

TOWER NOTES



Let's Hear it for the Women

March is Women's History Month, and there's no better time than now to celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of women. Here, from MastersDegree.net and the Council on Foreign Relations, are some fascinating facts about women.

- Katherine Johnson, a mathematician who calculated rocket trajectories and earth orbits for NASA's early space missions, helped enlarge the frontiers of space while making huge strides for women and people of color. Johnson, who died last month at 101, was portrayed in the 2016 hit film *Hidden Figures*, about pioneering black female aerospace workers. She considered her work on the Apollo moon missions her greatest contribution.
- Over 60 percent of college degrees awarded in the U.S. every year are earned by women. In fact, women are also more likely than men to get a high school diploma.
- Women were not allowed to compete in track and field events at the Olympics until 1928. The ancient Greeks and Romans may have let women run in footraces in the Heraen Games, but when it came to the Olympics, both ancient and modern, these events were off limits to women until 1928.
- Mary, Queen of Scots is reported to be the first woman to play golf in Scotland. Golf today is still seen as a man's sport, but this powerful and scandalous queen couldn't have cared less. In fact, she even went out to play golf a few days after her husband Lord Darnley's murder.
- On May 15, 1809, Mary Dixon Kies received the first U.S. patent issued to a woman for inventing a process for weaving straw with silk or thread. Before then, most women inventors didn't bother to patent their new inventions because they couldn't legally own property independent of their husbands.
- In 1903, Mary Anderson was granted a patent for the windshield wiper. It would become standard equipment on cars by 1916. She isn't alone in her inventiveness. Women have also invented such things as industrial lathes, white out, bras, non-reflective glass, the dishwasher, disposable diapers, petroleum refining methods and much, much more.
- Susan Kare developed most of the interface elements for Apple Macintosh. You might not think that women have played a huge role in the development of computer technology, but in this case you'd be wrong. Kare helped develop the bulk of those little icons early Mac users clicked on every day. Kare left Apple in the 80's and is still working with innovating new technologies and improving design.

New Self-Serve Procedure for Mail

The U.S. Postal service mailroom, located in the Concourse, is now a secure, self-serve room, where tenants can pick up their mail daily. Mail will be placed in tenant boxes by 1:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The new procedure is being implemented by USPS throughout the city.

By now, you should have received a key for your mailbox. For your convenience, the room is accessible 24 hours a day. Mail requiring a signature will be delivered to you. Larger packages will be placed in a parcel locker in the mailroom. Procedures for all other delivery services, such as FedEx, remain unchanged. If you have any questions, please contact the management office.



MARCH

2020 Concierge Calendar

Toastmasters in the Tower

Every Thursday, 12-1 pm, Rm. 33C-12

Why should you visit our Toastmaster's chapter? While some are born confident, charismatic leaders, others must work to develop their leadership skills. At our club, you'll gain the practice to become the leader and speaker you want to be, become a better negotiator and learn to be decisive.

Irish Marketplace

March 12 & 13, 8 am-3 pm, Concourse

Come down to the Concourse where, sure 'n begorra, you'll discover the best of Irish craftsmanship, including a wide selection of fine quality silver jewelry, Irish woolens, Aran knit sweaters, Celtic gifts and accessories.

Lunch 'n Learn

The Day the Dinosaurs Died

March 18, 12-1 pm, Rm. 33C-12

66 million years ago, a 7-mile-wide asteroid collided with Earth, triggering a chain of events suspected of ending the dinosaurs' reign. Experts have long debated exactly what happened and how the giant beasts met their end. This 54-minute NOVA video reconstructs the hell on earth that unfolded after the impact. RSVP to Barbara Stull by March 17. Dessert will be served.

“Spring is when you feel like whistling
even with a shoe full of slush.”

– Doug Larson

Ticket Offers

Contact the Concierge, Barbara Stull,
at 412-553-8803, for best available seats,
many at discounted rates.

Anna DeGuzman is the Queen of Cardistry

Select Dates through March 29, 811 Liberty Ave.

This amazing performance has played at the most prestigious magic venues in the world! Now Anna DeGuzman is right here in Pittsburgh! From making impossible 3-D configurations, by flipping, juggling and shuffling, what Anna can do with a deck of cards will make your head spin.

American Son

March 5 – April 5, O'Reilly

Kendra finds herself in a Miami police station at 4 am because her 18-year-old son, Jamal, is missing. Hot off its Broadway run, this highly charged drama takes a brave look at race, gender, power and the dangerous dynamics at play when a young African-American man intersects with law enforcement.

The Band's Visit

March 10-15, Benedum

Dina, a café owner in an Israeli desert town, resigned her desires for romance to daydreaming about exotic films and music from her youth. When an Egyptian band shows up lost at her café, Dina and neighbors host them for the night. This once sleepy town begins to wake up and rejoices in the way music brings them together. Don't miss this 10-time Tony Award winner, including "Best Musical."

What's up, Doc? Bugs Bunny at the Symphony

March 20-22, Heinz Hall

Take the family to see this enormously fun blend of classical music and classic animation! The most iconic Looney Tunes – from "What's Opera, Doc?" to "The Rabbit of Seville" and 12 others – will be projected on the big screen accompanied by their exhilarating original scores played live by the PSO POPS!

Trolls Live!

March 27-29, PPG Paints Arena

Get ready for a hair-raising adventure when Poppy, Branch and friends come to life on stage. This show is jam-packed with all the epic music, glitter, humor and happiness that only Trolls can create!

Carmen

March 28 & 31, April 3 & 5, Benedum

The Pittsburgh Opera presents this roller coaster of lust, deception and murder. Fiery gypsy, Carmen, who can have any man she wants, lives life to the fullest. However, she gets more than she bargained for after seducing naïve Corporal Don Jose.