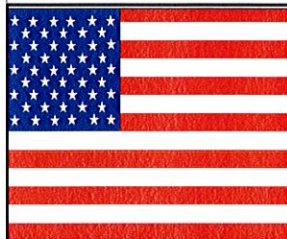


### Important Dates

- ◆ 10/12 Breakfast with Governor Tom Wolf
- ◆ Business Insurance Workshop 10/18
- ◆ Cybersecurity Workshop 10/19
- ◆ PowerBreakfast 10/20
- ◆ Members Events
- ◆ 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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### **October 2017**

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

### ***Welcome to Fall!***

Thanks to Supporting Member **Don Kortlandt/** Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation for hosting the Chamber & guests for a fun mixer at his Mount Washington home overlooking the three rivers. The view was spectacular!

Your Chamber's Media Workshop was informative and very helpful. Thanks to our panel of media experts who explained the impact of using the media to promote small business.

Thanks to Chairman Circle Member **Aretta Scott Williams**, Executive Director, ALCOSAN for the presentation at our last PowerBreakfast Meeting. She cited various aspects of their project and how members can take advantage of the many business opportunities for minorities and women.

**Special Breakfast Meeting**  
**Governor Tom Wolf**  
**October 12th 7:30 AM**  
**Rivers Club**  
**Oxford Centre**  
Join us as we

welcome our Governor who will discuss the role of small business in our region & what his administration is doing to help level the playing field for your participation. This Special Breakfast will be moderated by Matt Smith, President of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce & your Chamber President. Come prepared with questions to ask the Governor on small business.

### **"Navigating the Business Insurance Landscape"**

**October 18th**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Koppers Building**  
**Lower Level H. White Room #4**

Member **Emmett Santillo** will educate you on the different types of insurance, & possible entrepreneurial opportunities for individuals.

**"Cybersecurity Workshop"**  
**October 19th**  
**Omar Khawaja**  
**VP & Chief Information Security Officer**  
**Highmark**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Koppers Building**

### **Lower Level - H. White Room #4**

This workshop will inform you on safeguarding your back office while staying "connected" in the front office, and reduce the risks of cyberattacks.

### **PowerBreakfast Meeting**

**October 20th**  
**7:30 AM**  
**Rivers Club**  
**Oxford Centre**  
**Downtown**  
Commissioner **Richard Jewell** of the PA Gaming Control Board will discuss the status of legalized gambling, and the ability to do business with casinos.

**Members' Mixer**  
**October 26th**  
**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**100 West Station Square Drive**  
**Suite 621**  
**Station Square**  
Member **Anna Hollis** invites you to meet her team and learn about Amachi Pittsburgh's work with Children. RSVP at 412-392-0610.

**"Using LinkedIn to Increase your Marketing & Sales Effort"**  
**November 14th**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Koppers Building**  
**436 Seventh Avenue**



### **Lower Level - H. White Room #4**

Member Joel Burstein will present on the 10 secrets that show small business owners how to leverage the World's Largest Professional Network.

If you haven't visited your Chamber's archive collection take a moment and review the growth and progression of our programs and membership. The collection has been successfully migrated to the new Digital Library platform at the University of Pittsburgh, providing enhanced capabilities to review our historical information. We update the information quarterly. You can access the archives thru our website, or go to: <http://digital2library.pitt.edu/collection/african-american-chamber-commerce-western-pennsylvania>. Enjoy!

### **Save the Date! December 18, 2017 Annual Business Luncheon**

We are pleased to announce Tim Ryan, US Chairman & Sr. Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers will be our guest speaker.

### **Like to Host a Mixer**

If your company or organization would like to host a mixer, please call us at 412-392-0610.

### **Members Events**

### **Now thru October 15**

Member Allegheny Regional Asset District is celebrating RAD days with free events and more. Learn more at

[radworkshere.org](http://radworkshere.org)

### **October 7th The Frick Pittsburgh 10 AM - 5 PM**

Bring the family & make it a day at the Frick with **FREE** family activities including the Elise Adibi exhibit.

### **Now thru October 15th The Frick Pittsburgh Respiration Paintings**

This exhibit shows the works of nationally recognized artist Elise Adibi, who transformed the Frick Greenhouse into a living environment of plants & paintings. This exhibit is open to the public!

### **October 27th Michael Eric Dyson "Tears We Cannot Stop"**

**7:00 PM  
Wunderley Gymnasium  
Penn State  
Greater Allegheny  
Campus  
McKeesport**

Michael Eric Dyson, professor of sociology at Georgetown University, will discuss his new book, "Crossing Bridges: A Summit," which will bring community leaders, students, faculty, staff and interested citizens together to consider how we can address the racial divides in our local communities. The event is open to the public: You can register at [tinyurl.com/CrossingBridges](http://tinyurl.com/CrossingBridges).

### **Thru December 31st Carnegie Museum of Art Presents**

### **20/20: The Studio Museum in Harlem & Carnegie Museum of Art**

This special exhibit represents an institutional collaboration that highlights 40 artists; 20

from each collection spanning 100 years of Contemporary Art & Black Culture. Learn more at: [cmoa.org](http://cmoa.org).

### **November 3rd CMU Center for African American Urban Studies & the Economy Speakers Series Black Women, Convict Labor, and the Carceral State: Chained in Silence and No Mercy Here.**

Call 412-268-8928 for more details.

### **Did You Know**

Governor Tom Wolf has joined with the PA Chamber of Business & Industry to support October 2017 as Local Chamber of Commerce Month in Pennsylvania;

Member UPMC, PA's largest nongovernmental employer, has extended its hospital footprint to the Philadelphia area;

Stephanie Pashman has been named CEO of Allegheny Conference, the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance's parent organization; Dennis Yablonsky will formally leave at the end of the year. We thank Dennis for his nine years of leadership of the Conference;

The city is preparing to respond to Amazon's bid to become their new second headquarters. Meetings of the heads of firms and organizations are offering input to have the bid submitted by October 19th. The actual announcement on the city chosen will be made

in the Spring of 2018: wish us luck!!

### **Congratulations**

Member URA welcomes Diamonte Walker as head of MWBE Programs at the URA; Member Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh on an engaging Regional Economic Inclusion Summit for CEO's, executives and professionals of color; Member Jo Ellen Parker/Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh on a successful 20/20: The Opening Brunch; Member PNC recognized in a recent J.D. Power Study as tops in customer satisfaction.

### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Christian Hughes/Drafting Dreams featured in Business: Drafting Dreams aims to assist aspiring Black architects; your Chamber's PowerBreakfast Meeting with Guest Speaker Member Arletta Williams/ALCOSAN; Member Lance Hyde/EQT featured in Business: EQT Matchmaker event a success, Jerome Bettis provides valuable insight.

### **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

Your Chamber's new COO Keeshia Muhammad featured in People On The Move.

### **New Members Regular Members**

**Irvin Williams  
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