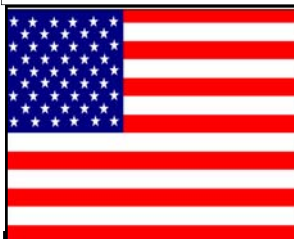


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ **February 11th** HTDB Workshop - Coca-Cola
- ◆ **February 18th** Members Mixer
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business opportunities for African American businesses and professionals throughout the region. Guided by the core values of equity in opportunity, economic advancement, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.

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February 2014

This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of W. Pa.

Thanks to Associate Member Bill Bodine for hosting a wonderful Members' Mixer at Frick Art & Historical Center, & for his continued support.

Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald, the guest speaker at last month's PowerBreakfast, covered many issues, including the County's growth and diversity.

University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center Director Ray Vargo did an excellent job for our Urban Power to Prosper Strategic Planning workshop.

Kudos to all our members who braved the cold for a great Members' Orientation: good turnout.

How To Do Business With Coca-Cola

February 11th

Registration 9:30 AM

10 AM - 12 PM

Koppers Building Board Room 9th Floor

Learn about Coca-Cola's procedures on doing business, & meet their Supplier Diversity Team.

Members Mixer

February 18th

5 PM - 7 PM

Pittsburgh Community Services' EECO Center East Liberty Boulevard (across from Pentecostal Temple)

Member Cecelia

Jenkins will welcome us to the new Environment and Energy Community Outreach Center.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

February 21st

7:30 AM

Rivers Club

Oxford Center

Join us as we celebrate Black History Month & welcome guest speaker Dr. Paul Harper, Clinical Assistant Professor of Business Administration Organizations & Entrepreneurship at the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of Business.

Social Media Workshop

Part II

March 12th

Registration 8:30 AM -

9 AM - 11:00 AM

Riverside Center for

Innovation

700 River Ave.

North Side

Bring your devices & welcome back Robert Stein, Director, IT, University of Pittsburgh Katz School Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence, our partner in the Urban Power to Prosper series. Come learn how to use social media for your business.

Private Equity Workshop

March 18th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Koppers Building

436 Seventh Ave.

9th Floor Board Room

Member Howard

Russell will explain the opportunities & challenges for small business to secure and leverage private equity.

Members Mixer

March 26th

5 PM - 7 PM

Koppers Building

436 Seventh Ave.

3rd Floor Mezzanine Downtown

Come enjoy the splendor of this beautiful Art Deco Building. Bring your business cards & come prepared to network and have fun.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

March 21st

7:30 AM

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Join us as we

welcome our new Mayor, Bill Peduto as our guest speaker.

Members Events

WQED **Black History Month** **Programming**

WQED is airing several informational, and entertaining films this month including "Barber Shop Stylin'" & POV: "American Promise". For a complete list of programs go to: www.wqed.org/tv/blackhistorymonth

March 14th

LPI
Informational Lunch
Leadership Pittsburgh Inc. is now accepting applications for 2014-2015 classes. Sign up now for the luncheon at www.lpinc.org

Now thru April 27th
CLO Caberet Presents
Judge Jackie Justice
You've been summoned to a musical comedy and you won't object. For ticket information call 412-456-6666.

February 6th
Duquesne University
Small Business
Development Center
Presents
Break The Rules &
Close More Deals
A Sales Training Event
9 AM - 12 Noon
Duquesne University
Register @:
www.sbdc.duq.edu or
call 412-396-6233.

February 6th
Film Preview on
ROGER HUMPHRIES
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Savoy Restaurant
2623 Penn Avenue

February 8th
Abraham Lincoln:
The Man, The Myth,
The Legend
6:00 PM
Soldiers & Sailors
Memorial Hall
4141 5th Ave., Oakland
Join Supporting Member State Senator Jim Ferlo for this one-of-a-kind exhibition featuring the largest collection of Lincoln photos & civil war era artifacts. Complimentary refreshments. *Free & open to the public.*

February 12th
Vibrant Pittsburgh
Presents
Mentoring as a Diversity
& Inclusion and
Elevation Strategy
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Duquesne Club
325 6th Ave.
Join Member Melanie Harrington for this Inclusion Best Practices Series Event. The guest speaker will be Jennifer Pi'ilani Requirio, Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Toyota Financial Services. For more info, call 412-281-8600.

February 25th-March 2nd
The Broadway Musical
Porgy and Bess
Benedum Center
Downtown
For tickets and times, go to: TrustArts.org or call 414-456-4800.

Employment
Allegheny County Economic Development has an internship opportunity available in the Human Services Division. Apply at: www.Alleghenycounty.us/jobs/edintern.

Attention Members
As a result of Target's guests' credit card information possibly being compromised, Target is offering 1 year free credit monitoring. Go to: www.Creditmonitoring.target.com

FY\$!
Don't forget: US Postage stamps go up to \$.49 February 12th!

Did You Know
The Dept. of General Services' Bureau of Minority and Woman Business Opportunities is now called The Bureau of Small Business Opportunities. Learn more at www.sm.allbusiness.pa.gov/portals/server.pt/community/bureau_of_small_business_opportunities/1358;

Congratulations
Member Robin Elkins-Martin/Wine & Canvas on a great 3 day demonstration event at the Convention Center; Associate Member Cheryl Hall-Russell/Hill House given the Homer S. Brown Drum Major for Justice Award; your Chamber President has been appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Pittsburgh Branch Board of Directors.

In the News
New
Pittsburgh Courier
Members William Generett/Urban Innovation 21 & Ken Ross/Artistry Greenscapes featured in Business; Rufus Idris/CEED

attending a business session in Osun State, Nigeria; Esther Bush/Urban League attending the PNC Legacy Black History Month exhibit; Connie Parker/NAACP on supporting bipartisan hospital access legislation; your Chamber's PowerBreakfast with Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald & Chester Engineer's new employee-Former Cincinnati Mayor Mark Malloy.

Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette
Members Floyd Cephas/North Side Christian Health Center, Aradhna Oliphant/Leadership Pittsburgh & Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell attending Leadership Pittsburgh's Champagne Lunch & Connection.

Pittsburgh
Business Times
Bill Strickland/MBC **Crafting Hope Through Opportunity**; Howard Russell/Opus Acquisitions featured in **Insights**.

New Members **Regular Members**

Gary Gunter
WAMO 100
Charles Harper
NITAI Partners, Inc

A schedule of all programs & events are emailed each Monday & Thursday. Check your emails & follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter @aaccwp.com.

