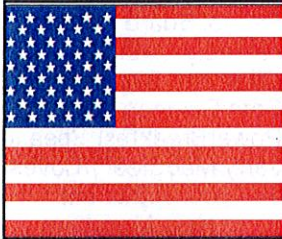


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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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### **May 2017**

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

Member Arletta Scott Williams & ALCOSAN's procurement & construction team will present how to engage on their massive project: a must attend.

Thanks to Corporate Sponsor Jerry MacCleary and the Covestro team for an engaging PowerBreakfast Meeting. It is their desire to work with the Chamber on supplier diversity, Members spoke one-on-one with members of the procurement team, and learned about Covestro (formerly Bayer Material-Science).

Thanks to the PA CareerLink & Partner-4Work team for a great workshop on expanding & growing our workforce.

Our Members' Mixer with PPS Superintendent Dr. Anthony Hamlet & his staff was an educational networking success for all at Heinz Field.

**Chamber's Annual Meeting (11:00 AM) & Business Luncheon (12 Noon)**

**May 9th**

**Omni William Penn**

We look forward to seeing you & meet our guest speaker, Presidential Round Table Member Michael McGarry, Chairman and CEO, PPG Industries. Be there!

**Financial Workshop**

**May 11th**

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

**Koppers Building  
436 Seventh Avenue  
9th Floor Board Room  
Downtown**

Join us as we hear from Associate Member Betsy Krisher, President/Maher Duessel about the proper preparation of financial statements for non-profits & small businesses.

**Joint Networking Mixer**

**May 25th**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Highmark Stadium  
510 West Station  
Square Drive**

We are partnering with the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce & the Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for a networking evening that will include reps from the Pittsburgh Riverhounds. Bring lots of business cards. RSVP by May 23rd to us.

**How To Do Business  
with**

**ALCOSAN**

**June 7th**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Koppers Building  
436 Seventh Avenue  
9th Floor Board Room  
Downtown  
Chairman Circle**

**Accessing Capital  
Workshop**

**June 14th**

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

**Koppers Building  
436 Seventh Avenue  
9th Floor Board Room**

Come meet Neal Shipley, CEO/Capital Foundry LLC who will discuss working capital management, non-dilutive capital, & other capital options.

**Members' Mixer**

**June 22nd**

**Manchester Bidwell  
Corporation  
1815 Metropolitan St.  
Northside**

Our host will be Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland. Bring your business cards & wear your pins for a fun networking mixer.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**

**June 23rd**

**7:30 AM**

**Rivers Club  
Oxford Center  
Downtown**

Join us as we welcome Dollar Bank's newest President Corporate Member James McQuade. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.



### **Members' Orientation**

**June 29th**

**11:30 AM-1:30 PM  
Koppers Building  
9th Floor Board Room**

Your Chamber hosts this luncheon meeting for new & existing members to learn & be refreshed on the benefits of being part of an organized body. We will go through how your Chamber works & advocates on your behalf!

### **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.

Thank you to everyone who completed the membership survey: good recommendations for new programs & events. It is gratifying to know you are responsive to your requests. If you did not receive the results of the survey, email us at: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)

### **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  
Admission is Free**

It is truly a beautiful exhibit & worth seeing.

**Now thru June 4th  
"Ironbound"**

**City Theatre  
1300 Bingham Street  
South Side**

For more information on plays & tickets go to: [citytheatrecompany.org](http://citytheatrecompany.org)

or call 412-431-2489.

**May 5th & 7th  
The Pittsburgh Opera  
presents**

**The Summer King  
The Josh Gibson Story  
Benedum Center**

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

**May 4th**

**NAACP**

**Human Rights Dinner  
Westin Convention  
Center Hotel**

**1000 Penn Avenue  
5:30pm Reception  
6:00pm Program**

Join the NAACP for this 63rd annual event featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Anthony Hamlet, Superintendent, Pittsburgh Public Schools.

**May 6th**

**19th Annual PNC**

**Pittsburgh Parks and  
Conservancy  
Spring Hat Luncheon**

This annual event is always a fun time. Come out & support Pittsburgh's beautiful parks. For more info go to: [pittsburghparks.org/events/hat-luncheon](http://pittsburghparks.org/events/hat-luncheon).

**May 8th**

**2017 SMC**

**Harrisburg Grassroots  
Lobbying Trip**

Join Member SMC Business Councils for a day to advocate for small business in Harrisburg. For more information call Eileen Anderson at 412-342-1606 or go to: [eileenanderson@smc.org](mailto:eileenanderson@smc.org)

### **FY\$!**

For our members' convenience, your Chamber now accepts Debit Card Payments online at our website [www.aaccwp.com](http://www.aaccwp.com)

### **Did You Know?**

A Bus Rapid Transit System between Oakland and Downtown is being proposed. The public response has been favorable. (29 bus routes move 61,000 people between Oakland & Downtown each day!)

### **Congratulations**

Chairman Circle Member Robert Agbede on the Chester Engineers merger with the Canadian-based Hatch Engineering. The firm is now known as Hatch Chester Engineering: Bob Agbede is now the Vice Chairman of the company. Associate Member Valarie Cofield on an outstanding EMSDC Stellar Awards Luncheon: **Board** Member Blayre Britton—CDI Printing was presented the EMSDC Stellar MBE Partnership Award; **Member** Lance Hyde/EQT received the Stellar Individual Resource Partner Award, **Board** Member Suresh Ramanathan/Koryak received the MBE Forerunner Award, & Alexander received the Nichols Lifetime Achievement Award; **Member** Dr. Quintin Bullock/CCAC on a successful HBCU Forum; **Member** Jeremy Waldrup/Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership on a successful State of Downtown Pittsburgh event, read about it at: [downtownpittsburgh.com](http://downtownpittsburgh.com). Kudos to **Member** Highmark for the \$50K donation to Holy Family Academy's corporate Internship Program; Standing Firm on a successful Breakfast Workshop with **Member** Maurita Bryant as

speaker & presenter.

### **Your Chamber Welcomes**

### **In The News**

### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Chairman Circle Member Chuck Sanders at the Public Service Awards at the Savoy; Member Darryl Ford Williams/WQED attending the Premiere Dance Party at the August Wilson Center; **Member** Esther Bush at the 'Vote School Board First' campaign launch; **Chamber Board Chair** Sam Stephenson with PowerBreakfast Speaker Jerry MacCleary/Covestro and your President.

### **New Members**

### **Regular Members**

**Nathaniel Iwuchukwa**  
Reliable Technology, LLC

**Don Williams**

Weatherspoon & Williams, LLC

### **Supporting Members**

**Judith Bernhard**  
Advance Sourcing  
Concepts, LLC

### **Associate Members**

**Meg Cheever**  
Pittsburgh Parks  
Conservancy

**David J. Hopkins**  
Primary Care Health  
Services, Inc.

### **Presidential Roundtable**

### **Member**

**Patricia Darnley**  
Gateway Health

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