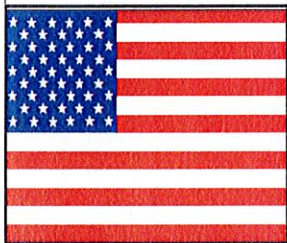


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MISSION STATEMENT

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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January 2017

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

Your Chamber is in the **final stages** of compiling the listings of our members' profiles, and we need your help. The listings are by business category & we want to make sure your business is included. Fax your form to: 412-392-0612, or email to: information@aaccwp.com.

Thank you & kudos to Presidential Roundtable Member Dana Yealy & his team at Federal Home Loan Bank for a truly special Chamber Seasonal Celebration in the beautiful FHLB building.

Strategic Planning Workshop

January 12, 2017
11:30—1:30

Koppers Building 9th Fl.
Ray Vargo Director
Small Business
Development Center
University of Pittsburgh

Join us & learn the vital components that must be included in helping you achieve your organizational goals faster. You Must RSVP!

Members' Mixer

January 19th
5:00 PM—7:00 PM
Citizens Bank

Corporate Sponsor
Scott Brown will host our

first Mixer for the new year. Plan to be there!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

January 20th

7:30 AM Rivers Club
Allegheny County
Executive Rich
Fitzgerald

Start the year learning about the health of our County & the County Exec's plans for 2017.

Members' Orientation

January 26th

11:30am – 1:30pm
Koppers Building

New & existing members are invited to join us & learn how your Chamber works for you!

Members' Mixer

February 9, 2017

5:00 PM—7:00 PM

Greater Pittsburgh
Chamber of Commerce

Associate Member
Matt Smith looks forward to hosting us for fun & networking!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

February 17th

7:30 AM Rivers Club
Dr. Anthony Hamlet
Superintendent
Pittsburgh Public
Schools

We welcome the city's new Superintendent of Public Schools to share his plans for the district.

How to do Business with the Port Authority

of Allegheny County

February 28th

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Koppers Building

Associate Member

Anthony Trona will update us on their new procedures & protocol.
Like to Host a Mixer?

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

Through January The Pittsburgh Creche

US Steel Plaza

600 Grant Street

Downtown

There is still time to see the larger-than-life replica of the Vatican's Christmas Creche on Grant Street.

Members Events

January 6th

New Pittsburgh

Courier

Women of Excellence

Awards

12 Noon

Wyndham Grand
Downtown

For more information
call 412-481-8302

January 14th

SCORE

Small Business
Basics Workshop

8AM - 1PM

SBA Offices

411 Seventh Ave.,

Suite 1450

Downtown

For more info on
this & other workshops
call SCORE at 412-395-

6560.

**January 19th
Port Authority of
Allegheny County
Presents the
Spirit of King Award
Ceremony
10:00AM**

**Kingsley Center
6435 Franktown Ave.
For more info call
412-476-4006**

**January 31st
Allegheny County
Airport Authority
Small Business Fair
Pittsburgh
International Airport
Landside Terminal
Ticketing Level**

Come learn how you can do business as a consultant, construction company, vendor or supplier for the County Airport Authority.

**February 12th
Urban League Sunday
4:00PM - 6:00PM
Destiny of Faith
Church
3737 Brighton Road
Northside**

Join Associate Member Esther Bush for this Annual Event. The Rev. Dr. Ronald E. Peters will be the guest speaker. Free & Open to the Public!

**February 16th
Boys Scouts of
America
26th Annual
Whitney M. Young Jr.
Service Awards
Banquet
Sheraton Station
Square**

For more information call 412-471-2927.

Employment
The URA is seeking Accountants & a Construction Advisor. Learn more about these positions & others at www.ura.org.

The Women For A

Healthy Environment is seeking a temporary full time Educational Program Specialist with emphasis on children's environmental health topics. Start immediately. Learn more about this position at: womenforahealthyenvironment.org.

The Heinz History Center is seeking a VP of Advancement. For more info, contact Renee Falbo, Director of Human Resources, @: hr@heinzhistorycenter.org.

Did You Know

The URA helps Pittsburgh residents buy a home or improve an existing home. Special mortgages are also available. For more information call 412-255-6639.

FYI

For those using public transportation, remember you pay as you enter on all trips, including traveling around downtown: \$1.00 for transfers.

Your Chamber supports passing meaningful state pension reform before the end of this legislative session. Currently, the State Employee Retirement System & the Public School Employees' Retirement System, which include more than 800,000 retirees & current workers – are facing a nearly \$60 billion shortfall. Did you know Pittsburgh was ranked the 14th most-polluted area in the country for daily fine particulate matter & 8th most-polluted for annual particle pollution! Pittsburgh & Allegheny County are out of compliance for federal pollution standards largely due to industrial facilities in the Mon River

Valley.

Congratulations

Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland/Manchester Bidwell Corporation recipient of the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership case study on Exemplary Leadership; Member Dr. Marcia Sturdivant on NEED'S first Green & White Event; Member Esther Bush on a successful Urban League Annual Thanksgiving Distribution @ the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; Member Danielle Davis/Davis Consulting Solutions celebrating their 5-year Anniversary; Associate Member Valarie Cofield on the Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council's successful evening of the Choice Awards; Chairman's Circle Member Robert Agbede/Chester Engineers was the recipient of the James Brown EMSDC Choice Awards, & a successful Annual Meeting & Year End Celebration; Members Kathi Elliot, Renee Galloway, Ronell Guy, Nicola Henry-Taylor was named a New Pittsburgh Courier "Women of Excellence".

**In the News
New Pittsburgh
Courier**

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh held a successful Ronald L. Brown Leadership Awards Gala; Esther Bush speaks on depression; Member Michele Rice served as Table Mate for Destiny International Ministries; URA approves additional funding for arena site; Bridgeway Capital receives \$1million for

Homewood Development; Member Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth attending the 2016 AKA Fall Fantasy; & your chamber's successful Annual Business Luncheon.

**Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette**

Chairman's Circle Member Bob Agbede & Mayor Bill Peduto attending the Christmas Party in SEEN.

**Pittsburgh Business
Times**

Corporate Sponsor Jim McQuade/Dollar Bank on Bucking the trend by remaining privately held; UPMC ranked #1 & Allegheny Health Network ranked #2 in the Pittsburgh Times Net Patient Revenue; Member Kate Dewey talks about "Connecting the dots for nonprofits"; Corporate Sponsor Dr. Christopher Howard/Robert Morris University on his inauguration, & the need for higher education to meet workforce needs; Member Tony Thompson/Meyer, Unkovic & Scott named a Business Times Fast Tracker; Pitt, CMU; IUP; Point Park; Duquesne; Carlow; Seton Hill; Chatham; and Robert Morris among the Pittsburgh Business Times top MBA Programs.

KDKA

Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland on his recovery from a double lung transplant.

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