



The CHAMBER

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



Executive Director

Happy New Year! I hope you had an opportunity to enjoy peace, reflection, friends, and family over the holiday season. It's a new year and while we don't know what 2023 has in store for us, we look forward with a sense of renewal and hope. The Chamber had an incredible year in 2022 and if you have not done so already, please take a look at our annual review where we shared photos and statistics to help break down our year and showcase our work.

The membership elected six new members to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in December, including **Parika Andreassen**, Hampton Inn Frostburg, **Molly Beeman**, Boggs & Company Wealth Management, **Crystal Bender**, ServiceMaster of Allegany County, **Jeremy Irons**, Belt Group of Companies, **S. Ramini Pillai**, Buckel, Levasseur, Pillai & Beeman, LLC, and **Brandi Rice**, First United Bank and Trust, and. New officers were also elected and include **Patrick Buck**, CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services of Maryland as Chairman, **Parika Andreassen**, Hampton Inn Frostburg as First Vice Chairwoman, and **Rob Collette**, Cumberland Healthcare Center, as Second Vice Chairman. **Robert Godfrey**, UPMC Western Maryland, will serve as Immediate Past Chairman. Thank you to **Dr. Ron Nowaczyk**, Frostburg State University, **Deb Shaffer**, City Lights–An American Grill & Bar, **Julie Westendorff**,

Allegany Arts Council, and **Nicole Wigfield**, Skypacket Networks, for your time and dedication to the Chamber as directors on our Board. It was a privilege to work with you. The Chamber's annual Board Retreat will be held on January 13, at which time specific goals will be outlined for 2023. If there is a specific area of interest that you would like the Board to consider, please contact me prior to that date.

This year you can expect our work to remain focused on legislative issues, programs and workshops, and initiatives brought forward through our committees. I will continue to represent you through a variety of community organizations, and I invite you to use your membership fully by connecting your employees to our work. Don't forget to check out our Membership 101, which outlines how to maximize membership – and it's just 15 minutes! That, and our Website 101 can be found directly on our YouTube channel, and on our website. In 2023 we hope to grow our event committees – this is an excellent opportunity for you or your employees to gain leadership skills, and they are a commitment of only a few months.

Thank you for being part of the Chamber and allowing us to be a voice for you and your business.

Juli McCoy
Executive Director

JANUARY 2023

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Cumberland, MD 21502



January Calendar

- January 4**
8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- January 9**
Noon
Leadership Allegany
Alumni Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- January 12**
8:00 am
Education Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- January 17**
8:30 am
Leadership Allegany
Steering Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- January 18**
8:00 am
Economic Develop. Comm. Mtg.
Chamber Boardroom

Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- January 25**
Noon
Marketing Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom
- February 1**
8:00 am
Membership Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

Noon
Legislative Committee Meeting
Chamber Boardroom

2022 Holiday Reception Memories



Special Thanks To Our Sponsors



Ugly Sweater Contestants



OUR WINNER



Chamber Elects New Officers for 2023

Pictured left to right:

Robert Godfrey, *Immediate Past Chairman*
 Robert Collette, *Second Vice Chairman*
 Parika Andreassen, *First Vice Chairwoman*
 Juli McCoy, *Executive Director*
 Patrick Buck, *Chairman of the Board of Directors*

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Frankenberry Insurance Group located at 1254 Vocke Road, Suite A, LaVale, Maryland. Frankenberry Insurance Group believes that education comes before enrollment. They will find a plan that fits both their clients lifestyle as well as their budget. Their team of agents strive to provide the guidance to show their clients a total cost for both prescription and health care on any plan they may choose. To learn more please visit their website at: www.fig4life.com.



Pictured left to right – front row:

Amy Shillingburg, *Rusco Home Improvement*, Chamber Membership Committee member
Nicole Wigfield, *Skypacket Networks*, Chamber Immediate Past Chairwoman
Parika Andreassen, *Hampton Inn Cumberland*, Chamber Second Vice Chairwoman
Juli McCoy, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
Barth Frankenberry, *Owner*, Frankenberry Insurance Group
Sonya Morgan, *Insurance Broker*, Frankenberry Insurance Group
Rob Collette, *Cumberland Healthcare Center*, Chamber Board of Director member
Nathan Price, *Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development*
Ashley Parker, *M & T Bank*

Back Row – left to right:

Eric Bowlus, *Chew On This – Jerky*, Chamber Membership Committee member
Kristi Minnigh, *The Kristi Agency*, Chamber Board of Director member
Steve MacGray, *Charis Realty Group*, Chamber Membership Committee member
Shannon Frankenberry, *Owner*, Frankenberry Insurance Group
Sharon Everett, *Administrative Assistant*, Frankenberry Insurance Group
Doug Good, *West Virginia Market Manager*, Humana
Brandon Hillegas, *M & T Bank*, Chamber Membership Committee member



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to welcome Keller Williams Premier Realty to the Chamber and to the community. Keller Williams Premier Realty is located in the Country Club Mall, 1262 Vocke Road, Suite 874, LaVale, Maryland. To learn more about them please visit their website at: www.kw.com.

