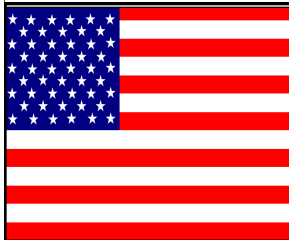


#### Important Dates

- May 20th Gardening Workshop
- May 28th Members Mixer
- ◆ June 18th PowerBreakfast Meeting
- ◆ June 28th Members Mixer
- ◆ July 10th Special Breakfast Meeting
- ◆ Members' Events
- ◆ Welcome 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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**DORIS CARSON WILLIAMS, CCE PRESIDENT AND CEO**

#### **May 2015**

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

Join us to welcome JoEllen Parker, the new President Carnegie of Museum. She will update us on her plans for the organization.

Don't forget to cast your ballot in the May 19th Primary Election; Absentee Ballot applications must be completed by May 12th.

Thanks to Presidential Roundtable Member Keith Key for such a powerful message during our PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Kudos to Member Harvey Smith, CPA, for a very informative workshop on finances & budgeting.

A big thank you to Member Lisa Upshur/Center for Organ Recovery Education for hosting our Members Mixer @ their amazing new facility.

Thank you to Member to Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier who did an outstanding job as facilitator for our Candidates' Forum. District 9 City Council Candidates Twanda Carlisle, Judith Ginyard & Andre Young who participated & Magisterial candidates Kevin Cooper & Leah Kirkland.

**Gardening and Greenspaces Workshop**  
**May 20th**  
**Koppers Building**  
**11:30AM—1:30 PM**

Come and learn from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy team about the amazing flowers & plants in our city parks & how to beautify our homes and businesses.

**Members' Mixer**  
**May 28th**  
**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Hosanna House**  
**807 Wallace Avenue**  
**Wilkinsburg**  
Associate Member Al Merritt will host you. Don't forget to wear your logo pin & bring your business cards.

**Members Mixer**  
**June 4th**  
**5:30PM—8:30 PM**  
**Larrimor's**  
**One PNC Plaza**  
**249 Fifth Avenue**  
This Mixer will feature Jack Mitchell, Wall St. Journal's best selling author, held in partnership with the Women Presidents' Organization. & Pitt's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence. Join us for this combined event.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**  
**June 19th**  
**7:30 AM - 9:00 AM**  
**Rivers Club**

**Members' Mixer**  
**June 28th**  
**5:00PM — 7:00 PM**  
**Community Room**  
**SkyLine Terrace**

This is one you won't want to miss, including the breathtaking view of the city.

**Special Breakfast Meeting**  
**July 10th**  
**8:00 AM**  
**Rivers Club**  
We will introduce Pittsburgh's new Police Chief Cameron McLay to the Chamber & he will update us on plans for law enforcement.

**Save the Date**  
**October 9th**  
**Cyber Security**  
**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**Manchester Bidwell Corporation Auditorium**  
**Sponsored by:**  
**Huntington Bank**  
Your Chamber is well into planning this. For more info call 412-365-1253 or visit: [www.chatham.edu/cwe](http://www.chatham.edu/cwe)

**Members Events**  
**May 11th**  
**The Hill House**

**Presents**  
**An Evening With**  
**Audra McDonald**  
**Six-Time Tony**  
**Award Winner**  
**8 PM**

**Byham Theater**  
For tickets call 412-456-6666.

**May 15th**  
**Three Rivers Youth**  
**The Founding**  
**Celebration**

**135 Years**  
**6 PM - 9 PM**  
**Renaissance**  
**Pittsburgh Hotel**  
**107 Sixth Street**  
**Downtown**  
Join Member Peggy Harris for this gala event inspired by the luxurious S.S. Normandie. For more information call 412-441-5020.

**May 15th**  
**Duquesne University**  
**Small Business**  
**Development Center**  
**17th Annual**  
**Entrepreneur's Growth**  
**Conference**  
**8:30 AM**

**Duquesne University**  
**Duquesne Union**  
**600 Forbes Avenue**  
Register online at:  
[www.duq.edu/GROWTH](http://www.duq.edu/GROWTH)  
or call 412-396-1633.

