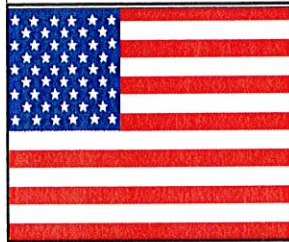


Important Dates to Record

- ◆ Members' Mixer
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- ◆ PowerBreakfast
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- ◆ Access to Capital
Workshop
February 23
- ◆ SupplyChain Session
February 25th
- ◆ Members' Events
- ◆ New Members



MISSION STATEMENT

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

What a strong turnout for Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald for our January PowerBreakfast Meeting! He presented his outlook for the county & his stats on employing & engaging minority & women firms.

Thank you to our corporate sponsor First Commonwealth Bank for hosting the financial health workshop. Evan Zuverink & his team presented their products & how to get 2016 off to a good start.

What a great Networking Mixer we had at the DoubleTree by Hilton with host, Member Ashley Riebel. The venue was beautiful, & everyone enjoyed the refreshments!

Our Members' Orientation welcomed our new members & shared the benefits of being part of an organized body & the opportunities to network.

**Members' Mixer
February 16th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Fifth Avenue Place
120 Fifth Avenue
28th Floor**

Conference Room
Board Member David Atkins/VisitPittsburgh will host us at their "head-quarters to enjoy the fantastic view while networking; wear your logo pin & bring lots of business cards.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
February 19th
7:30 AM
Rivers Club
The Honorable
Dennis Davin Secretary
PA Department of
Community &
Economic Development**
Join us to welcome him home & learn about his imprint for helping spur development in our region. RSVP at 412-392-0610

**Access to Capital Workshop
February 23rd
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
9th Floor - Board Room**
Join us as the team from Bridgeway Capital present their products that fit the needs of firms that have been unable to obtain traditional bank financing. RSVP at 412-392-0610.

Supply Chain Program

**February 25th
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
9th Floor Board Room**

This workshop will focus specifically on how to significantly grow the revenue & profitability of your small or mid-sized business. Our presenter will be Millard Humphreys/University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
March 18th
8:00 AM
Rivers Club
Mayor Bill Peduto,
City of Pittsburgh**

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

**A Trip to the
Land of the Pharaohs
November 9th - 17th**



Add this one to your bucket list & be part of this special once in a lifetime trip: 3

exciting days in Cairo, a 4 day Nile River Cruise, then off to visit the Pyramids! Included are visits to Luxor, Aswan, & the Valley of the Kings - all with a private Egyptologist! Sign up by April 29th for the Early-Bird special. For more information & reservations, email us at: information@aaccwp.com.

Your Company Like to Host a Mixer?

Want to host a Chamber Mixer? Call us at 412-392-0610.

February 25th Pittsburgh's Black Honors Symposium & Gala

Carnegie Music Hall
Red Carpet: 6:00 PM
Show Time: 7:00 PM
Come be a part of this special Bicentennial Celebration, recognizing our city's Black Legacy Leaders from 1755 to the present! For more info, call 74-205-9376, or bmarshallproductions@yahoo.com.

Members Events

February 14th Urban League Sunday 4 PM - 6 PM

Wesley Center AME Zion Church
2701 Centre Avenue
Join Member Esther Bush for this annual event. It is open to the public, featuring Rev. DeNiece Welch-Pastor Bidwell Presbyterian Church..

March 3rd An SMC Event: Is Your Business Ready 8:00 AM

Marriott North
100 Cranberry Woods
Cranberry Township
Join us to hear how the unfunded \$8 billion

municipal & \$50 billion state pension liabilities will affect your business, & what you can do about it. For more information call 412-371-1500.

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

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

February 9th Panthers: Vanguard of the Revolution Presented by WQED & Carnegie Library Carnegie Library, Homewood

For more information and registration go to: wqed.org/ndieLensPopUp/

March 2nd Save The Date State of the Airport 5:30 PM - 8 PM Wyndham Grand Downtown

We will learn about the state of the Allegheny County Airport & things to come. For more information & sponsorship opportunities call 412-472-3848.

March 3rd NEED Scholarship Dinner Their Education Matters

5:30 PM Reception 6 PM Doors Open
Join Member Dr. Marcia Sturdivant for this 53rd annual event. For more information call 412-566-2760 or visit www.needld.org

Employment / Training / Internships

Specialist Developer
BNY Mellon is seeking a Specialist Developer who

will provide application software development services. For more information on this position and others go to: bnymellon.com/jobs

February 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.

There are also several salaried positions open at Heinz History Center. For more information go to: heinzhistorycenter.org.

Highmark Health Internships

If you know a college student who is looking for an excellent opportunity that could turn into a career opportunity, Highmark Health is actively recruiting interns for the summer of 2016. *Applications must be submitted by February 15th.* Go to: highmarkhealth.org

FY\$! Did You Know

Governor Tom Wolf is the first Governor since 1844 to do away with the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax.

Facebook – the world's largest social network & one of the globe's largest tech firms will open a Pittsburgh office focused on research for its Oculus virtual reality platform at the Elmhurst Group's Schenley Place in Oakland; stay tuned.

According to a University of Pittsburgh economist, Allegheny County & Pittsburgh are

getting younger. One factor driving the increase is an increase in 20 to 30-something adults who are moving to the area to take jobs.

Congratulations

Member Arlinda Moriarty/Moriarty Consultants on the Our Region's Business appearance; Presidential Roundtable Member UPMC welcomes New Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer James E. Taylor, Ph.D., & congrats to our Chamber President from your staff on 2 Board appointments (Federal Reserve & Regional Asset District).

In The News New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Esther Bush/Urban League and Connie Parker/NAACP featured in "In The Spirit of King"; Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, guest speaker at your Chamber's PowerBreakfast; member Juan Garrett/Riverside Center for Innovation featured in Business Transforming Businesses for Success; & your President appointed Chair of the local Federal Reserve Board of Cleveland.

New Members Regular Member Dena Davis Teamology

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

