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In a speech on October 29, 1964 at the 43rd Monessen Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner Allison Maxwell Jr., the president of Pittsburgh Steel called for the formation of a regional business and civic organization. The packed house at the Twin Coaches Restaurant heard as he proposed the name of this organization "The Mon Valley Progress Council."

In April of 1965 an Allegheny County Court issued a charter forming the Mon Valley Progress Council. Fifteen Mid Mon Valley business leaders from local firms including Lee Norse, Guttman Oil, Pittsburgh Steel, and Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad signed on to lead the effort.

Throughout this year we will feature short stories recounting the history of the Progress Council. A video presentation on the Progress Council under development with California University will be unveiled at the Progress Council's 50th annual dinner celebration. Look for upcoming information on the date and other details for our golden anniversary.

Progress Council to host Spring, Summer and Fall business roundtable sessions

The Progress Council is pleased to announce a series of business roundtable meetings (see schedule on second page). "The election of a new governor and a number of new state-elected officials from the area provides a great opportunity to develop recommendations for reforms in business regulations and programs," said Progress Council president John Easoz. The fall session on workforce readiness will also provide an opportunity to explore innovative ways to improve workforce readiness.

The Progress Council's business roundtables will be luncheon meetings held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 at Monongahela Valley Hospital's Lombardi Education Center. Look soon for your invitation to the spring roundtable session.

Progress Council business roundtable session schedule

Noon to 1:30 p.m., Monongahela Valley Hospital Education Center

Spring business luncheon roundtable

March 27

Business and state government - A discussion of key business concerns regarding state regulatory and other business issues.

Summer business luncheon roundtable

June 29

Business and state legislators - Area legislators will be invited to participate in a presentation of key business concerns developed at the spring roundtable.

Fall business luncheon roundtable

September 28

Promoting workforce readiness - Presentation of an online workforce readiness program used by the western Pennsylvania construction industry and discussion of the potential of developing a similar online workforce readiness program for Mid Mon Valley manufacturing and related industries

We hope that you will join us for our 2015 business roundtable series. Please feel free to call us at 724-684-3381 with ideas and comments on the session. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the roundtables.

Please feel free to forward this notice to your business associates. And please call us regarding business sponsorship opportunities for the roundtables.

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