#### Dates for your Calendar

- **Annual Business** Luncheon **December 11th**
- **PowerBreakfast** January 16th
- **Oral Communications** January 21st
- **Members' Orientation** January 28th
- Members' Mixer January 28th
- Members' Events
- **New Members**



#### 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, selfsufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.



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#### December 2014

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

#### Don't forget: Shop Small!

If your company would like to host a Mixer for Chamber Members, call us @ 412-392-0610.

#### A Good Trip!

The tour to Costa del Sol in Southern Spain was truly enjoyable visiting Tangiers, Ronda, Seville, Mijas, Granada, Morocco, & Gilbrator. Twenty of our Chamber Members and friends took part in the memorable 9-day excursion. All had a great time, breathtaking views, unique shops, and some of the world's tastiest food! Where to next?

The Chamber's Seasonal Celebration, sponsored by Peoples was wonderful. Members and guests saw the film Mysteries of the Unseen World, enjoyed great food, good company & the Carnegie Science Center.

#### Annual Business Luncheon **December 11th** 12 Noon Omni William Penn Hotel, 17th Floor

There is still time to register for annual luncheon featuring our speaker, Presidential Roundtable Member David Porges, Executive Chairman of EQT. Our event sponsors are:

**EQT/Platinum Sponsor PNC/Gold Sponsor** Dollar Bank/Bronze Sponsor

#### PowerBreakfast Meeting January 16th 7:30 AM **Rivers Club Oxford Center**

Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald will discuss his plans for the county in 2015.

#### Communications Workshop January 21st 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Koppers Building 9th Floor

Mr. Robert Hill. former Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs/University of Pittsburgh will present effective oral communications: dont miss it.

#### **Members' Orientation** January 28th 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM **Koppers Building** 9th Floor

This program is for new & existing members to learn the benefits. opportunities, & the value of being part of an

organized body; a boxed lunch is included. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

436 Seventh Avenue

#### Members' Mixer January 28th 5 PM - 7 PM **Caffe Amante** 120 Fifth Avenue Place

Join us for our first Members Mixer for 2015, sponsored by Highmark.

#### **Members Events**

Now through January 2nd **Being Good** 9 AM - 5 PM Monday— Friday Manchester Craftsmen's Guild 1815 Metropolitan Ave.

This photography exhibit highlights neighborhood heroes including Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/ Manchester Bidwell Corporation. Learn more @: manchesterquild.org.

#### **December 5th Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's** Ronald H. Brown **Leadership Awards Gala**

Associate Member Esther Bush welcomes you to the Urban League's 100th Anniversary as she celebrates 20 years as President & CEO. For more information, call

412-227-4150.

## December 4th Sustainable Pittsburgh Presents

Sustainability Performance Programs:
Building Demand and Measuring Progress
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm
Carnegie Library
Downtown Branch
612 Smithfield Street

**S**upporting Member Court Gould welcomes you: its free to the public. Bagged lunches are welcome.

December 4th
CCAC Music
Department
Presents
Reception & Concert
5:30 PM
Foerster Student
Service Center
808 Ridge Avenue
North Side

**T**his is a free event with limited seating. To reserve your seat, call 412-237-4656.

# December 5th - 17th batch-a toys The Porch at Schenley, Schenley Park Cafe & Visitor Center

The Parks Conservancy is thrilled to partner with Charlie Batch's Best of the Batch Foundation to collect new & unwrapped toys for children of all ages for this holiday season. Drop off gifts for kids of all ages this December at the Porch at Schenley and the Schenley Park Cafe and Visitor Center. Visit www.batchfoundation.org.

December 11th
New Pittsburgh
Courier
50 Women of

#### Excellence 12 PM

Westin Convention
Center Hotel Downtown
For more info, go to:
newpittsburghcourier.com

December 9th
Louis Sullivan:
The Struggle for
American Architecture
6 PM - 8 PM
Landmarks Preservation

Resource Center 744 Rebecca Avenue Wilkinsburg, PA 15221

Join Supporting Member Mary Lu Denny for this film screening. *Free and open to the public.* RSVP at 412-471-5808.

# Entrepreneuring Youth December 13th 11 am to 2 pm One Oxford Centre, 1st Floor Plaza

Join Supporting Member Jerry Cozewith & visit the "Show Your Support Shop" For Young Entrepreneurs: its impressive.

# Save The Date January 13th Leadership Pittsburgh Champagne Luncheon & Alumni Connection Fairmont Pittsburgh Downtown

Join Aradhna Oliphant for this 4th Annual Event. For more information go to: lpinc.com

#### Penn State Technical Assistance

If you would like to get one-on-one technical assistance, Penn State can help. For more information call 412-263-1751.

### Free Board Member & Volunteer Announcements

If you are seeking

volunteers for your events, or members for your Board of Directors, post it free for 30 days. Go to:

jobs.nonprofittalent.com

#### FY\$1 Money Smart For Small Business

Learn more about this financial education program @: fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart

#### Did You Know

More accolades for the 'Burgh - Economist Intelligence Unit's 2014 Livability Survey named Pittsburgh the most livable city in the Continental U.S.

#### **Congratulations**

Members Diane Swan/ Rosedale Black Cluster & Lisa Upshur/CORE Pittsburgh Courier 50 Women of Excellence: **P**residential Roundtable Member Mario Longhi/ **United States Steel** Corporation on plans to build the new USS Headquarters on the former Civic Arena Site: **M**ember Laura Maines named Executive Director at Every Child, Inc.; Member Wilkinsburg CDC on supporting seven new Wilkinsburg businesses & promoting the sale of 21 commercial properties in 2014.

#### In The News

#### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Greg Spencer/ Randall Industries attending the Amachi Pittsburgh event; Member Brooke Generett/Generett Counseling Services; Member Chaz Kellum/ Pittsburgh Pirates & Associate Member Maggie Jensen/YWCA at the YWCA Racial Justice Awards; **A**ssociate Member Mark Peterson/ Bridgeway Capital featured in Business, 'Bridging The Gap'.

#### Pittsburgh Business Times

Corporate Supporter
Morgan O'Brien/Peoples
Natural Gas, 'Focus:
Education'; Corporate
Sponsor Paul Hennigan/
Point Park University
featured in 'Personalities
of Pittsburgh'; &
Associate Member Guhan
Venkatu/Federal Reserve
Bank of Cleveland
Pittsburgh Branch
featured in Personalities
of Pittsburgh.

#### **New Members**

Regular Members Valerie R. Townsend Heels Protection, LLC

#### Associate Members Jane Werner

Children's Museum Of Pittsburgh

Corporate Sponsors
Charles Hammel, III
Pitt Ohio

## Presidential Roundtable Members Lisa Murdock Consol Energy

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

Enjoy a safe and Happy Holiday Season!



