



# The CHAMBER



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



## Executive Director

Whether the holidays and new year have special meaning for you or it's just the end of an "accounting period", it is a time to give pause and review the previous "period" and prepare for the upcoming one. There are so many projects in Allegany County that are moving along nicely. Projects like the River Park at Canal Place, Western Maryland Works, Frostburg Gateway, Cumberland Gateway, Greater Cumberland Regional Airport Improvement, Baltimore Street Redevelopment, Maryland Avenue Redevelopment, Cumberland Comprehensive Housing Analysis and continued improvements and development at Allegany College and Frostburg State University to name a few. In addition, initiatives like the I-68 Regional Alliance and implementation of the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Allegany County will improve how we attract new and grow existing business in our region. We also have the opportunity to take the approach to economic development to a new level with the potential "merger" of economic development entities in the county. Your Chamber is also continuously looking for new ways to promote business and create value for its members and the community. Yes, I'm aware there are some saying there's so many projects but nothing seems to ever get completed. There are many hard-working people both paid and volunteer coming together to make these projects a reality. Don't underestimate them. 2020 is going to be another great year of significant progress.

At the Chamber's Annual Membership Meeting, held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, six very qualified board members were elected. Elected as new board members were **Parika Andreassen**, *Hampton Inn Frostburg*, **Christie Clark**, *ACT 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Credit Union*, **James Crowder**,

*FirstEnergy Corporation*, **Debra Shaffer**, *City Lights American Grill and Bar*, and **Julie Westendorff**, *Allegany Arts Council*. Re-elected to the board was **Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk**, *Frostburg State University*. Elected to serve as officers were, as Chair, **Nicole D'Atri**, *Skypacket Networks, Inc.* **Jeffrey O'Neal**, *Western Maryland Health System*, as First Vice Chair and **Robert Godfrey**,

*Friends Aware, Inc.*, as Second Vice Chair. **Scott Pfeiffer**, *Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems*, will serve as Past Chairman. Congratulations! Thank you to outgoing board members **Renee Adams**, *Adams Family Funeral Home*, **Rod Barker**, *Edward Jones Investments*, **Charlie Croft**, and **Samuel Griffith**, *National Jet Company*, for your service and commitment to the Chamber and the community. It has been a pleasure working for you.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber's Holiday Reception, sponsored by **Allegany Museum**, **AT&T**, **Cintas**, **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**, **FirstEnergy Corporation**, **Hunter Douglas Fabrication**, **Long & Foster Real Estate**, **R. H. Lapp & Sons**, **Rusco Home Improvement**, and **State Farm – Cathy Carpenter & Jonathan Frye** was held at the Allegany Museum. Thank you to **Amy Shillingburg**, *Rusco Home Improvement*, and the Holiday Reception Committee for putting it all together and to all who attended this popular event. It was a great time and your support is appreciated.

The "Chamber After Hours" program kicks off the new year on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at **Divine Reflections**, 214 Paca Street, Suite A, Cumberland. The Network & Win cash drawing is \$1,250 and the pre-registration deadline is Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this one. As a reminder, 2020 dues need to be paid in full to be eligible for Network & Win.

The Chamber looks forward to serving its members in 2020 by providing networking, marketing and educational opportunities in addition to continuing to be the leading voice for business in Allegany County. At the core of the Chamber's mission is to function as an organization that attends to challenging matters which impact the advancement of businesses and the community. Together we will make that happen. Happy New Year!

**Stu Czapski**  
Executive Director

## JANUARY 2020

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Bell Tower Building  
Cumberland, MD 21502

### "Chamber After Hours"

Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Hosted by: Divine Reflections

## January Calendar

### January 8

8:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

### January 9

8:00 am  
Education Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

9:00 am

**Leadership Allegany!** Rising  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

### January 13

8:00 am  
**Leadership Allegany!** Alumni  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

### January 15

8:00 am  
Economic Development  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm  
"Chamber After Hours"  
Divine Reflections

### January 21

8:00 am  
**Leadership Allegany!**  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

## Inclement Weather Policy

If you are wondering if a committee meeting or Chamber event will be held during inclement weather, please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.

The Chamber's voice mail will be programmed to include details of any cancellation or time change that may be necessary due to snow or inclement weather conditions.

