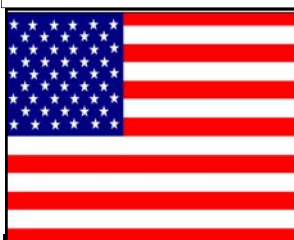


Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ **May 19th Update Affordable Care Act**
- ♦ **May 22nd Members Mixer**
- ♦ **June 20th PowerBreakfast**
- ♦ **July 7th - Special Breakfast Meeting**
- ♦ **Welcome New Members**
- ♦ **Members Events**



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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May 2014

This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

Don't forget to vote Election Day, May 20th.

Those who attended the "Structuring The Sales Call" workshop, left with good information on how to close the deal!

Member DeWitt Peart, President, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber & Bill Flanagan/Allegheny Conference engaged our members & received input for their business plans during last month's PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Thanks to host Renee DeMichiei Farrow for a fun Members' Mixer at the 100 year old landmark Pittsburgh Athletic Association.

Affordable Care Act Update

**Monday, May 19th
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
9th Floor - Grant Room
Downtown**

Join us for this follow-up to our September workshop. Learn what has happened with the Affordable Healthcare program since the application deadline. RSVP by May 16th at 412

-392-0610.

Members Mixer

**May 22nd
5 PM - 7PM
Up Modern Kitchen
5500 Walnut Street
Shadyside
hosted by:
S & T Bank**

Member Genevieve Oduor, Vice President, Retail Business Banking looks forward to hosting us. Bring your business cards & wear your pin. Door prizes to be given.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**June 20th 7:30 AM
Rivers Club
Oxford Center
Guhan Venkatu,** recently named Vice President & Senior Regional Officer for the Federal Reserve Bank/ Cleveland's Pittsburgh Branch, will be our guest speaker. RSVP by June 18th @ 412-392-0610.

Special Breakfast Meeting

**Monday, July 7th
8:00 AM
Rivers Club
Oxford Center
The Honorable Mike Doyle, U.S. Congress-**

man - 14th District of PA will give us an update on what is happening on Capitol Hill.

Members Mixer

June 5th

**Community College of Allegheny County
Byers Hall**

808 Ridge Avenue

Join us & welcome Dr. Quintin Bullock, the new President, & our Host. Wear your pin & bring your business cards.

**We're Off To Spain and the Costa Del Sol
November 10th - 18th**



This nine day- seven night trip includes tours & relaxation along the Mediterranean Coast-line. For details, call our Travel Line @ 412-392-0322. Space is limited, so sign up by June 15th.

Members Events

**May 14th thru 18th
The Pittsburgh International Children's Festival**

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust will host five days of performances for kids ages 3 - 10. For more info, go to: pghkids.org.

May 15th - 3:30 PM
Pittsburgh Downtown
Partnership presents:
State of Downtown
Pittsburgh 2014
Union Trust Building
Auditorium

Supporting Member
Jeremy Waldrup will
surprise you on the
vitality of our Golden
Triangle. For more info,
call 412-566-4190.

May 16th 6 PM - 9 PM
Three Rivers Youth
"A Taste of New
Orleans"
Carnegie Museum
Music Hall

Join Member Peggy
Harris for this Nellie
Leadership Awards Gala
celebrating TRY's work
with at risk youth &
families. Call 412-441-
5020.

May 17th
Manchester Youth
Development Center
presents
The MYDC Gala
Celebrating Our Past
Building Our Future
6:00 PM
Rivers Casino
Ballroom

For more information
call 412-322-0585.

May 21st
Sherwood House
Open House
4:30 PM - 9:00 PM
400 Sherwood Road
Wilkinsburg

Join Associate Member
Al Merritt/Hosanna
House for an early view
of the newly renovated
outdoor rec-reational
facility. For de-tails, call
412-342-1340.

May 22nd
51st Annual

NEED Dinner
Doors Open At 6 PM
Wyndham Grand Hotel
Downtown Pittsburgh
For more information
call 412-566-2760.

Now - October 27th
Carnegie Museum of
Natural History
Presents Race:
Are We So Different
This exhibit focuses on
living with race in America.
Learn more at www.carnegiegmh.org. Call us for
discount coupons.

NEED
African American Male
Mentoring Initiative
Member NEED mentors
over 100 young African
American males at 8
school based sites in
Pittsburgh Public Schools.
Learn more at:
needed.org or call 412-
471-6643.

Attention Members
Volunteer
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill
Peduto's office is
accepting applications for
servePGH 2014-2015
Americorps VISTA
members to work on
service initiatives
designed to impact
Pittsburgh neighborhoods
and youth. Learn more
@: servepgh.pittsburghpa.gov

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Access Financing
For Your Business
Learn what government
financing programs may
be available to help you
start or expand your
business. Go to:
[business.usa.gov/access-](http://business.usa.gov/access-financing)
[financing](http://business.usa.gov/access-financing) Click on: Get
Started.

Did You Know

According to the U.S.
Census Bureau, the
median household
income for Pittsburgh
residents through 2012
was \$38,029 compared
to \$52,267 for the
Commonwealth.

Congratulations
Member Manchester
Academic Charter
School took 1st place/
Middle School Division
in the Entrepreneurship
Youth iPitch Competition;
Member Harvey Smith/
Harvey Smith Public
Accountants on his new
book The Second
American Revolution:
Closing the Four Major
Racial Gaps available
July 2014; WQED,
America's first commun-
ity supported TV station,
celebrating 60 years;
Presidential Roundtable
Members BNY Mellon,
Fifth Third Bank, & PNC
Financial Services
Group named among
Black EOE Journal's
Best of the Best Top
Financial & Banking
Companies for 2014;
Chatham University's
successful Women and
Politics event: nearly
500 people packed into
the Chapel for the public
lecture. Elsie Hillman
served as the Chair.
Presidential Roundtable
Member outgoing
Chancellor Mark
Nordenberg/University
of Pittsburgh awarded
the Carnegie Science
Center's highest honor,
the Chairman's Award;
Meg Cheever on a
successful Spring Hat
Luncheon: Corporate
Member Charlene
Petrelli served on the
Committee.

In the News
New
Pittsburgh Courier
Associate Member
Magdeline Jensen/YWCA
Greater Pittsburgh hosting
the YWCA USA CEO's
visit to Pittsburgh; your
Chamber's
PowerBreakfast Meeting
with the Greater
Pittsburgh Chamber of
Commerce.
To our Associate
Members: if you have
upcoming events, email
them to: [information @](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)
aaccwp.com.

Pittsburgh
Business Times
Associate Member
DeWitt Peart/Greater Pitt-
sburgh Chamber of
Commerce on Our
Region's Business.
New Members
Regular Members
Isis Chatman
Ruth's Way
Curtis Randle El
EL Wealth Advisors LLC
Associate Members
Dina Blackwell
Homewood Renaissance
Association
Presidential Roundtable
Members
John W. Paul
Allegheny Health Network

A schedule of all pro-
grams & events are
emailed each Monday &
Thursday. Check your
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