Pictured Left to Right:

Leonard Morrell, *Broker* (WV, MD and PA), Keller Williams Premier Realty

Shelly Smith, *Agent*, Keller Williams Premier Realty

Melanie Pratt Dimaio, *Agent*, Keller Williams Premier Realty

Kait Shanahan, *Market Center Coordinator*, Keller Williams Premier Realty

Nathan Lamp, *Agent*, Keller Williams Premier Realty

Robert Godfrey, *UPMC Western Maryland*, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board of Directors

Susie Miller, *Agent and Operating Principal*, Keller Williams Premier Realty

Kelli Furman, *Director of Growth and Team Leader*, Keller Williams Premier Realty

Heather Imes, *Agent*, Keller Williams Premier Realty

Amy Shillingburg, *RUSCO Home Improvement*, Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee member

Michelle VanMetre, *Development Coach*, Keller Williams Premier Realty



Juli McCoy, *Executive Director*, Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

Brandon Hillegas, *M & T Bank*, Chamber Membership Committee member

Nathan Price, *Allegany County Department of Economic and Community Development*

Steve MacGray, *Charis Realty Group*, Chamber Membership Committee member

Kristi Minnigh, *The Kristi Agency*, Chamber Board of Director member

Rebecca Ruppert, *Allegany College of Maryland*, Chamber Board of Director member

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

After Hours

NETWORKING AT ITS BEST!

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting its members!! Our “*Chamber After Hours*” is just one of the many programs available for you to showcase your business, product or service.

It is a great opportunity for networking and having fun!

It's easy to host a “*Chamber After Hours*” event. Hosting can be done by one business or several businesses can join forces and host together.

Contact the office today (301-722-2820) for details – openings for 2023 are still available.



Alumni Spotlight



Tracey Morris
Class of 2004

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 quarter highlights the Class of 2004, and we are proud to introduce you to class member **Tracey Morris**.

What is your current role/title?

Tracey Morris
Director of Talent Strategy, West Virginia University

What is your favorite memory from your Leadership Allegany experience?

State Government Day – the trip to Annapolis was a great way to learn more about how our state government works, but it was also one of the trips that sealed the connections with my fellow **Leadership Allegany** classmates.

What advice would you have for future Leadership Allegany members?

Go into every topic day with an open mind. Be ready to learn and absorb all the information you can. Always treat the presenters and your classmates with respect – even when your opinions differ.

How did Leadership Allegany impact you professionally or personally?

Leadership Allegany created a network of people that I wouldn't necessarily have met or engaged with otherwise. I graduated in the class of 2004 and even today I will reach out to members of my class if I need their assistance or guidance with something in their area of expertise. The **Leadership Allegany** experience creates lifelong connections.

Tell us something about yourself that others may be surprised to know about you.

When I was younger I was so incredibly shy I wouldn't call to order a pizza or go to the mall alone. When I worked for ACS/Xerox in recruiting, I would create radio ads about our open positions. My mom was shocked the first time she heard one – she wondered what happened to that shy kid!

2023 Board of Directors

CHAIRMAN

Patrick W. Buck
CBIZ

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN

Robert W. Collette, Jr.
Cumberland Healthcare Center

FIRST VICE CHAIRWOMAN

Parika M. Andreassen
Hampton Inn Frostburg

PAST CHAIRMAN

Robert A. Godfrey
UPMC Western Maryland

Ahmad H. Ahmad
Rocky Gap Casino Resort

Molly S. Beeman
Boggs & Company Wealth Management

Crystal M. Bender
ServiceMaster of Allegany County

Catie M. Brenneman
AHEC West

Kristan S. Carter
Toasted Goat Winery

Jeremy G. Irons
Carl Belt, Inc.

Christina J. Mallow
Berry Global

Mary Jane Marker
R. H. Lapp and Sons

Marisa Bowen Miller
IBM

Kristi N. Minnigh
The Kristi Agency – Allstate Insurance

S. Ramani Pillai
Buckel, Levasseur, Pillai & Beeman, LLC

Brandi L. Rice
First United Bank and Trust

Rebecca L. Ruppert
Allegany College of Maryland

Mark Your Calendars

2023 Events



Seventh Annual Golf Outing
Friday, May 5, 2023



Eighth Annual Lucky Ladies Night Out
Friday, June 9, 2023



Forty-second Annual Crab Feast
Friday, August 4, 2023

Wednesday,
October 18, 2023

ALLEGANY COUNTY
LOCAL BUSINESS
SHOWCASE



Annual Membership Meeting
Thursday,
December 7, 2023

Juli R. McCoy, Executive Director

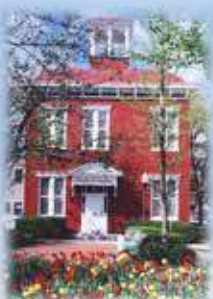
Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 2023 Officers

Chairman: Patrick W. Buck

First Vice Chairwoman: Parika M. Andreassen

Second Vice Chairman: Robert W. Collette, Jr.

Immediate Past Chairman: Robert A. Godfrey



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