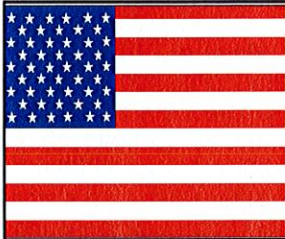


Important Dates to Record

- ♦ March 17th PowerBreakfast
- ♦ March 21st Sales Workshop
- ♦ March 29th Networking Mixer
- ♦ 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

You still have time to complete your Chamber's Members' Survey. Take a few minutes & share with us how we can better serve you!

Thanks to Matt Smith and the team at the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce for hosting an engaging Members' Mixer: lots of great refreshments and networking!

Chamber members and guests responded with kudos about our Top Consumer Trends for 2017 Workshop. Thanks to presenter Alice Greene for an insightful workshop on current trends & their affect in the marketplace.

Dr. Anthony Hamlet, Superintendent, Pittsburgh Public Schools introduced his team and new Deputy-Dr. Anthony Anderson, at our PowerBreakfast Meeting. He then presented his strategic plan before sharing what is happening in the school district. He will host our Members Mixer in April.

The How To Do Business Workshop with the Port Authority was very

productive. Kudos to Anthony Trona & PAT's Purchasing and Materials Management team for detailed information on contracting with them.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
March 17th
8:00 AM**

***Note the time change*
Mayor Bill Peduto,
Rivers Club
Sponsored By:
Comcast**

We welcome the Mayor to hear about the status of Pittsburgh, & the city's new growth in minority participation.

**Winning Sales
Techniques Workshop
March 21st**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
9th Floor - Board Room**
Join Member Joel Burstein & learn from his Keep it Simple Training & Development techniques on overcoming the greatest barriers to growing sales.

**Members Mixer
March 29th
5 PM - 7 PM
Carnegie Science Center
North Shore
Sponsored by:**

First Commonwealth Bank

We will have a nice reception before moving to the OmniMax Theater to see the new National Geographic film, **Jerusalem - Discover the Heart of the World** through the eyes of 3 people who call it home. Be there!

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
April 21st
7:30 AM**

**Rivers Club
Jerry MacCleary
President, Covestro**
Come welcome our Corporate Sponsor who will present an overview on Covestro & the potential for doing business.

**April 27th
Workforce & The
American Job Center
Workshop**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
9th Floor Board Room**
This workshop will be hosted by PA's Career-Link & Partner4Work & provide valuable information on expanding & growing our workforce.

**Members Mixer
April 27th
5 PM - 7 PM
Pittsburgh Board of
Education
341 S. Bellefield Ave.**

Dr. Hamlet & his staff will host us for a fun networking event.

Save the Date
May 9th
Chamber's Annual Meeting & Luncheon

You will receive your invitation that features our Presidential Round-Table Member- Michael McGarry, Chairman and CEO, PPG Industries as our guest speaker.

Like to Host a Mixer?

If your company or organization would like to host a Chamber Mixer, we would like to hear from you. Call us at 412-392-0610.

Members Events

March 16th
VisitPittsburgh
2017 Annual Meeting
David L. Lawrence
Convention Center
Registration 11 AM
Annual Meeting & Luncheon

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM
Associate Member

Craig Davis hopes to see everyone as his team presents, "Let's Keep the Momentum Going". RSVP to: erica.just@visitpittsburgh.com.

March 16th
Making Certification
Work & The First
Quarterly Meeting
Hotel Hershey
Hershey, PA

Sponsored by:
The Eastern Minority & Supplier Development Council

Associate Member Valarie Cofield is your hosts & looks forward to good participation from the West. *Registration*

closes March 10th @
Events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event or call 412-392-4423

March 30th
The Forbes Funds
Presents
UpPrize Social
Innovation Challenge
4 PM - 7 PM

History Center
1212 Smallman Street
Strip District
Associate Member Kate Dewey invites you to attend this special event: 65 of the candidates are women or people of color. register at: upprizecommunityshowcase2017.eventbrite.com.

March 28th
City Theatre and The
Brew House
present
"Wild With Happy"

5 PM - 7 PM
Brew House
2100 Mary Street
South Side

Associate Member Diane Duursma talks about how fabulous & funny this new play is by Artist Reginald Douglas. Call 412-431-4400 for more information.

March 31st
9th Annual
Inclusive Voices:
Convers, Listen, Learn
Presented by PACE
Program to Aid Citizen
Enterprise

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Fairmont Pittsburgh
Associate Member Lucille Dabney looks forward to having you join her: For more info, ticket purchase, & sponsorship call 412-562-0280.

Save the Date
April 18th
Stellar Awards

Fairmont Hotel
Associate Member Valarie Cofield will be hosting this award presentation for the Western Region. Call 412-391-4423 for details, or go: Link to register: <http://conta.cc/2mCL6PZ>.

Leadership Pittsburgh
Recruitment

Member Aradhna Oliphant is offering Chamber members a discount on the 2017 classes. For the Leadership Pittsburgh's Southwestern PA's Multi-disciplinary program for leadership identification. For more information on program applications & go to: lpinc.org.

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

This annual event is always a success & a time to see the Ladies and Men in their hats. For more information call 412-682-7275

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED

An increase in incarceration rates over the decades has produced a surge in the number of children left behind—the silent victims of crime. Become an Amachi Volunteer. For more info, call 412-281-1288 or visit: amachipgh.org

Employment

URA Program Officer
Member Robert Rubinstein/URA is seeking a Program

Officer for their Minority Women Owned Business Enterprise Dept. Call 412-255-6655, or learn more at: apps.pittsburghpa.gov/ura-files/mwbe_ProgramOfficer.

FY\$!

The Allegheny County Purchasing & Supply Bids are open & available thru their website. To find out more, visit: alleghenycounty.us/purchasing/open-solicitations.

Congratulations

Member Christopher Hahn/Pittsburgh Opera on "Operatically Emphatic", the Opera's first fashion show; Associate Member Esther Bush on a successful Urban League Sunday.

In The News

New Pittsburgh
Courier

Member Esther Bush/Urban League on Take Charge of Your Health: Water Quality; Our PowerBreakfast Meeting with Dr. Anthony Hamlet/Pittsburgh Public Schools.

New Members

Regular Member

Tah Yogo
VIS Project Media

Supporting Member

William Gatti
Trek Development Group

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