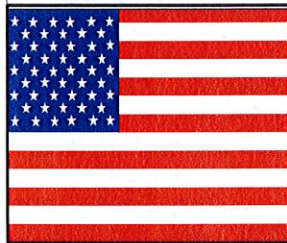


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Members



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 2016

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

Start the year learning about the health of our County & the County Exec's plans for 2017.

Don't forget: if you have not sent in your Member's Profile, do so ASAP. We are compiling the listings by business category & want to make sure you are included. Fax the form to: 412-392-0612, or email to: information@aaccwp.com.

luncheon with the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg Report, New Pittsburgh Courier, & the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

**Chamber's Annual
Seasonal Celebration
December 6th
5:00PM—7:30 PM
Federal Home Loan
Bank
601 Grant Street**

You are invited to bring a guest and join us for what will be a spectacular evening. Presidential Roundtable Member Dana Yealy looks forward to hosting you in their beautifully decorated building.

**Members Mixer
January 19th
5:00 PM—7:00 PM
Citizens Bank**

Our Corporate Sponsor Scott Brown will host our first Mixer for the new year: plan to be there!

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
January 20th
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Allegheny County
Executive Rich
Fitzgerald**

**Members' Orientation
January 26th
11:30am – 1:30pm
Koppers Building**

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

**PowerBreakfast
Meeting
February 17th
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Dr. Anthony Hamlet
Superintendent
Pittsburgh Public
Schools**

Join us as we welcome Pittsburgh's new Superintendent of Public Schools. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

Like to Host a Mixer?

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

**Now thru January
The Pittsburgh Creche
US Steel Plaza
600 Grant Street
Downtown**

If you can't make it to Rome during the holidays, you can find a larger-than-life replica of the Vatican's Christmas Creche right in our city on Grant Street.

Members Events

December 14th
"A Woman's Journey"
presented by
Highmark Foundation
6 PM - 7:30 PM

August Wilson Center
You can preview the video & learn more about health today & the health care forum @:
www.post-gazette.com/health-today

NEED'S Green & White Event

December 15th
5:00 PM-8:00 PM
Law & Finance Bldg. -
429 Fourth Avenue,
20th Floor

Member Dr. Marcia Sturdivant will be hosting its first ever Green and White event to kick off its alumni chapter & you are invited! Highlighting its service of providing financial assistance and mentorship to over 30,000 college students since 1963. Come out and network with old friends, meet new friends, & enjoy some holiday cheer & help "Unlock the Power of Education." RSVP to the office @: 412-566-2760.

Take the Stress out of Holiday Shopping

The Pittsburgh Parking Authority has authorized *free* parking at all Parking Authority garages on December 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th.

Urban League Sunday **February 12, 2017** **4:00PM —6:00 PM** **Destiny of Faith Church**

Join Associate Member Esther Bush for this Annual Event. The Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Peters will be the guest speaker. Free & Open to the Public!

February 16, 2017 **26th Annual Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Awards Banquet** **Sheraton Station Square**

Stay tuned for details.

Did You Know

On November 22, 2016, a federal judge temporarily blocked the Department of Labor from implementing and enforcing a final rule that would have raised the minimum salary required to be classified as exempt from overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). This means the rule has been delayed and will not go into effect on December 1, 2016 as expected.

In case you haven't heard, Pittsburgh was selected among 17 nominees for the *Travel + Leisure* "2016 Destination of the Year" award. Pittsburgh is included among some prestigious vacation spots... including Paris, Portugal and America's National Parks! The *Travel + Leisure* nomination for Pittsburgh states: "A new Ace hotel, a buzzed-about food scene, and a fiercely supportive small business community are all emblematic of Pittsburgh's revived energy..."

The Executive MBA (EMBA) Worldwide program at the University of Pittsburgh's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business is designed for today's business leaders, balancing global perspective with local expertise, and preparing graduates to advance their companies to compete at a level on par with the world's industry leaders. This 18 month program has class meetings every other Friday & Saturday, when EMBA students Worldwide participate in four Global Executive Forums: two here & one each in Brazil & China. For more information about this exciting program & details, call Member Chris Kush @ 412-648-1806.

Congratulations

Member Robert James/Highmark Health honored by the Women's Business Enterprise Council;

Member Kevin Jenkins has been promoted to the position of Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer at Manchester Bidwell Corporation.

In The News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Associate Member Kathi Elliott presenting at her 2016 Equity Summit. Event: the Co-Chair was Member Kathy Humphrey; Members Toni Silva/UPMC was part of the Awards Presentation;

Associate Member Maggie Jensen hosting the YWCA's Racial Justice Awards; Honored were: **Member Arletta Scott Williams/ALCOSAN** for Business & Professional Services & Chamber Foundation Board Member **Dr. Rhonda Moore Johnson/Highmark** in Health;

Member Maurita Bryant, Allegheny County Assistant Police Superintendent speaking out on race and gender relations; **Member Debra Valentine Gray/Indiana University of PA** speaking at 2020 Women Boards; **Member Mark Peterson** on awarding the Bridgeway Capital Impact Award to E. Properties; **Member Joseph Preston** as a Nabhi Christian Ministries Lifetime Achievement Award; **Member Crystal McCormick** at the 18th National Assembly of the Pierians; **Members Alex Matthews/Highmark & Representative Ed Gainey** speaking at Mark Brentley's Retirement Event; **Member Connie Parker/NAACP** at her Get Out The Vote Rally.

New Members

Regular Members

Zita Iwuoha
Seekers International Ministry

*Have a wonderful
Holiday Season*

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