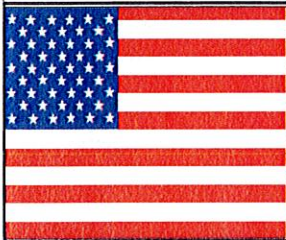


### Important Dates

- ♦ April 21st - PowerBreakfast
- ♦ April 27th - Job Center Workshop & Members Mixer
- ♦ Candidates Forum- May 3rd
- ♦ May 9th - Annual Meeting Luncheon
- ♦ Members In the News
- ♦ Doing Business with AICOSAN



### 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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### April 2017

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

Thanks to Mayor Bill Peduto for a strong update on the city @ last month's Chamber PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Member Joel Burstein/Keep It Simple presented an outstanding 'Winning Sales Techniques' Workshop. It will be repeated this fall.

Kudos to Joe Culos & the team from First Commonwealth Bank for their sponsorship of our Members Mixer at the Carnegie Science Center. After a lovely reception, moved to the OmniMax Theater to view the film on Jerusalem: what a great evening!

### PowerBreakfast Meeting

**April 21st**

**7:30 AM**

**Rivers Club**

**Jerry MacCleary,  
President Covestro**

We will welcome our Corporate Sponsor (formerly Bayer MaterialScience), who will present an overview on Covestro & his commitment to supplier diversity potential for your doing business there.

**Workforce & The  
American Job Centers  
Workshop**

### April 27th

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Koppers Building**

This workshop, hosted by PA's CareerLink & Partner4Work, will provide valuable information on expanding & growing our workforce.

### Members Mixer

**April 27th**

**4:00 PM VIP Reception**

**5 PM - 7 PM Mixer**

**Pittsburgh  
Public Schools  
Heinz Field**

Member Superintendent Dr. Anthony Hamlet & his staff will host us, along with the Executive Staff who has been invited for an evening of networking & making new contacts. You **MUST** RSVP by April 25th.

### Candidates' Forum

**May 3rd**

**4:00 PM Reception**

**5 PM Forum**

Join us as we welcome candidates who are running Mayor, County Council, & City Council. Open to the public: confirmations are coming in. Come ask questions for your own insight into each candidate.

### Chamber's Annual Meeting (11:00 AM) & Business Luncheon

**(12 Noon)**

**May 9th**

**Omni William Penn**

Your invitations will be mailed by next Monday. Our guest speaker will be Presidential Round Table Member Michael McGarry, Chairman and CEO, of PPG Industries. Be there!

### Membership Survey

Thanks to all who participated in your Chamber's Membership Survey; the results were very encouraging. A summary was sent to each member: watch for the responses to your requests. Glad you like the new website design.

### 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

**Now thru June 30th**

**The August Wilson**

**Center for African**

**American Culture**

**presents**

**'Instill and Inspire'**

**The John & Vivian**

**Hewett Collection of**

**African American Art**

**980 Liberty Avenue**



### **Downtown**

#### **Admission is Free**

You must see this stunning exhibit of African American Artist, collected by an African American couple: Vivian Hewett is originally from New Castle & a graduate of Carnegie Institute of Technology (CMU).

#### **April 8th thru June 4th Bold New Plays in Pittsburgh**

**April 8th - May 7th  
"Wild With Happy"**

**&**

**May 13th - June 4th  
"Ironbound"**

#### **City Theatre**

**1300 Bingham Street  
South Side**

Don't miss the comedy & drama of these fresh & entertaining productions. For more information on the plays & tickets go to: [citytheatrecompany.org](http://citytheatrecompany.org) or call 412-431-2489

#### **April 18th Stellar Awards Fairmont Hotel**

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

#### **April 22nd Manchester Bidwell Corporation invites you**

#### **to Bidwell Training Center's Annual**

**Commencement  
6:30 PM - 8:30PM**

**Rodef Shalom  
Congregation  
4905 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh 15213**

The Keynote Speaker will be Governor Tom Wolf. RSVP by 4/3 at 412-323-

4000 X150.

#### **April 27th Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership Presents**

#### **State of Downtown Pittsburgh**

**Sponsored by  
The Urban  
Redevelopment  
Authority**

**4PM - 6:30PM**

**Coterie Pittsburgh  
Frick Building**

Come and explore Downtown Pittsburgh & see what's happening. You'll be pleasantly surprised. Learn more at: [downtownpittsburgh.com](http://downtownpittsburgh.com)

#### **April 29th May 2nd, 5th, & 7th The Pittsburgh Opera presents**

#### **The Summer King The Josh Gibson Story**

**Benedum Center**

Save 10% on tickets; go to: [pittsburghopera.org/JGF](http://pittsburghopera.org/JGF) & click "Get Tickets"

#### **May 6th 19th Annual PNC Pittsburgh Parks and Conservancy Spring Hat Luncheon**

This annual event is always successful & a fun time. Come out & see the ladies & gentlemen in their hats while you support Pittsburgh's beautiful parks. For more information go to: [pittsburghparks.org/events/hat-luncheon](http://pittsburghparks.org/events/hat-luncheon) or call 412-682-7275

#### **May 8th 2017 SMC Harrisburg Grassroots Lobbying Trip**

Join Member SMC Business Councils in Harrisburg to advocate for small business. For more information call Eileen Anderson at 412-342-1606 or go to: [eileen](http://eileen)

[anderson@smc.org](mailto:anderson@smc.org)

#### **What's Happening at Greater Pittsburgh International**

Watch the full length video of 'The State of the Airport' at: [flypittsburgh.com/stateoftheairport](http://flypittsburgh.com/stateoftheairport).

#### **Attention Members**

Your ChamberChoice insurance products now include vision & dental. Learn more at: [chamberchoice.com](http://chamberchoice.com)

If you provide a bulk candy service, such as Snickers, Milky Way, etc., please let us know. We have a company looking for an organization to provide bulk candy services. Call your Chamber at 412-392-0610.

#### **Employment**

FedEx is seeking Package Handlers. Learn more about these positions & others at [GroundWarehouseJobs.fedex.com](http://GroundWarehouseJobs.fedex.com).

#### **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](http://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/ura-files/mwbe) Program Officer.

#### **FY\$!**

Your Chamber now accepts Debit Card Payments *online* for your convenience.

#### **Did You Know?**

Raphael Bostic is now the First African American to serve as a Federal Reserve Regional Bank President.

### **Congratulations**

Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier named Chairman of the Rivers Club & to the Courier editor, Ulish Carter, for his 44 years at the Courier: best wishes on retirement; Member Lucille Dabney/PACE & her team on a successful 9th annual Inclusive Voices Luncheon. Table Conservationist included Members Kevin Bolding/YMCA, Jason Fulvi/Visit Pittsburgh, Richard Hudic/Allegheny Regional Asset District, Cecile Shellman/Carnegie Museums, Gerrod Winston/Desmone Architects, Robert James/Highmark, & Clyde Pickett/CCAC. Member Craig Davis & the Visit Pittsburgh team on a successful Annual Meeting event; the SHARE 2017 Supplier Diversity Event was a hit with the Honorable Alexis Herman as Keynote Speaker.

#### **Your Chamber Welcomes**

Rob Taylor, New Managing Editor at Member New Pittsburgh Courier.

#### **In The News**

#### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Esther Bush/Urban League supporting the A+ Schools 'Vote School Board First' campaign; Member Darryl Ford Williams/WQED attending the Premiere Dance Party with the Dance Theatre of Harlem, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre & Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra.

#### **Enjoy Easter!**

