Important Dates to Record

- Candidates' Forum April 7th
- HTDB Workshop April 12th
- **PowerBreakfast** April 15th
- Members' Mixer April 27th
- Annual Meeting & Luncheon May 3rd
- 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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This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

Thanks to Mayor Bill Peduto for an insightful PowerBreakfast presentation, and for setting up a meeting about zoning & code enforcement issues impacting small minority owned businesses. We're looking forward to this vear's Bicentennial Celebration.

Kudos to Corporate Sponsor Chevron, Marc Payne, & the American Association of Blacks in Energy for a very well attended Networking Mixer at the new Energy Innovation Center: great networking.

Advantage Credit Counseling Service, in partnership with the Small **Business Development** Center at the University of Pittsburgh, partnered with your chamber on a very detailed credit workshop that offered something for everyone. The workshop received top reviews.

Candidates' Forum April 7th 4:30 PM Reception 5 PM Forum **Omni William Penn Hotel** Lawrence Welk Room Mezzanine Level **J**oin us as we

welcome candidates running for the state representatives' seats in districts 19 & 24. We will hear their positions & vision. Open to the public.

How To Do Business With

Allegheny Health Network April 12th 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Fifth Avenue Place 120 Fifth Avenue 4th Floor - Awards Room **Downtown**

This workshop will permit you to engage with the procurement team for AHN & Highmark; a special meeting for **Chamber Members** Only. RSVP at 412-392-0610.

PowerBreakfast Meeting April 15th 7:30 AM Rivers Club **Dana Yealv** Managing Director, **General Counsel and** Corporate Secretary-Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

Come & welcome our new Presidential Roundtable Member who will present what they do & how you can engage with them.

Members Mixer April 27th 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM **Center for Organ Recovery & Education** (C.O.R.E.) 204 Sigma Drive Pittsburgh 15238

Member Lisa Upsher is preparing for our return for you to learn how the Center impacts families in our region: a beautiful facility.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

May 3rd **Members Meeting 11 AM** Luncheon 12 Noon Omni William Penn Hotel

Our quest speaker is Presidential Roundtable Member Chancellor Patrick Gallagher, PhD, of the University of Pittsburgh. Your invitation has been mailed: don't miss it!

A Trip to the Land of the Pharaohs and Its **Ancient Civilizations** November 9th - 17th



You have until April 29th to take advantage of the discount on this

special 'bucket list' program. Spend three exciting days in Cairo, a four day Nile River Cruise, then off to visit the Pyramids! Included are visits with a private Egyptologist to Luxor, Aswan, & the Valley of the Kings! For more info & reservations, email us: information@aaccwp.com.

Like to Host a Mixer?

If your company or organization would like to host a Chamber Members' Mixer, call us at 412-392-0610.

Members Events

Development Opportunity **RFP New Granada Theatre** Block **Historic Hill District**

For more information on this opportunity go to: www.hilldistrict.org/ newgranadarfp.

Get information on winning city contracts. Contact the City of Pittsburgh Equal Opportunity Review Commission at 412-255-8804.

April 7th Meet The Master Builders 8:30 AM - Noon **Energy Innovation** Center 1435 Bedford Ave. Pittsburgh 15219

Come & connect with established commercial contractors. For more info on this free event. call 412-922-3912.

April 8th **PACE Presents Inclusive Voices** 11:30 PM - 1:30 PM **Pittsburgh Fairmont**

Hotel - Downtown

Member Lucille Dabney will host the Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise's 18th annual event. For more info, call 412 562-0290 or visit: pacepgh.org.

Now through May 15th Citizens Bank 2015-2016 Family Series

Enjoy 6 live performances full of creativity and fun for the entire family. Go to: trustarts.org/ events/series/childrens. theater.

April 14th **Catalyst Connection & PNC Bank Present Fraud Mitigation &** Cyber Threats Workshops 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM **PNC North Hills Banking** Center. 50 McIntyre Square Dr.

May 18th 8:30 10:30 AM **Talent Issues and Options 9th Floor Koppers Building**

The content for the workshop will include a review of talent challenges, discussion of new practices & a presentation on the no cost services & programs provided by the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board & PA Career-Link. RSVP 412-392-0610.

June 3rd & June 4th **Volunteers Needed** for MOM 'N PA David L. Lawrence

Convention Center Downtown

Mission of Mercy is seeking volunteers to assist nearly 2 thousand underserved dental patients for this 2 day event. Register at: www.mom-n-pa.com.

Employment / Training Part-time Web Administrator

Needed in the Pittsburgh area, 2 days per week. Reply to: infor -mation@aaccwp.com.

Several Positions <u>Open</u>

Doubletree by Hilton has several employment openings. Call Jordan Rose at 412-281-5800.

FY\$I

Two Western PA champions of diversity — Vibrant Pittsburgh & the Urban Affairs Foundation, have been given \$25K each for this year's Mini Grants Initiative: 2016 Civic Inclusion & Engagement Fund. The fund is designed to promote diverse communities in this region. Funding will be available to applicants through a proposal process. The grant range is \$1K-\$7K. Grant applications available now at www.vibrantpittsburgh. Completed applications are due by 5 PM Wednesday, May 4th.

Did You Know

The URA Board authorized \$50K as part of a grant application to fund a study to produce recommendations on restructuring the URA's Division of Community & Diversity Affairs.

Congratulations

Member Maurita Bryant retiring from the Pittsburgh Police Department after 39 years; Member Arlinda Moriarty/Moriarty Consultants recognized as Walker's Legacy Power50 Woman; **M**ember Aradhna

Oliphant/Leadership Pittsburgh receiving the Business & Professional Services Award for the YWCA 2016 Tribute to Women Leadership Awards; **M**ember Jason Flowers/Boy Scouts of America a Pittsburgh Courier 2016 Fab 40; Member Craig Davis/ Visit Pittsburgh on a successful Annual Meeting & Luncheon; Larry Davis/University of Pittsburgh on his new book Why Are They Angry With Us? Member Miramba Milliones on being recognized for her commitment to developing the lower Hill District.

In The News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Stephanie Turman/ABC Consulting attending the Indigo Hotel Grand Opening, Mayor Bill Peduto speaking at vour Chamber's Power-Breakfast Meeting.

New Members Regular Members **Ronald Brown**

Brown Agency LLC/ ALLSTATE

> Lon English Bulldog Electric

Associate Members Christopher Hahn Pittsburgh Opera

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



