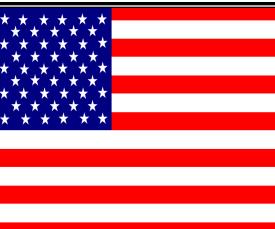


Important Dates to Record

- ◆ November 16th - How to do Business
- ◆ Special Breakfast - November 20th
- ◆ Seasonal Celebration - November 30th
- ◆ Business Luncheon - December 3rd
- ◆ 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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November 2015

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

November is National Diabetes Month!

Our special thanks to Dr. Diana Burley from George Washington University for the excellent symposium on Cyber Security. She graciously autographed the book, 'Enterprise Software Security; A Confluence of Disciplines'. If you would like to purchase a copy, call the office. Cost : \$45.

Kudos to Supporting Member Jeremy Waldrup for sharing the many exciting initiatives in place to revitalize Downtown Pittsburgh at our October PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Associate Member Jason Flowers was a great host & gave us a wonderful tour at our Members' Mixer at Laurel Highlands Council Boy Scouts of America.

How To Do Business with Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

November 16th

3:00PM - 5:00PM

**Carnegie Museums
4400 Forbes Ave.
Oakland**

Associate Member JoEllen Parker has

planned a full meeting to engage Chamber Members on doing business at their four locations.

Special Breakfast Meeting

**November 20th
Christina Cassotis, CEO
Allegheny County
Airport Authority**

8:00 AM

Rivers Club

Our new Corporate Sponsor will update us on increasing activity at the airport & her efforts to increase procurement.

Seasonal Celebration

**November 30th
Savoy Restaurant**
Your Chamber is preparing for our annual Seasonal Celebration - watch for your invitation in the mail!

A Trip to the Land of the Pharaohs

November 9-17, 2016
Please note the change in the dates. You want to be part of this special once in a lifetime

trip for 3 wonderful days in Cairo, 4 fabulous days Cruising along the Nile River, a visit to the Pyramids, Luxor, Aswan, & Valley of the Kings. Sign up now & receive a discount. Call 412-392-0610 or email: information@aaccwp.com for reservations

Members Events

Now through May 15th

**Citizens Bank
2015-2016
Family Series**

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

**November 6th
CCAC Labor & Management Institute
presents**

**The Elliott Group & United Steelworkers - Our Journey Together
'A Discussion'
2 PM - 4 PM
CCAC Allegheny Campus
808 Ridge Avenue
This event is free & open to the public. For more information call 412-237-4412.**

**November 10th
The August Wilson Center Presents
Ailey II: The Next Generation of Dance
&
November 12-14 &**

Nov. 19- 21
August Wilson's
"The Piano Lesson"
 Don't miss these dynamic productions. For more info, call 412-456-6666.

November 14th
The American Diabetes Association presents
'A Bridge to Wellness'

Expo
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Downtown
9 AM - 3 PM

Plan to attend this annual free event & learn about new ways to be healthy, active and live well with Diabetes. Retail vendors will be on site. Diabetes causes more deaths a year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Give a gift to the American Diabetes Association and make a difference!

December 2nd
Sustainable Pittsburgh's
Green Workplace Challenge Awards
Ceremony

5:30 PM

Andy Warhol Museum
117 Sandusky Street
North Shore

Celebrate with Supporting Member Court Gould the many achievements of 87 organizations who competed to save energy, water & waste. Call 412-258-6642 for details.

Customer Service Representatives

Peoples Gas is seeking Customer Service reps for the North Shore Call Center. Applicants must register online @: peoples-gas-jobs.itsmycareer.com

FY\$1
 Penn State Materials Research Institute has matching funds for companies interested in a research relationship with the University Email David Fecko dlf5023@psu.edu. Or call 814-865-6691.

CODE FOR AMERICA

Pittsburgh has a partnership with a non-profit called 'Code for America', one of several digital services the City is building. The goal is to make it easier for Pittsburgh businesses to do business with the city. To learn more, go to: www.buildpgh.com/beacon

Did You Know

Making mobile payments for street parking in the city has arrived. Check your parking area for 'Go Mobile Pittsburgh' & pay from your phone!

Would Your Company Like to Host a Mixer?

If your company is interested in hosting a Chamber Mixer for Members, call us @: 412-392-0610.

Congratulations

Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier coming out big with 7 awards from the Pennsylvania News Media Association Foundation & for receiving the 2015 Newspaper of the Year Awards; The Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council Gala honored several Chamber Members: Members Paula Castleberry/Pittsburgh Public Schools, & Toni Silva/UPMC received the Harold T. Bushey Award; Member Lance Hyde/EQT was named the Corporate Advocate of the Year,

Member Suresh Ramanathan/Koryak was named MBE Advocate of the Year, and EQT Corp. was named the Corporation of the Year, and our Chamber President served as the Honorary Chair for the evening; Member Dr. Rhonda Moore Johnson/Highmark was honored as one of two Physicians of the Year at the Gateway Medical Society Annual Gala; Member Evan Frazier/Highmark presented the Scholarships: 2015 ATHENA Awards Finalists Member Dr. Rhonda Johnson/ Highmark & your Chamber President;

Associate Member Bridgeway Capital on a record breaking year with a 26% increase in closing loans over 2014; Supporting Members Ron Baillie and Ann Metzger/Carnegie Science Center, are the recipients of Chevron Center for STEM Education and Career Development grant in the amount of \$900k over 3 years;

Supporting Member RiverLife on new President & CEO Vivien Li; Associate Member American Heart Association's successful 'Power of Laughter' event: Member Evan Frazier served as the honorary Chair; Associate Members William Generett/Urban Innovation21 & Rebecca Harris/Chatham University for supporting the City of Pittsburgh's "Pittsburgh Roadmap for Inclusive Innovation".

In The News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Andrew Cheeseboro/Small Seeds on celebrating 16th Anniversary & Member Donna Baxter/Soul Pitt Media attending; Member Kimberly Slater-Wood presenting the awards at the Thelma Lovette YMCA 8th Hill of Hope Gala Your Chamber's Power-Breakfast Meeting featuring Member Jeremy Waldrup/Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership; Member Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth on a successful Community Day; & URA on creating an Affordable Housing Fund to help low-income elderly & minority residents continue living in East Liberty.

Regular Members

Dr. Lawrence Gibson
 Neo Vision Spectacle Shop

Presidential Roundtable Membership

Dana Yealy
 Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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