# Chamber Holiday Reception

## Thank You to Our Sponsors



Pictured from the left:

**Jonathan Frye**, *Jonathan Frye – State Farm Insurance*

**Amy Shillingburg**, *Rusco Home Improvement*

**Gary Bartik**, *Allegany Museum*

**Vic Rezendes**, *Allegany Museum*

**Jessie Cannon**, *Cintas*

**Jennifer Howell**, *Cintas*

**Brittany Stanley**, *Enterprise Rent A Car*

**Connie LePrevost**, *Long and Foster Real Estate*

**John Macy**, *Long and Foster Real Estate*

**Mary Jane Marker**, *R. H. Lapp and Sons*

**Bryan Marker**, *R. H. Lapp and Sons*

**James Crowder**, *FirstEnergy (Potomac Edison)*

**Cathy Carpenter**, *Cathy Carpenter – State Farm Insurance*

**Stu Czapski**, *Chamber of Commerce*

Absent when the photo was taken were representatives from AT&T and Hunter Douglas Fabrication



**HunterDouglas**



The Allegany County  
Chamber of Commerce

Presents

# Chamber After Hours

Sponsored  
By:



DIVINE REFLECTIONS



214 PACA ST SUITE A • CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

**Wed., Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

Join us for Networking,  
Hors D'oeuvres, and Drinks

\$5.<sup>00</sup> registration fee collected at door  
Must be 21 years of age to attend

**Network  
and WIN!**  
**\$1,250.<sup>00</sup>**

Must be pre-registered and present to win

Please RSVP by, Thurs. Jan., 9th, 2020 to:

**Allegany County  
Chamber of Commerce**

24 Frederick St.  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
(301) 722-2820  
(fax) 301-722-5995

krista@alleganycountychamber.com

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ORGANIZATION NAME

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MEMBER NAMES

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MEMBER GUESTS

## Member Profile: Little Caesars Cumberland

505 Springdale Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
Phone: 301-777-7050  
www.littlecaesars.com



# Little Caesars

**Little Caesars Cumberland** in South Cumberland is now under new, local ownership. Little Caesars is located at 505 Springdale Street. Little Caesars is well known for its great value, quick service, quality ingredients, and tremendous appeal to families. Gloria Schintzius relocated from Atlanta, Georgia to Cumberland to become the owner/operator of the store. She is excited about getting involved in the community. The store has already undergone some significant changes since she and her business partner, David Carswell, purchased the store in September. Now you can choose your favorite menu item or create your own pizza via the “custom pizza builder” on the Little Caesars mobile app and pickup your order thru the Pizza Portal. Delivery within the Cumberland area is also launching in mid-December.

Caesars is expanding in prime locations across the country, and provides franchisees with ongoing training and support. It has a wealth of experience in all aspects of successful restaurant operation, and has consistently achieved industry “firsts” with product and system innovations. In addition, Little Caesars offers strong brand awareness with one of the most recognized characters in the country, “Little Caesar.”



### About Little Caesar Enterprises, Inc.

Little Caesars Pizza founders Michael and Marian Ilitch opened their first restaurant in Garden City, Michigan in 1959. Today, Little Caesars is the world's largest carry-out pizza chain in restaurants on five continents. Little

## New Members

*(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)*

### briskData

P. O. Box 992  
Cumberland, Maryland 21501  
888-907-3637  
Fax: 443-230-5985  
www.briskdata.com

Contact: David Burroughs, Owner  
E-mail: david@briskdata.com

Category: Internet and Web Services  
Marketing and Advertising

Description: *briskData helps businesses leverage technology to increase revenue and decrease expense. They offer reliable web hosting, tech support, web design and consulting.*

### David Fuderich, DMD

214 Paca Street, Suite D  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
301-722-6689

Contact: David Fuderich, Owner  
E-mail: davidfuderich@yahoo.com

Category: Dentist  
Description: *General dentistry*

### Little Caesars

505 Springdale Street  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
301-777-7050  
www.littlecaesars.com

Contact: Gloria Schintzius, Owner  
E-mail: lccumberlandmd@gmail.com

Category: Restaurant  
Description: *Quick-service pizza restaurant known for its \$5 Hot-N-Ready® Classic pizza*

### Trinity Communications dba Sprint

2 Howard Street  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
240-362-7707

Contact: Tom Wilson, Store Manager  
E-mail: thwilson@imobileus.com

Category: Retail, Wireless  
Description: *Provide wireless solutions to Cumberland and surrounding areas*



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the renovation of the First United Bank and Trust White Oaks office located at 1501 Oldtown Road, Cumberland, Maryland. To learn more about them please visit their website [www.mybank.com](http://www.mybank.com).

