happy Holidays from the Craft Table

***Wreaths, Seasonal candles,
and crafty gift ideas for your
home, office or that
last minute gift...***



Don't spend hundreds of dollars on a machine-made wreath from the internet... stop in and let us hand make your unique wreath right here in Cumberland. Burlap, Mesh in Bow tie or Poof... we even make artificial pine wreaths for the season.

Have a wreath that needs repair or little bit of restoration and sprucing up from being in storage? Visit the shop Saturday and Sunday from noon till 4:00 pm for wreath restoration.



Call Carol and Chris
Craft Table
240.642.8828
11 South Liberty Street in
Historic Downtown Cumberland, Maryland

Craft Table is a locally owned small business and proud member of

- Maryland Association of Blind Merchants
- Downtown Cumberland Business Association
- Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

New Members

(Patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)

Delmock Technologies, Inc.

1 Technology Drive
Suite 100
Frostburg, Maryland 21532
240-772-9400
www.delmock.com

Contact: Jennifer Dice, Operations Manager
Western Maryland
E-mail: Jdice@delmock.com
Category: Information technology
Description: *IT service solutions, enterprise security solutions, quality management solutions*

Locust Post Brewery

31706 Old Adams Road NE
Little Orleans, MD 21766
301-697-3519

Contact: Denise Cornwell, Owner
E-mail: locustpostbrewery@hotmail.com
Category: Brewery
Description: *Class 8 farm brewery offering beer tastings. Family friendly atmosphere.*

Ray the Reliable Cleaner and Tailor

208 Decatur Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502
301-722-5410

Contact: Andrea Beall, Billing Representative
E-mail: abeall57@gmail.com
Category: Cleaners

State Farm – Brian Mandell Agency

509 A National Highway
LaVale, Maryland 21502
716-683-4007

Contact: Brian Mandell, Owner-Agent
E-mail: brianmandell@yahoo.com
Category: Insurance
Financial Advisors
Description: *Meeting the insurance and financial services needs of Allegany County*

Annual Membership Meeting Zoom Conference

The Chamber's Annual Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Noon. This year's meeting will be by Zoom conference call. Reservations are required – **please RSVP by December 1st** by email to krista@alleganycountychamber.com or directly to the Chamber office at 301-722-2820. Once our office receives your rsvp we will forward the Zoom access link.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS:

During the meeting, six individuals will be elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Directors:

Patrick W. Buck, *CBIZ Insurance Services*
Kristan S. Carter, *The Toasted Goat Winery*
Robert W. Collette, Jr., *Cumberland Healthcare Center*
Stephen R. McBride, *American Woodmark Corporation*
Kristi N. Minnigh, *Kristi Otto Allstate Insurance Agency*
Rebecca L. Ruppert, *Allegany College of Maryland*



Pre-Legislative Forum With Western Maryland Delegation Members

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Pre-Legislative Forum will be held on Friday, December 4, 2020 at 8:00 am and will be held by Zoom conference call. The program is sponsored by the Legislative Committee of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce.

The Western Maryland Delegation will be in attendance to provide a wrap up of the 2020 Legislative Session and discuss the format and upcoming legislative issues for the 2021 Legislative Session. The delegation comprised of Senator George Edwards, Delegate Wendell Beitzel, Delegate Jason Buckel and Delegate Michael McKay will also participate in a question and answer session.

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