#### **Important Dates to Record**

- July 22nd Special Breakfast Meeting
- September 16th PowerBreakfast
- September 20th How To Do Business Workshop
- September 21st **Members Mixer**
- September 23rd Pay Regulations Workshop
- Members' Events
- **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, selfsufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.



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#### **July 2016**

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

Thanks to Member Tom Link & his team for a very comprehensive How To Do Business with the URA Workshop.

**Our** PowerBreakfast with Member Richard Hudic/Allegheny Regional Asset District was informative, with a good Q&A session.

**K**udos to Member Robin Nicholson for a fun Members Mixer at The Frick Pittsburgh. The Killer Heels Exhibit was truly one of a kind. & members enjoyed the event & refreshments by Member Common Plea Catering!

Our Members' Orientation welcomed our new & existing members who shared their info & great networking.

**Special Breakfast** Meeting July 22nd 8:00 AM **Rivers Club Downtown** Matt Smith, President **Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce** 

Join us to welcome the Chamber's new chief & learn the important role

the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber is playing in serving our region.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting** September 16th 7:30 AM Rivers Club **Robin Nicholson** The Frick Pittsburgh

Member Robin Nicholson will present their new Welcome Center & the exciting exhibits planned.

#### **How To Do Business** With Allegheny Health

Network September 20th 3 PM - 5 PM Fifth Avenue Place Downtown

**J**oin us to learn about the new procurement process of the Allegheny Health Network & Highmark Health.

> **Members Mixer** September 21st DoubleTree Hotel/ Greentree 5 PM - 7 PM

This joint Mixer will be with the Pittsburgh Area Airport Chamber, the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber, &

vour African American Chamber: should be fun!

436 Seventh Avenue

Changes to Pay Regulations Workshop September 23rd 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM **Koppers Building** 436 Seventh Ave. 9th Floor **Downtown** 

The team from Meyer, Unkovic & Scott will discuss how changes to pay regulations may affect your workplace.

A Trip to the Land of the Pharaohs and Its **Ancient Civilizations** November 9th - 17th



There is still time to sign up for three exciting days in Cairo, a four day Nile River Cruise, then off to visit the Pyramids! Included are visits with a private Egyptologist to Luxor, Aswan, & the Valley of the Kings! For more info & reservations, call us, or email us at: information@aaccwp.com.

#### **Like to Host a Mixer?**

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

Members Events
July 8th
Pittsburgh Cultural
Trust
Presents
Cultural District
Gallery Crawl
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Downtown Cultural
District.

**S**ee works by award winning artists, live music, comedy, dance performances & more. Visit: <a href="https://www.trustarts.org">www.trustarts.org</a>

July 9th
SCORE
Small Business Basics
Workshop
8 AM - 1 PM
PNC YMCA
236 Fifth Avenue
2nd Floor Conference
Room Downtown

This highly interactive workshop will feature How to start & grow your business. Perfect for aspiring & existing small business entrepreneurs. Registration & Continental Breakfast begin at 8am. For more info, call 412-471-9622.

July 13th
FED Talk: Take it To
The Bank: How Land

Banks Are
Strengthening
America's
Neighborhoods
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
Oxford Center
Suite 3000
300 Grant Street
Downtown

The Pittsburgh Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland will host this session, for the business professional. For more info, call 412-261-7947.

July 30th
Chatham University
Women's Business
Center & the SBA
Present
Build Your Business
Workshop
9:30 AM - 12 Noon
Hill CDC
2015 Center Avenue
Hill District

**D**on't miss this workshop designed for women starting or interested in starting or expanding their business. The focus will be on business planning, marketing, financing, legal issues & more. For more info, & to register call 412 -365-1448.

# August 25th FACE Macedonia Family and Community Enrichment Center Friend of Face Reception The Kaufmann Center 1825 Centre Avenue Hill District

For more information contact Member Tisha Gadson @ 412-281-2573 or go to: www.macedonia facc.org.

August 29th

"Love 'Fore' The Girls"

Golf & Tennis Outing

Green Oaks County

Club - Verona

Join Member Kathi Elliott/Gwen's Girls for this annual event. Go to: http://www.gwensgirls.org

# September 22nd <u>Hill House</u> <u>Presents</u> <u>"Live from the Hill"</u> <u>Black Violin</u> Hillman Auditorium Kaufmann Center 1825 Centre Ave. Hill District

Come enjoy this dynamic duo's combination of classical music with hip-hop, rock, R&B & blue-grass. For tickets, go to: www.showclix.com.

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state-wide initiative, to
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to:

catalystconnection.org/ resources/?Pennsylvania -Network-For-Open-Innovation-36

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## Urban Redevelopment <u>Authority RFP</u> <u>For Development</u>

Proposals are now being accepted for the Historic Deutschtown Neighbor-hood on East Ohio Street. Deadline for Proposals is Thursday, August 11th @ 12noon. To apply go to: apps.pittsburghpa.gov/ura-files/East\_Ohio\_Street\_RFP\_Draft.

### CCAC Bid & Proposal Opportunities

CCAC's Procurement
Department is accepting
proposals for open bids
and/or RFPs. Learn

more @: <u>ccac.edu/bid-</u> RFP.Opportunities.aspx

#### **Congratulations**

**Members Carol Philps/** CPI Creative and Derrick Wilson/The Wilson Group on being finalist in their respective categories at the Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year event; Corporate Sponsor Darrel Smalley served as an MC for the spectatular event. Members Suresh Ramanathan, Greg Spencer, Toni Silva, Derrick Wilson & to all who participated in the Corporate Equity & Inclusion Roundtable Event.

#### In The News

#### New Pittsburgh Courier

Member William
Generett/Urban Innovation21 on hosting the inaugural business expo;
Members Kimberly
Slater-Wood/ALCOSAN &
Eustace Uku/EXICO
attending the Alpha
Weekend.

#### **New Members**

#### **Regular Members**

#### **Marvin Green**

Triumphant Data Solutions

### Supporting Members Steve Alschuler

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Have a Great Summer!

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