Phil Rodeheaver, *Market Area President*, Donna Creegan, *Community Office Manager – White Oaks* and Carissa Rodeheaver, *CEO, Chair and President of First United Bank and Trust* cut the ribbon to celebrate the renovation of First United's White Oaks office. Also on hand for the celebration were Cumberland Councilman Rock Cioni, Allegany County Economic Development Specialist Greg Hildreth, Matt Miller, Cumberland Economic Development Corporation, Chamber Second Vice Chairman Robert Godfrey, Chamber Board of Director members Rod Barker, Charles Croft, Steve MacGray, Membership Committee Chair Jonathan Frye and Membership Committee member Seth Sgaggero, Chamber Executive Director Stu Czapski as well as First United Bank and Trust employees and board members.



## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of Trinity Communications dba Sprint located at 2 Howard Street, Cumberland, Maryland. Please join us in welcoming them to the community.

### Pictured left to right:

**Greg Hildreth**, *Allegany County Economic Development Office*  
**Councilman Eugene Frazier**, *City of Cumberland*  
**Mayor Ray Morriss**, *City of Cumberland*  
**Robert Godfrey**, *Friends Aware*, Chamber Second Vice Chairman  
**Jeffery O'Neal**, *Western Maryland Health System*, Chamber First Vice Chairman  
**Matt Miller**, *Cumberland Economic Development Corporation*  
**Tom Wilson**, Store Manager, *Trinity Communications dba Sprint*  
**Chris Reuschel**, Store Assistant Manager, *Trinity Communications dba Sprint*, dressed as Andy the Android  
**Brent Thomas**, Customer Sales Consultant, *Trinity Communications dba Sprint*  
**Jeremy Finnegan**, Regional Manager, *iMobile*  
**Angie Long**, Customer Sales Consultant, *Trinity Communications dba Sprint*  
**Nick Raffa**, District Manager, *iMobile*  
**Stu Czapski**, Chamber Executive Director  
**Steve MacGray**, *Charis Realty*, Chamber Board of Director member  
**Chrystal Robinette**, *Allegany Radio Corporation*  
**Annette Wolford**, *Allegany Radio Corporation*  
**Nicole D'Atri**, *Skypacket Networks*, Chamber Chairwoman of the Board  
**Jonathan Frye**, *Jonathan Frye State Farm*, Chamber Membership Committee Chair  
**Zachary Lease**, Customer Sales Consultant, *Trinity Communications dba Sprint*



## 2020 Board of Directors

### CHAIRWOMAN

**Nicole R. D'Atri**  
*Skypacket Networks, Inc*

### SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

**Robert A. Godfrey**  
*Friends Aware, Inc.*

### FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN

**Jeffery D. O'Neal**  
*Western Maryland Health System*

### IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN

**Scott C. Pfeiffer**  
*Northrop Grumman*

Parika M. Andreassen  
*Hampton Inn Frostburg*

Peter M. Bajc  
*AES Warrior Run*

Dr. Cynthia S. Bambara  
*Allegany College of Maryland*

Christie L. Clark  
*ACT 1<sup>st</sup> Federal Credit Union*

James S. Crowder  
*FirstEnergy Corporation*

Skylar B. Dice  
*Rocky Gap Casino Resort*

Timi M. Hadra  
*IBM Global Business Services*

Steve K. MacGray  
*Perry Wellington Realty*

Mary Jane Marker  
*R. H. Lapp and Sons*

Kristi N. Otto  
*Kristi Otto Allstate Agency*

Dr. Ronald H. Nowaczyk  
*Frostburg State University*

Debra J. Shaffer  
*City Lights American Grill and Bar*

Troy A. Raines  
*The Lions Center for Rehabilitation and Extended Care*

Julie B. Westendorff  
*Allegany Arts Council*



## Mark Your Calendars

2020 Events



**Lucky Ladies Night Out**  
Friday, March 20, 2020



**Fourth Annual Golf Outing**  
Friday, May 1, 2020

**Crab Feast**  
Friday, August 7, 2020



**Annual Membership Meeting**  
Thursday,  
December 3, 2020



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Recirculate in our Community

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Chamber**

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CHAMBER**

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**Support our Chamber members.  
They support our community.**



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**Stuart C. Czapski**, Executive Director

**Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 2020 Officers**

**Chairwoman: Nicole R. D'Atri**

**First Vice Chairman: Jeffery D. O'Neal**

**Second Vice Chairman: Robert A. Godfrey**

**Immediate Past Chairman: Scott C. Pfeiffer**