



January 2024

Dear PACC Members,

Welcome to the New Year 2024! As I reflect on 2023, I am pleased with the growing energy and enthusiasm of the local business community and the accomplishments of the PACC this past year and our potential for 2024 as the PACC enters its 45th year. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work of our ten Board members who volunteer their time and talents to the PACC while also running their own businesses. The PACC could not have continued its work over the years if not for a number of individuals devoted to moving the mission of the Chamber forward. I am pleased to announce that current Board members, Jeffery Eck, Dr. Timothy Pike and Hilary Schwab have all agreed to renew their Board terms for another two years.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BUSINESS HELPING BUSINESS GROW - January 4, 8 to 9:30 am at Locals. The guest speaker will be Niles Anderegg, Poolesville Assistant Town Manager, who will give an update on 2024 plans for Town of Poolesville. Free breakfast and coffee compliments of PACC.

OPEN HOUSE / WINE AND CHEESE - Wednesday, January 10, 5 to 7 pm at The Market at Deere Valley, 22919 Dickerson Road, Dickerson. Come and celebrate the opening of one the area's newest businesses and check out their great assortment of their farm raised beef, pork, lamb, and chicken products as well as dairy and baked goods, etc. No registration needed for this free event.

PACC ANNUAL DINNER WITH HAPPY HOUR AND SHORT BUSINESS MEETING - Thursday, February 1, at Crossvines, 16601 W. Willard Road. Schedule:

- Happy Hour 5 - 6 pm (cash bar)
- Brief PACC Annual meeting 6 - 6:30 pm (free)
- PACC Annual Dinner 6:30 to 8:30 pm, including the presentation of the 2023 PACC Community Service Award.

Dinner tickets are \$80 per person. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets and select your dinner entrée.

The PACC Board is pleased to announce that Gail Lee, Gail Lee Homes, has been awarded the 2023 PACC Community Service Award. She will receive her award at the Annual Dinner at Crossvines February 1. We congratulate Gail for her years of service to the community in many different quiet ways.

2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL You should receive an email to renew your PACC annual dues for 2024. The Board has voted to have all memberships run for the calendar year to keep it simple. (I like simple). The dues this year will be \$105. This represents the first increase in many years which was necessary to offset increased operating costs. Membership dues are the PACC's main source of operating funds so please take a minute when you get the dues email and renew. We finished 2023 with over 150 members, and we are garnering new members every month!

HISTORIC POOLESVILLE OUTDOOR MAPS In January, the PACC with the help of Poolesville town staff will be installing ten new outdoor maps. These large maps complement the latest edition of the HISTORIC POOLESVILLE AREA MAPS which came out in 2023. We are pleased to announce we received a \$1,600 grant from Heritage Montgomery to help fund the outdoor maps which are at assorted locations around the area including Whalen Commons, PHS Athletic field, and Dickerson Market to name a few.

The PACC's Part-time Executive Secretary, Ann Ofsthun, has notified the PACC that she will be stepping down from her position in early 2024. It has been a pleasure working with Ann and the PACC was lucky to have her (though for too short a time). She will be helping to transition until a new Executive Secretary is hired. We are now soliciting for new applicants for the position which involves approximately 12 hours per week (48 hours per month). If questions, please reach out to me. Those interested in the position should submit resumes to info@poolesvillechamber.com by 1/30/24.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS APPROVED As mentioned above, our membership continues to grow. We'd like to welcome: CBA Construction, Infiniti Bookkeeping, Poolesville Small Business Support, and Infestation Control.

Regards,

Tom Kettler
President
PACC Board of Directors

2023 Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce Board Members

Thomas Kettler, President
Tim Pike, Vice President
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