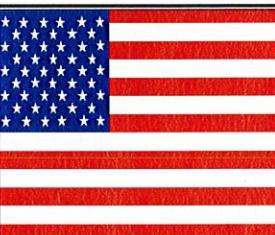


**Important Dates to Record**

- ◆ 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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**March 2017**

**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.**

<p>Dr. Hamlet &amp; his staff will host us for a fun networking event.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Save the Date</a></u> May 9th <u><a href="#">Chamber's Annual Meeting &amp; Luncheon</a></u></p>	<p>You will receive your invitation that features our Presidential Round-Table Member- Michael McGarry, Chairman and CEO, PPG Industries as our guest speaker.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Like to Host a Mixer?</a></u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Members Events</a></u></p>	<p><u><a href="#">March 16th VisitPittsburgh</a></u> <u><a href="#">2017 Annual Meeting</a></u> <u><a href="#">David L. Lawrence Convention Center</a></u> <u><a href="#">Registration 11 AM Annual Meeting &amp; Luncheon</a></u></p>	<p><u><a href="#">12:15 PM - 1:30 PM</a></u> Associate Member Craig Davis hopes to see everyone as his team presents, <u><a href="#">"Let's Keep the Momentum Going"</a></u>. RSVP to: <u><a href="mailto:erica.just@visitpittsburgh.com">erica.just@visitpittsburgh.com</a></u>.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">March 16th Making Certification Work &amp; The First Quarterly Meeting</a></u> <u><a href="#">Hotel Hershey Hershey, PA</a></u> Sponsored by: <u><a href="#">The Eastern Minority &amp; Supplier Development Council</a></u></p>	<p>Associate Member Valarie Cofield is your hosts &amp; looks forward to good participation from the West. Registration</p>	<p>closes March 10th @ <u><a href="#">Events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event</a></u> or call 412-392-4423</p>	<p><u><a href="#">March 30th The Forbes Funds Presents UpPrize Social Innovation Challenge</a></u> 4 PM - 7 PM History Center <u><a href="#">1212 Smallman Street Strip District</a></u> Associate Member Kate Dewey invites you to attend this special event: 65 of the candidates are women or people of color. register at: <u><a href="#">upprizecommunityshowcase2017.eventbrite.com</a></u>.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">March 28th City Theatre and The Brew House present "Wild With Happy"</a></u> 5 PM - 7 PM Brew House <u><a href="#">2100 Mary Street South Side</a></u> Associate Member Diane Duursma talks about how fabulous &amp; funny this new play is by Artist Reginald Douglas. Call 412-431-4400 for more information.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">March 31st 9th Annual Inclusive Voices: Convers, Listen, Learn Presented by PACE Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise</a></u> 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Fairmont Pittsburgh Associate Member Lucille Dabney looks forward to having you join her: For more info, ticket purchase, &amp; sponsorship call 412-562-0280.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Save the Date</a></u> April 18th Stellar Awards</p>	<p><b>Fairmont Hotel</b> 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: <u><a href="http://conta.cc/2mCL6PZ">http://conta.cc/2mCL6PZ</a></u>.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Leadership Pittsburgh Recruitment</a></u> 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 &amp; go to: <u><a href="#">lpinc.org</a></u>.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Save the Date</a></u> May 6th <u><a href="#">19th Annual PNC Pittsburgh Parks and Conservancy Spring Hat Luncheon</a></u></p>	<p>This annual event is always a success &amp; a time to see the Ladies and Men in their hats. For more information call 412-682-7275</p>	<p><u><a href="#">VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</a></u> 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: <u><a href="#">amachipgh.org</a></u></p>	<p><u><a href="#">Employment</a></u> <u><a href="#">URA Program Officer</a></u> Member Robert Rubinstein/URA is seeking a Program</p>	<p>Officer for their Minority Women Owned Business Enterprise Dept. Call 412-255-6655, or learn more at: <u><a href="#">apps.pittsburghpa.gov/ura-files/mwbe_ProgramOfficer</a></u>.</p>	<p><b>FY\$1</b> The Allegheny County Purchasing &amp; Supply Bids are open &amp; available thru their website. To find out more, visit: <u><a href="#">alleghenycounty.us/purchasing/open-solicitations</a></u>.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Congratulations</a></u> Member Christopher Hahn/Pittsburgh Opera on "Operatically Emphatic", the Opera's first fashion show; Associate Member Esther Bush on a successful Urban League Sunday.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">In The News</a></u> <u><a href="#">New Pittsburgh Courier</a></u> Member Esther Bush/Urban League on <u><a href="#">Take Charge of Your Health: Water Quality</a></u>; Our PowerBreakfast Meeting with Dr. Anthony Hamlet/ Pittsburgh Public Schools.</p>	<p><u><a href="#">New Members</a></u> <u><a href="#">Regular Member</a></u></p>	<p>Tah Yogo VIS Project Media</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Supporting Member</a></u> William Gatti Trek Development Group</p>	<p><i>Check your emails &amp; follow your Chamber on Facebook &amp; Twitter @ aaccwp.com</i></p>
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