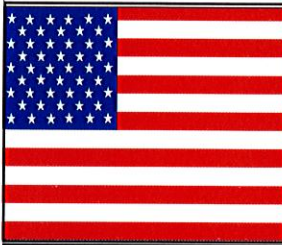


Important Dates to Record

- ◆ PowerBreakfast
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- ◆ 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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December 2015

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

Seasons Greetings!

Associate Member Jo Ellen Parker/Carnegie Museums hosted an engaging workshop on How To Do Business with Carnegie Museums. Followup appointments were immediately granted.

Corporate Sponsor Christina Cassotis/CEO Allegheny County Airport Authority did an outstanding job explaining the status of our airport & what she is doing to help increase traffic. Her "Airport 101" was a very candid presentation during our Special Breakfast Meeting.

Thanks to Member Chuck Sanders and the crew at Savoy for another fabulous Seasonal Celebration - it was great seeing so many friends. Bravo to the culinary team!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

January 15th

7:30 AM Rivers Club

Rich Fitzgerald

Allegheny County Chief Executive

Join us as we welcome him for his 2nd

term, & learn about his plans & vision for 2016.

Financial Health

Workshop

January 20th

Koppers Building

436 7th Avenue

9th Floor Board Room

First Commonwealth Bank will present this very important workshop on building & sustaining your financial health.

Members' Mixer

January 28th

**DoubleTree by Hilton
Downtown**

The DoubleTree by Hilton in Downtown will host us in their beautiful event lounge. Bring your business cards & wear your logo pin.

Members' Orientation

January 29th

Koppers Building

436 7th Avenue

**9th Floor Board Room
Downtown**

New members & existing members are invited to join us & learn about our unified body; and how your Chamber works for you!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

February 19th

7:30 AM

Rivers Club

Secretary Dennis Davin

PA Department of

**Community & Economic
Development**

Join us to welcome him home & learn about his imprint for helping spur development in our region.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

March 18th

8:00 AM

Rivers Club

**Bill Peduto, Mayor
City of Pittsburgh**

The Mayor will share his plans on his recent activity to insure, minority & small businesses are included in the city's development activities.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

April 15th

7:30 AM

Rivers Club

**Richard Hudic,
Executive Director
Allegheny Regional
Asset District**

Come meet the new head of ARAD & the joint programs he is proposing for us.

A Trip to the

Land of the Pharaohs

**November 9th - 17th
2016**



You want to be part of this special once in a lifetime trip for three exciting days in Cairo , a fabulous four day Nile River Cruise, then off to visit the Pyramids, Luxor, Aswan, & Valley of the Kings - all with a private Egyptologist! Sign up by April 29th to take advantage of the Early-Bird special. For more information & reservations email us at: information@aaccwp.com.

Members Events

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

Enjoy 6 live performances full of creativity and fun. Learn more @: trustarts.org/events/series/childrens_theater

Employment / Training

Dec. 19th, Jan.23rd, & Feb. 27th

Heinz History Center
Family search International will hold information sessions on how to volunteer & receive training for the Freedmen's Project at the History Center.

Fellows In Local Government

Allegheny County Department of Human Services is seeking motivated & talented individuals who are recent graduates of Bachelor's programs to join the staff for a 1-year appointment; & help shape the work of the Department of Human Services. To apply go

to: alleghenyco.usa. Click on Careers

FY\$!

Your business may have just what the City of Pittsburgh needs! Find opportunities to sell to the City & sign up for future ones. Go to www.buildpgh.com/beacon.

If you are seeking a license from the City of Pittsburgh, the Licensing Department has now been divided into 3 categories: Amusements, Trades & Business. All license applicants will need to complete an application and mail to: Department of Permits, Licenses & Inspections, 200 Ross St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Did You Know

Carnegie Museums is 120 years old this year.

Mayor Bill Peduto has issued an Executive Order requiring that all city employees be paid no less than \$15/hour. That order, affecting about 300 workers, will be phased in over 5 years.

Would Your Company Like to Host a Mixer?

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

Congratulations

Your Chamber President is pleased to announce she have been elected Chairman of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Member Peggy Harris/ Three Rivers Youth on a

successful "Night at the Races"; **Member** Sean Gibson/Josh Gibson Foundation on the layout presentation of the Josh Gibson Heritage Park; **Members** Donna Baxter/Soul Pitt Media, Paul Harper/University of Pittsburgh Katz School of Business, & Keith Key/KBK Enterprises were Achievement Honorees at the Omega Psi Phi Achievement Awards Event (your Chamber was one of the sponsors); **Member** Cheryl R. McAbee, Esq. President of River Development Corp. was elected a Board member of the Eastern District Minority Supplier Development Council. **Member** Craig Clark/ Rivers Casino on their receiving a three year relicense; **Member** Dennis Yablonsky/ Allegheny Conference on Community Development on a successful 2015 Annual Meeting;

In The News

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Member Jo Ellen Parker, Opinion Piece on the 120th birthday of Carnegie Museums.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Kathi Elliott/Gwen's Girls on their annual signature event; **Member** Toni Silva attending the Gwen's Girls signature event; **Member** Allegheny County Airport Authority CEO

Christina Cassotis at the Chamber's November Special Breakfast Meeting & your President on the Mayor's minimum wage order.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Members Rivers Casino & Epilepsy Foundation of Western/ Central PA, among Pittsburgh Business Times "Best Places To Work".

Pittsburgh Magazine

Member Christina Cassolis/CEO, Allegheny County Airport Authority speaking at the 2015 Women in Business Events; Featured: The Rivers Casino culinary staff - Faces of Pittsburgh.

New Members

Regular Member

Gregory Lee Mundy
Legal Shield

Supporting Member

Chris Haigh
C and S Locksmith Services LLC/dba: C & S Locksmith Services

Corporate Sponsors

Evan Zuverink
First Commonwealth Bank

Enjoy a safe holiday season & a healthy & prosperous New Year.

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

