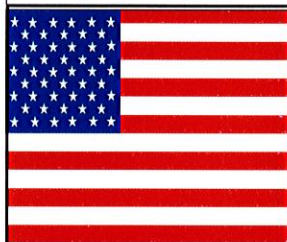


Important Dates to Record

- ◆ September 2nd - Ozone Symposium
- ◆ September 18th - PowerBreakfast
- ◆ September 29th - Members' Mixer
- ◆ October 7th - Cyber Security Workshop
- ◆ 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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instructional book is included.

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Members Events

**Every Thursday in August
Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation
Presents
"Downtown's Best"
Walking Tour**

Tour the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh & see more than 25 architectural landmarks, spectacular interiors & significant urban spaces. For meeting times & places call 412-471-5808.

**Now thru August 28th
The Garden Café at Heinz Hall
Monday thru Friday
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Enjoy delicious lunch fare from Common Plea Catering, while you enjoy the outdoors!**

**August 7th
Hosanna House 300
Presents
Soulful Sounds of Summer
Summer Nights 2015
Sherwood Event Center
400 Sherwood Road
Wilksburg
Join Member Al**

Thanks to Pittsburgh's new Police Chief Cameron McLay, our guest speaker at your Chamber's Special Breakfast. He shared his plans for law enforcement in our Pittsburgh communities.

Thanks to our members who attended our bi-annual Members Orientation. It was great to see our new and not so new members.

Would Your Company Like to Host a Mixer?

If your company is interested in hosting a Chamber Mixer for Members, call us @ 412-392-0610.

**The Impact of Ozone Regulations on Jobs in the Pittsburgh Region
September 2, 2015
12 Noon**

Koppers Building
Your Chamber will partner with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce & the National Black Chamber for this symposium, designed to highlight the potential employment and economic impacts on the Pittsburgh region under the proposed more stringent ozone standard.

Please RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**Powerbreakfast Meeting
September 18th
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM
Rivers Club**

Join us as we welcome Pittsburgh Pirates President Frank Coonelly/Corporate Sponsor who will update us on the team & procurement opportunities within their organization.

**Members' Mixer
September 29th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh**

**10 Children's Way
Sponsored by:
Prudential**
Join us as we visit our Associate Member and have a little child's play, and lot's of fun. RSVP by September 25th @ 412-392-0610.

**Save the Date
October 7th
Cyber Security
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Manchester Bidwell Corporation**

Dr. Diana Burley, CMU Graduate and Professor @ George Washington University will share why you must protect your firm's data & infrastructure. An

Merritt for this summer concert event. Tickets on sale now. For more information call 412-342-1281.

August 25th
SMC Business Council
Golf Outing
Seven Oaks Country Club
132 Lisbon Road
Beaver, PA
9 AM Shotgun Start
For more information call 412-342-1611.

Welcoming Pittsburgh
Member Vibrant
Pittsburgh is one of the organizations included in the Welcoming Pittsburgh Plan which aims to make the city a more "welcoming place".

Career Opportunities
US Steel has job opportunities available on several levels. Learn more @ www.ussteel.com/uss/portal/home/careers/jobopportunities

Did You Know
PNC Park was named the #1 Ball Park!
Pittsburgh's unemployment rate dropped in June to its lowest point this year - 5.1%.

Pittsburgh was ranked #3 of the "10 Best Foodie Cities" by livability.com.

FY\$!
Bids are now open on several construction projects in the City of Pittsburgh. Learn more @ pittsburghpa.gov/omb/contracts-bids

Congratulations
Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier on a sold out **Who's Who in Black Pittsburgh** reception & book unveiling;

Associate Member Mark Lewis/Poise Foundation on their celebration of Black Philanthropy Month; **Member** Dianne Swan recognized at Homewood Children's Village as an impactful individual in the city; **Member** Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh Community Services on a grant from the Coca-Cola Foundation; **Member** Michelle Jones new owner of the Greater Pittsburgh Black Business Directory; Rhonda Carson Leach & Ray Vargo/Pitt's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence & **Member** Paul Brown/Professional Limousine featured in Pitt's Accelerator Video Newsletter; **Member** Marimba Millionaires/Hill CDC on a successful State of the Hill District Day; **Member** Herman Reid/Point Park University on a successful 3rd Annual Bold Awards Dinner; **Member** Petra Mitchell/Catalyst Connection chosen as one of 12 cities under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership; **Member** Tom Baker/Big Brothers/Big Sisters on their 50th Anniversary.

Congratulations on the New Pittsburgh Courier Inaugural Edition Celebrating African American Achievement Coalition Builder/

Change Agent: Member Esther Bush/Urban League; **Economically Empowering Black Businesses:** Doris Carson Williams/African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA; **Corporate Spotlight:** **Member** Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier; Candi Castleberry-Singleton/UPMC, **Members** Toni

Silva Jeter/UPMC, Winifred Torbert/UPMC, Yvonne Cook/Highmark, Evan Frazier/Highmark, **Member** Dr. Rhonda Moore Johnson/Highmark; **Women of Excellence:** **Members** Donna Michele Baxter/Soul Pitt Media, Paula Castleberry/Pittsburgh Public Schools, Cheryl Hall-Russell/Hill House, Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh, Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth, Anna Hollis/Amachi Pittsburgh, Marimba Millionaires/Hill CDC, Constance Parker/NAACP, Grace Robinson/State Farm Insurance, Kimberly Slater Wood/Pittsburgh Penguins, Lisa Upsher/C.O.R.E., Marcia Sturdivant/N.E.E.D., Dianne Swan/Rosedale Block Cluster, Lara Washington/ARCHO, Errolene Williams/Duquesne University, Tamara Whiting/VisitPittsburgh, Cameil Williams/Port Authority, Elise Yanders/Merrill Lynch; **Men of Excellence:** **Members** Louis Alexander/Byars and Alexander Financial Group, David Atkins/VisitPittsburgh, Larry Davis/University of Pittsburgh, Charles Powell/URA; **Most Influential:** **Members** Charlene McAbee/River Industries; Harvey Smith Sr./Innovative Diversity Presentation and Training. Congratulations to Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell Corporation on his upcoming visitors (Israeli Arabs and Jews), culminating the necessary steps in

opening a Center for Arts & Technology in Akko, an historical city located in the Northwest Galilee Region of Israel.

In The News
New Pittsburgh Courier
Chamber Board
Member Phyllis Comer at the Stoop 'n Bend Garden Club; **Member** Larry Davis/Univ. of Pgh. Speaking on the topic of his new book, **Why Are They Angry With Us?** Your Chamber's president and guest speaker Pittsburgh Police Chief Cameron McLay at the Special Breakfast Meeting.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Your Chamber's Special Breakfast Meeting with City of Pittsburgh Police Chief Cameron McLay.

Pittsburgh Business Times
Supporting Member Arthur Ziegler/Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation featured in **Personalities of Pittsburgh**; **Member** David Atkins/VisitPittsburgh featured in **People on the Move**, & Tony Thompson/Meyer, Unkovic & Scott named a Rising Star by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers.

We all wish Member Winifred Torbert the very best in her retirement. A fun celebration was held for her at the Savoy.

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

