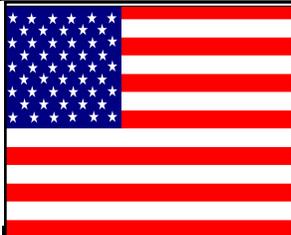


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ HTDB with Peoples January 14
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- ◆ Communications Workshop January 21st
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- ◆ Members' Mixer January 21st
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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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**January 2015**

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

**Best wishes for a healthy & prosperous 2015.**

If your company would like to host a Mixer for Chamber Members, call us @ 412-392-0610.

Our Seasonal Celebration at Carnegie Science Center was just super! Kudos to Peoples Natural Gas for serving as our sponsor. Members & guests networked with Members Ron Baille & Ann Metzger & enjoyed the delicious refreshments all before viewing the film, ***Mysteries of the Unseen World***: fascinating!

Our Annual Business Luncheon was a big success. Over 400 people attended to hear our speaker, Presidential Roundtable Member David Porges, Chief Executive Officer of EQT. Thanks to our event sponsors: EQT/Platinum Sponsor; PNC/Gold Sponsor Dollar Bank/Bronze Sponsor, & to our Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell Corporation for the beautiful Poinsettias from the Drew Mathieson

Horticultural Center. So nice to see everyone.

**This workshop is for Members Only!**

**How To Do Business With Peoples Gas**  
**January 14th**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**375 North Shore Drive Suite 600**

**Peoples Room**

This special workshop includes lunch. It is designed to provide details on how you as Members, can engage in doing business with Peoples. You must RSVP by the 12th. Wear your logo pin.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**  
**January 16th 7:30 AM**  
**Rivers Club**

Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald will discuss his past year's accomplishments for the county & his future plans in 2015.

**Communications Workshop**  
**January 21st**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Koppers Building**  
**9th Floor**

**Mr. Robert Hill Ph.D.** - former Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs/University of Pittsburgh, will

present how to improve your communication skills & provide you with constructive examples for improvement-don't miss it.

**Members' Orientation**  
**January 28th**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**African American Chamber of Commerce**  
**Koppers Building**  
**436 Seventh Ave.**  
**Suite 2220**

This program is for new & existing members to learn the benefits, opportunities & the value of being part of an organized body; a boxed lunch is included. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**Members' Mixer**  
**January 21st**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Caffé Amante**  
**Fifth Avenue Place**  
**120 Fifth Avenue**  
**Downtown**

Join us for our first Members' networking event of the new year, sponsored by Highmark.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**

**February 20th**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**

Join us to hear Ellen McLean, Allegheny County Chief Executive Rich Fitzgerald will discuss his past year's accomplishments for the county & his future plans in 2015.

**January 13th  
Leadership Pittsburgh  
Champagne Luncheon  
& Alumni Connection  
Fairmont Pittsburgh  
Downtown**

Join Member Aradhna Oliphant for their 4th Annual event. For more info go to: [lpinc.com](http://lpinc.com).

**January 26th  
The Pittsburgh  
Downtown Community  
Development  
Corporation & Point  
Park University  
present**

“Healthy Eating & Farm to Table Dining”  
Hundred Wood  
Restaurant  
100 Wood Street  
For more info, go to:  
[pghdowntowncdc.org](http://pghdowntowncdc.org)

**Now thru February 1st  
The Frick Presents  
Charles Courtney  
Curran: Seeking the  
Ideal**

This exhibit features works spanning nearly five decades of Curran’s productive career. For more info, go to: [www.TheFrickPittsburgh.org](http://www.TheFrickPittsburgh.org).

**February 11th  
Vibrant Pittsburgh  
Presents  
Inclusion Best  
Practices Series  
Featuring  
Nigel Telman, Partner  
Proskauer Rose LLP  
Leaders of Proskauer’s  
Midwest Employment  
& Labor Practice**

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM  
Lawrence Hall  
Point Park University  
Downtown  
Learn more at [www.vibrantpittsburgh.com](http://www.vibrantpittsburgh.com).

**February 13th  
The Chatham  
University Center for**

**Women’s  
Entrepreneurship  
presents  
Women Business  
Leaders Breakfast  
Series**

“Unlikely Entrepreneur:  
The Intersection of Life  
Experiences, Food and a  
Drive to Succeed”  
Speaker:

Regina Koetters  
Founder & CEO Marty’s  
Market, LLC  
8 AM - 9:30 AM  
Register at  
[www.chatham.edu/cwe](http://www.chatham.edu/cwe)

**January 29th  
Marcellus Shale  
Coalition  
Training Opportunities  
PA DEP eWell  
Permitting Training**

For more information go  
to: [marcelluscoalition.org](http://marcelluscoalition.org)

The Arch Grants Global Startup Competition for Entrepreneurs is now accepting applications. Learn more at [archgrants.org](http://archgrants.org).

**Penn State  
Technical Assistance**

If you would like to get one-on-one technical assistance, Penn State can help. For more information call 412-263-1751.

**Employment**

The URA is seeking a Real Estate Officer to assist the Executive Director Real Estate Director & staff. Learn more about this position and others at [ura.org](http://ura.org).

**FY\$!**

**Did You Know**

Millcraft Investments will build 77 condos above a 578 space parking garage at the old Saks Fifth Avenue site Downtown. This project should be

completed in Summer 2016.

Join me in wishing Supporting Member Lisa Schroeder good luck as she leave RiverLife for her position as the head of the People & Parks Foundation in her hometown of Baltimore.

**Congratulations**

Member Esther Bush on a successful Ron Brown Leadership Awards Dinner & celebrating her 20 years with the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh. She was also appointed to Governor-elect Wolf’s transition team on Housing; Member Marimba Milliones/Hill District CDC presented with the Hill of Hope Award and, joined by Member Lisa Upshur/C.O.R.E., as New Pittsburgh Courier 50 Women of Excellence; Member Harvey Smith on his new book titled, ‘The Second American Revolution: Closing the Four Basic Gaps of African Americans’ (stay tuned, you will learn more about his book); Highmark Caring Place has partnered with 20 schools to create in-school grief support groups for students who are dealing with the loss of someone important in their life and plans to add 30 more schools annually to the list.

**In The News  
New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Greg Spencer/Randall Industries at the Iota Phi Foundation Annual Achievement Awards Dinner; Member Caster Binion/HACP on Neighborhood

Initiatives; your Chamber President with Dave Porges/EQT, & Chamber Chairman Sam Stephenson at our Annual Business Luncheon; Member Rhonda Carson Leach & Lynn Hayes Freeland @ The Gateway Medical Society Scholarship Gala.

**Pittsburgh  
Business Times**

Supporting Member Mel Pirchesky/Eagle Ventures on A great CEO makes all the difference; Pittsburgh Business Times Award-ees: Associate Member Sister Candace Introcaso/La Roche College *Diamond*; Supporting Member Jeremy Waldrup/Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership *Fast Tracker*; Supporting Member Mike Schiller/Green Building Alliance *Energy Leadership*; Dottie Coll/Two Men & A Truck *Pittsburgh100*; Members Fragasso Financial Advisors; Desmond Architects; Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh & Rivers Casino *Best Places To Work*.

**New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Anna E. Hollis**  
Executive Director  
Amachi Pittsburgh

**Associate Member**

**Jesse McLean**  
Pressley Ridge

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

