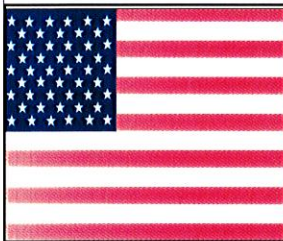


Important Dates to record

- ◆ April 17th - PowerBreakfast
- ◆ April 22nd—Financial & Budgeting Workshop
- ◆ April 29th - Members Mixer
- ◆ April 30th - Candidates' Forum
- ◆ May 7th - Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- ◆ 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, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.

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April 2015

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

Spring has arrived!

Our 'Structuring The Sales Call' workshop was well attended with good participation.

Mayor Bill Peduto gave a compelling presentation to a full house at our PowerBreakfast Meeting; Kudos to Comcast for sponsoring!

Members Mixer

A big thank you to Member Bill Thompson for hosting our Members Mixer at his beautiful Bed and Breakfast, Le Maison du Paix!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**April 17th
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Rivers Club
Keith Key
President & CEO
KBK Enterprises**

Join us & welcome our Presidential Roundtable Member who will present the status of Skyline Terrace & other development activities, now a Hall of Famer!

Financial & Budgeting Workshop

**April 22nd
Harvey Smith, Presenter
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Building**

9th Floor Board Room

Your Board Member, Author, & Guest Lecturer will present helpful plans on budgeting & financial management for small businesses. Plan to be there!

Members' Mixer

**April 29th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Center for Organ
Recovery & Education
204 Sigma Drive
Allison Park**

Member Lisa Upsher will be our host. Bring your business cards & wear your logo pin!

Candidates' Forum

**April 30th
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Rivers Club
Oxford Center
Downtown**

Bring your questions as we welcome candidates for the District 9 City Council Race & the 12th & 13th Ward Magisterial District Justice Race—both for the upcoming May Primary. Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier will be the Facilitator. The reception begins at 4:30 PM.

**Chamber Annual Meeting & Luncheon
May 7th**

**11:00 AM
Members Meeting
12:00 Noon
Luncheon**

**Omni William Penn
Hotel 17th Floor**

Our guest speaker will be David Holmberg, President and Chief Executive Officer of Highmark, Inc.

Members' Mixer

**May 28th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Hosanna House
807 Wallace Avenue
Wilksburg**

Associate Member Al Merritt will host you. Don't forget to wear your logo pin & bring your business cards.

Save the Date

**October 9th
Cyber Security
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Manchester Bidwell
Corporation
Auditorium
Sponsored by:
Huntington Bank**

Your Chamber is well into planning this workshop that is designed to help your company minimize the risk against this global problem, & the impact on your firm. Participation includes the speaker's book on the subject. A special invite will be sent.

If your company would like to host a Mixer or sponsor an event for

Chamber Members, call us @ 412-392-0610.

Members Events

Spring 2015 Center for Women's Entrepreneurship at Chatham University

Register online now for all programs and events:
www.chatham.edu/cwe

April 8th Vibrant Pittsburgh

Presents the series:
Inclusion Best Practices featuring

Bruce D. Murphy

Head Corporate
Responsibility,
The KeyCorp

**7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Point Park University
Lawrence Hall**

Call Member Melanie
Harrington for more info,
@ 412-281-8600.

April 15th An Evening with Audra McDonald Byham Theater 8:00 PM

This event is presented
by Member Cheryl Hall
Russell/The Hill House
Association. For tickets
info, go to: www.trustarts.org, or call: 412-456-6666.

April 16th Seton Hill University e-Magnify Bridges to Business

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Rivers Club
Oxford Center
Downtown Pittsburgh**
Learn business tools
that will drive your
business to new heights.
Register at 724-830-4625

**April 24th
YWCA Annual
Stand Against Racism
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
305 Wood Street
Downtown
Make a strong visual**

statement. Register @
mstevencosnek@ywcaphgh.org.

May 6th Celebrate The Power Of Propel Inspiring Achievement 6:30 - 9 PM

**Propel Hazelwood
5401 Glenwood Ave.**
Reserve your place at:
www.propelschools.org

May 15th Duquesne University Small Business Development Center Entrepreneur's Growth Conference

Learn more at:
www.duq.edu/sbdc

May 16th East End Cooperative Ministry presents A Flavor of the East End

Join Member Michael
Mingrone & sample tasty
fare from some of our
local restaurants. It will
benefit at-risk youth. Learn
more at: www.eecm.org.

May 21st YWCA 33rd Annual Tribute to Women Leadership Awards Luncheon

Westin Hotel, Pittsburgh
For more information
call Associate Member
Maggie Jenson @ 412-255-1261.

May 21st NAACP 61st Annual Human Rights Dinner & Centennial Celebration

**100 Years: Yet the
Struggle Continues
Westin Convention
Center Hotel
1000 Penn Avenue,
Downtown**

Call Member Constance
Parker 412-471-1024 for
tickets.

**Save the Date
July 3rd thru July 5th
EQT Pittsburgh
Three Rivers Regatta
Now through April 15th**

10 AM - 2 PM 2nd Floor City County Building Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Your President had the
opportunity to meet with
Governor Wolf one-on-
one to discuss his
budget proposal. It is his
belief this budget will
provide a boost to all
businesses & add a level
of fairness essential to
rebuilding our middle
class economy to 5.99,
finally while making a
historic investment in
public education to help
prepare our workforce of
tomorrow. Lowering our
corporate tax rate by
40% will make our tax
climate competitive. In
addition, by zeroing out
the capital stock and
franchise tax & closing
the corporate tax loop-
holes, the Governor is
optimistic it will help
revive the state's manu-
facturing economy
through tax credits &
assistance to firms that
create higher paying
jobs. What do you think?

Attention Employers

The Employee Retire-
ment Income Security
Act (ERISA) requires
you to give employees
the facts about retire-
ment & health benefits.
Learn more at: www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plan.

Did You Know

Deanna Conte is
joining Associate
Member Maher Duessel
in the role of Principal.

Congratulations

Member Keith Key on
KBK achieving 43%
MWBE participation on
the Skyline Terrace
project; Member Paul
Harper on a successful
Global Venturing Israel:
MedTech & Inclusive

Innovation Conference at
Pitt: it was impressive!
Corporate Sponsor Dr.
Quintin Bullock/CCAC on
their partnership with
Associate Member Carlow
University. Students who
earn an Associate Degree
at CCAC can go directly
to Carlow to receive their
Bachelor's Degree; Sup-
porting Members Craig
Davis/VisitPittsburgh &
Jeremy Waldrup/Pitts-
burgh Downtown Partner-
ship on both having held
successful Annual
Meetings.

In The News New Pittsburgh Courier

Board Member David
Atkins/VisitPittsburgh,
keynote speaker for MEN
Challenge, Center for
Victims of Domestic
Violence.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Corporate Sponsor
Gregory Dell'Omo/Robert
Morris University on 'Say-
ing Goodbye to Pittsburgh'.

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*We are deeply saddened  
by the passing of Member  
Faye Obregon Ritter/The  
Allegheny Group*

#### **New Members**

**Regular Members  
Alexander Beasley  
Beasley Plumbing**

**Michelle A. Jones  
Greater Pittsburgh Black  
Business Directory**

**Supporting Members  
Richard Bosco  
Ryco, Inc.**

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