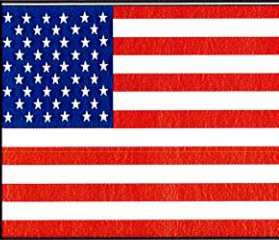


Important Dates to Record

- ◆ May 18th Talent Issues & Options Workshop
- ◆ May 25th Members' Mixer
- ◆ May 26th Social Media Workshop -
- ◆ June 17th Power-Breakfast Meeting
- ◆ June 22nd Members Mixer 'Killer Heels'
- ◆ 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, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.

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

Our Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier did a superb job as the Facilitator for our Chamber's Candidates' Forum. Members & guests gained insight into how State Rep. Jake Wheatley versus Jessica Wolfe, & Member State Rep. Ed Gainey versus William Anderson felt about the issues impacting their districts.

The How to Do Business Workshop with Allegheny Health Network at Highmark included 16 buyers who came prepared to engage our members on their protocols; well done!

Thanks to Dana Yealy Managing Director, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary- Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh for an educational discussion on a wholesale bank at our PowerBreakfast Meeting last month.

Member Lisa Upsher hosted another great Members Mixer at the Center for Organ Recovery and Education. Great networking!

**May 18th
11:30AM - 1:30 PM
Talent Issues & Options
Koppers Building**

9th Floor - Downtown

The content for the workshop will include a review of talent challenges, discussion of new practices & a presentation on the no cost services & programs provided by the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board & PA Career-Link. Call our office.

Members' Mixer **May 25th 5 PM - 7 PM**

**EQT Corporation
625 Liberty Avenue
Suite 1700**

Join us as we visit our Presidential Roundtable Member. RSVP at 412-392-0610.

Social Media Workshop **May 26th**

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

Join us & learn from the Sparq Designs team how to market your firm through social media.

**Doing Business with the Urban Redevelopment Authority
June 14th
8:30—10:30 AM
200 Ross Street 13th**

Floor Conference Room

Members Tom Link & Robert Rubinstein look forward to having you learn more about their new procedures & how to access contract info.

PowerBreakfast Meeting June 17th

**7:30 AM Rivers Club
Richard Hudic
Executive Director
Allegheny Regional
Asset District**

Come meet our new Member & learn what he has planned for our region & working with the Chamber.

Special Breakfast Meeting July 22nd

**8:00 AM Rivers Club
Matt Smith, President
Greater Pittsburgh
Chamber of Commerce**
Join us to welcome their new chief & learn about the important role they are serving for our region with the state.

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



Spend 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

May 16th 6:00 PM

KBK Enterprises &

Allies & Ross

M/WBE & Section 3
Business Opportunity
Event

Ella Mae Hillman Center
385 Elmore Street

This meeting & reception will kick off Phase III for Addison Terrace: Be There!

New Granada Theatre
Block: RFP for
Development

Opportunity Hill District
For more information on this opportunity go to: www.hilldistrict.org/newgranadarfp.

Get info on winning city contracts. Contact the City of Pittsburgh Equal Opportunity Review Commission at 412-255-8804.

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

Enjoy 6 live performances full of creativity & fun for the entire family. Go to: trustarts.org/event/events/series/childrenstheater.

June 2nd
Save The Date
Urban League of
Greater Pittsburgh

State of Black **Pittsburgh 2016** **WQED Studios**

For details, call the Urban League: 412-227-4802.

June 2nd
18th Annual
Entrepreneur's Growth
& Networking
Conference

Duquesne University
Small Business
Development Center

Guest Speaker: Scott Teachout, Principal, Peak Performance Management on, "Jump Start Your Networking" Includes Breakfast. Register at: www.sbdcd.edu

June 3rd & 4th
Volunteers Needed
for
MOM 'N PA

David L. Lawrence
Convention Center
Downtown

The Mission of Mercy is seeking volunteers to assist nearly 2 thousand underserved dental patients for this 2 day event. Register at: www.mom-n-pa.com.

Employment / Training

The University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence is seeking a 'Program' Manager' for their Urban & Community Entrepreneurship/ Entrepreneurial Fellows Programs. For more information go to: www.pittsource.com/postings/116479

Did You Know

The Obama Administration has launched the Fair Chance Business Pledge - a call to action for members of the private sector to eliminate barriers for those with criminal records. Learn more at: www.whitehouse.gov/

[issues/criminal-justice/business](#)

Congratulations

Welcome two new Chamber Board Members: Blayre Britton/ CDI Printing & Suresh Ramanathan/KORYAK; Member Bill Strickland/ Manchester Craftsman Guild on the MCG's new Digital Arts Studio: Tech Suite; Lucille Dabney/ PACE on another successful Inclusive Voices Luncheon; Suresh Ramanathan/ KORYAK EMSDC Stellar Awards Organizational Award Winner, Toni Silva-Jeter/ UPMC Lifetime Achievement Award; Quintin Bullock/CCAC on a successful community job fair in partnership with Pittsburgh Public Schools; Member Maggie Jensen on the YWCA's having more than 200 volunteers taking a 'Stand Against Racism'; Members recognized at the Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council: Member Charles Toran/ Sci-Tek Consultants as the MBE Forerunner; The Wilson Group as the MBE Fastest Growing Company; EQT as the Corporate Leadership Cornerstone & Corporate Best Practice; & UPMC as the Corporate Forerunner. Our President honored as a Women of Distinction at the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Annual Luncheon.

In The News

New Pittsburgh
Courier

Member Rebecca Harris/Chatham Univer-

sity Center for Women's Entrepreneurship; Presidential Roundtable Member Dana Yealy/Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh's Managing Partner & your Chamber President at our Chamber PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Pittsburgh **Post-Gazette**

Members Darryl Ford Williams/WQED, Rhonda Carson Leach/University of Pittsburgh IEE, Lynn Popash/Pittsburgh Transportation Group; at the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation Annual Luncheon.

Pittsburgh **Business Times**

Presidential Roundtable Member David Porges/EQT CEO featured in Energy: 'Company eyes midstream assets in target zone'.

New Members

Regular Members

Ronald T. and Laurette
Burleigh
VIPCO Advisors

Tricina Cash
IBEX IT Business Experts

Honorable Ed Gainey
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Ernest Groover
Protech Compliance, Inc.

Deborah Holland
Executive Table

Amber Spells
AMS Consulting Group

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