**May 16th**  
**Highmark Walk For A**  
**Healthy Community**  
**7:45 AM - Registration**  
**9 AM - 5K**

**Stage AE Northshore**  
For more information  
call 412-255-1521.

**May 16th**  
**East End**  
**Cooperative Ministry**  
**presents**  
**A Flavor of the**  
**East End**

Join Member Michael Mingrone & sample tasty fare from some of our local

restaurants to benefit at-risk youth. Learn more at:  
[www.eecm.org](http://www.eecm.org).

**May 16th**  
**Pitch, Hit & Run**  
**10 PM - 3 PM**

**South Park**  
**Fairgrounds Oval**  
Boys & girls 7-14 are invited to participate in the Allegheny county competition, pre-registration is required, participation is free. Call 412-835-4810.

**May 19th - June 23rd**  
**U. S. Department of**  
**Transportation**  
**Bonding Education**  
**Program for 6 Tuesdays**  
**Riverside Center for**  
**Innovation**  
**5:30 PM - 8 PM**  
**700 River Avenue**  
**Northside**

This program is designed to address what businesses need to do to become bond-ready. For more info, call Judy McNeil @ 412-322-3272.

**May 21st**  
**YWCA 33rd Annual**  
**Tribute to Women**  
**Leadership Awards**  
**Luncheon**  
**Westin Hotel**  
**1000 Penn Avenue**  
**Downtown**

For more information  
call 412-255-1261.

**May 21st**  
**NAACP 61st Annual**  
**Human Rights Dinner &**  
**Centennial Celebration**  
**100 Years: Yet the**  
**Struggle Continues**  
**Westin Hotel**  
**1000 Penn Avenue,**  
**Downtown**

For more info call:  
412-471-1024.

**May 21st**  
**Sustainable Pittsburgh**  
**Green Workplace**  
**Challenge**  
**8:00 AM**

**Construction Junction**  
**214 North Lexington**  
**Street**

**Pittsburgh 15208**  
**May 24th & 25th**  
For more information  
call 412-258-6642

**People To People**

**Save the Date**  
**July 3rd thru July 5th**  
**EQT Pittsburgh**  
**Three Rivers Regatta**

**Spring Into a New**  
**Career**  
[imaginepittsburgh.com](http://imaginepittsburgh.com)  
lists thousands of job openings in the region.

**Did You Know**  
Mayor Peduto has partnered with the Pittsburgh Foundation & the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics to create Talent City, an initiative designed to bring transparency, & rigorous hiring practices in an effort to fill key personnel positions. Learn more @: <http://talent-city.com/jobs>;

**FY\$!**  
According to the Commonwealth's Independent Fiscal Office, the state has revised its revenue forecast to reflect an additional \$594 million.

**Congratulations**  
Shawn Hicks, African American Chamber of Commerce on the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club's Professional Man of the Year award, & Member Elise Roby Yanders/Merill Lynch awarded as Professional Woman of the Year; Associate Member Magdeline Jensen/YWCA on a successful

'Stand Against Racism' event; Member Lance Hyde/EQT on his role as the Panel Facilitator for the Women's Business Enterprise Council Meeting.

**In The News**  
**New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Stephanie Turman/ABC Consulting recognized by Stepmom Aretha Franklin @ Franklin's Heinz Hall performance; Member Maurita Bryant/NOBLE @ NOBLE's Networking Mixer; Member Rev. Steven Jackson/Bethel AME Church attending the Pittsburgh Conference Young Peoples Division AME event; Presidential Roundtable Member Keith Key/KBK Enterprises & your President @ your Chamber's PowerBreakfast (by the way, Keith Key was presented with a Key to The City & April 15, 2015 was Keith Key Day in Pittsburgh).

**New Members**  
**Regular Members**

**Johnnie Bryant**  
JB's Cleaning Company

**Deseia A. Carter**  
The Wilson Group

**Supporting Members**

**Kimberly Zytznick**  
Evergreen Facility Services

**Associate Member**

**Stephani Pashman**  
Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board

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

