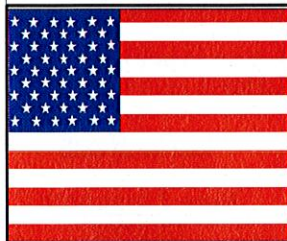


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- ◆ Members' Event
- ◆ Welcome New Members



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

What a great way to begin the New Year. Thanks to Corporate Sponsor Scott Brown / Citizens Bank for a fun "first of 2017 Members' Mixer".

Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald presented at his seventh consecutive Chamber PowerBreakfast Meeting. He stated since taking office 41% of his appointments to authorities have been women & 26% are African American. Twenty-four percent of all county contracts have been awarded to minority firms.

Your Chamber's Members' Orientation was well attended, and our Members' learned something new and interesting about their Chamber: **"Each time I attend, I learn something new" - 2nd year member!**

Members' Mixer

**February 9th
5 PM - 7 PM**

**Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
11 Stanwix Street
17th Floor
Associate Member,**

the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and their board will host our Chamber for an evening of discussions & networking.

Business Institute Workshop

Toss Out the Rulebook! Top Consumer Trends for 2017

**February 15th
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Building
9th Floor - Grant Room**

We welcome Alice Greene Vice President, Research Services, - Campos Research Strategy, to present the top10 trends that will influence consumer spending. You must RSVP by the 13th.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**February 17th
7:30 AM**

Rivers Club - Oxford Center Downtown

Join us as we welcome Dr. Anthony Hamlet Superintendent, Pittsburgh Public Schools. You will also be able to view the Freedman's Bank Exhibit (the first bank established for newly freed black men & women) after the Civil War, sponsored by the Federal Reserve

Bank of Cleveland.

How To Do Business with

Port Authority Allegheny County
**February 28th
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Building
9th Floor - Board Room**

Join us for this special process & protocol workshop, for **Chamber Members Only**, presented by Port Authority's Anthony Trona, Director of Purchasing & Materials Management & their purchasing team. Don't miss it!

Members' Events

**March 4, 2017
8:00 PM**

"Music of Prince" The Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
Moved from December,

this performance will be joined by a live band in a symphonic tribute. For ticket information, call Heinz Hall's box office at 412-392-4900, or go online to: <https://pittsburghsymphony.org/production/50762/the-music-of-prince-rescheduled>.

**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 ticket and sponsorship information call 412-471-2927.

February 20th - 24th
National
Entrepreneurship Week

For more information on this Microsoft event go to:
www.wininbizweek.com

February 21st
Working Smarter Means Big Savings
Presented by
The Wilson Group
9 AM - 10:30 AM
The Forbes Funds and GPNP Office
5 PPG Place, 2nd Floor
Downtown

This session is designed to show how making small changes now to your current work flow will yield big savings on time and money in the long term.

March 16th
VisitPittsburgh
2017 Annual Meeting
"Let's Keep the Momentum Going"
David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Downtown
Registration 11 AM
Annual Meeting & Luncheon

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM
RSVP by March 8th to:
erica.just@visitpittsburgh.com

March 31st
9th Annual Inclusive
Voices:
Converse, Listen, Learn
Presented By

Program to Aid
Citizen Enterprise
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Fairmont Pittsburgh
Downtown
For more information, ticket purchase & sponsorship call 412-562-0280.

Save the Date
May 6th
19th Annual
PNC
Pittsburgh Parks and
Conservancy
Spring Hat Luncheon

For more information call 412-682-7275.

Leadership Pittsburgh
Recruitment

Leadership Pittsburgh, Southwestern Pennsylvania's Multi-disciplinary organization for leadership identification is offering Chamber members a discount on 2017 classes. For more information on program applications and scheduling go to:
lpinc.org.

Are You Interested in
Executive Coaching?

PACE is pleased to announce that their Executive Coaching Program is ready to launch for the second time. If you are interested in participating in the program, learn more at:
pacepgh.org or call 412-

562-0290X214.

University of
Pittsburgh
OLLI Program
Partnership

OLLI at Pitt is a lifelong learning program for older adults supported by the Osher foundation for students over 50 years of age to take classes on literature, politics, film, religion, fitness and more. For more information on how Chamber members may partner with the OLLI program go to:
www.cgs.pitt.edu/osher

Employment

The City of Pittsburgh is currently accepting applications for Police Officers, Firefighters & Paramedics. For more information on these and other positions with the City, go to:
governmentjobs.com/careers/pittsburgh.

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

Did You Know

Air Transport World magazine has named Pittsburgh International Airport as its 2017 Airport of the year, the first U.S. airport to earn the distinction since the magazine introduced it 4 years ago. Other

airports recognized that follow Pittsburgh International include Hong Kong International and London Heathrow.

FY\$!
Congratulations

Associate Member ALCOSAN on newest Board Member Sylvia Wilson; Member Shelly Fant, appointed to Board of Directors at Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Pittsburgh Branch; Member Carlow University on new Social Justice Initiative to Address Gun Violence.

In The News

New Pittsburgh
Courier

Member Kathi Elliott/Gwen's Girls on the Spirit of King Award; Member Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh has the OK from URA to develop 29 properties in Homewood as the 5th and final phase of the City's Addison Terrace project.

New Members

Regular Members

Joel Burstein
Keep It Simple
Training & Development

Linda Lane
LSL Consulting and
Coaching

Weida Tucker
W.G. Tucker Group

February is American
Heart Month

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