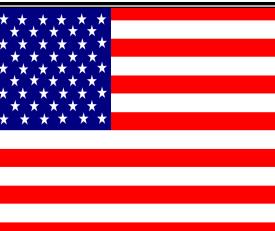


Important Dates to Record

- ◆ September 16th PowerBreakfast
- ◆ September 20th How To Do Business Workshop
- ◆ September 21st Members Mixer
- ◆ September 23rd Pay Regulations Workshop
- ◆ October 14th PowerBreakfast
- ◆ 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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September 2016

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

Pittsburgh Opera & the 2017 production on the life of Josh Gibson & how you can participate.

Hope everyone had a good summer!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

September 16th

7:30 AM Rivers Club

Robin Nicholson

The Frick Pittsburgh

Join us to hear

Member Robin Nicholson who will present their new Welcome Center & their exciting upcoming exhibits.

How To Do Business With Highmark Health

September 20th

3 PM - 5 PM

Fifth Avenue Place

Downtown

Come & meet the buyers/managers & learn more about the new procurement process of the Allegheny Health Network & Highmark Health.

Members Mixer

September 21st

DoubleTree Hotel/ Greentree

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

This joint Mixer will be with the Pittsburgh Airport Chamber, the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber, & your Chamber; good networking. Be there!

Changes to Pay Regulations Workshop**September 23rd**

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Koppers Building

436 Seventh Ave.

9th Floor

Downtown

Members Tony

Thompson & Elaina Smiley from Meyer, Unkovic, & Scott will discuss how changes to pay regulations may affect your workplace beginning 2017: You don't want to miss it.

How To Do Business With Allegheny County Airport Authority

October 5th

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Koppers Building

9th Floor

436 Seventh Avenue

Downtown

Member Christina

Cassotis' team, led by Samantha Stedford, will bring members from their procurement team, including their buyers will present doing business with the Airport Authority.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

***October 14th (note change in date)**

7:30 AM Rivers Club

Christoper Hahn

Pittsburgh Opera

Member Christopher

Hahn will discuss the

Youth Development Workshop

October 19th

8:30 AM - 11 AM

Koppers Building

9th Floor

436 Seventh Avenue

Downtown

The team from Holy Family Institute will discuss programs at Holy Family Academy that focus on career readiness.

Members Mixer

October 25th

University of

Pittsburgh

5 PM - 7 PM

Member Chris Kush/ Executive MBA Program & The Center for Executive Education at the University of Pitt has planned an exciting event for you as our host. Bring plenty of business cards!

The registration date has closed on the trip to Egypt. We are thrilled to have members and guests going with us on the trip to the Pyramids!

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

Fridays In September Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

Penn Liberty Walking

Tours

Penn & 7th Avenue

Katz Plaza

Noon - 1 PM

For more information call 412-471-5808 X527

September 10th 3rd Annual PIC5K Run & Walk

North Park Boat House

Join Member Suresh Ramanathan/KORYAK for this annual event. For sponsorship opportunities call: **1-866-4KORYAK**.

September 15th "The Amachi Hachi Pachi Returns"

PNC Riverwalk & Hall of Fame Club

7 PM - 11 PM

For details, go to: amachipgh.org

September 17th 'A Night In Texas' presented by UPMC Health Plan, the Pittsburgh Emergency Medicine foundation & UPMC Work Partners

Clear Story Studio

1931 Sidney Street

South Side

6 PM - 9 PM

Call 724-312-6782 for details.

September 22nd Hill House Presents

"Live from the Hill" Black Violin

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 & bluegrass with Member Cheryl Hall Russell. For tickets, go to: www.showclix.com.

September 22nd Reed Smith Webinar Incident Response & Cybersecurity A View From The Boardroom

11 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM

This 60 minute video will offer practical tips & best practices for grappling with Cybersecurity issues.

September 22nd Meet - Mingle – Network

Rivers Club
One Oxford Center
6 PM - 8 PM

Member SMC

Business Councils invites you to meet, mingle & network with elected officials and fellow business leaders. For more information call 412-342-1606.

SAVE THE DATE October 26th Stand Up For Standing Firm 2016 Awards Luncheon

Omni William Penn
Hotel - Downtown
11 AM - 2 PM

To learn more about the organization & their upcoming event, go to: standingfirmswpa.org.

October 27th Marcellus Shale Coalition Featured Training Preparation & Action Communications Strategies for Navigating a Crisis

For details go to: marcelluscoalition.org

Employment Urban Redevelopment

Authority of Pittsburgh Department: Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Expansion & Attraction Specialist

This position is for a Business Expansion & Attraction Specialist in the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. To apply go to: ura.org

FY\$1 Small Business Advantage Grant Program

DEP offers \$1 million in grants to promote energy efficiency in small businesses in PA. The PA Department of Environmental Protection will help small businesses become more energy efficient with this Grant Program which provides funding to projects that include measures such as HVAC & boiler upgrades, & high-efficiency lighting. Eligible applicants include owners of corporations, sole proprietorships or other legal entities with 100 or fewer full-time employees. For more information go to: www.dep.pa.gov/citizens/grantsLoansRebates/SmallBusinessOmbudsmanOffice.

Did You Know?

The Downtown Pittsburgh office market makes up over 47% of the entire Pittsburgh office sector, & the Central Business District is one of the strongest markets in the country.

At the end of 2012 the CBD was ranked as the strongest market in the U.S. by occupancy rate and 2nd by lease rate according to national real estate firm CBRE.

Congratulations

Member Jack Kimbell on the successful completion on the Rivers Club remodeling project; it looks great! SMC Business Councils' Board of Directors has appointed David L. Fair as Interim CEO. Bill Ringle has ascended to the role of Chairman of the Board of SMC Business Council; Members Lou Alexander/Chamber Board Vice Chairman, Chancellor Patrick Gallagher/University of Pittsburgh & Robert Stein with Pitt's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence, on a successful Doing Business With The USDA.

In The News

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Kathi Elliott/ *Gwen's Girls, Gwen's Girls Still Making Girl Magic.*

New Members

Regular Membership

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

