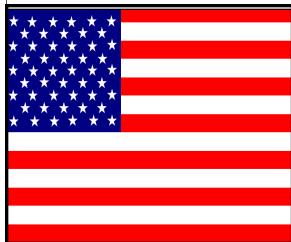


Important Dates

- ◆ **Members' Mixer - Carnegie Museum**
December 14th
- ◆ **Annual Business Luncheon -**
December 18th
- ◆ **Members' Mixer - Pittsburgh Symphony -**
January 18th
- ◆ **Members Events**



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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December 2017

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

Associate Member Melia Tourangeau/President PSO is hosting us for what will be a fun evening of networking.

SEASONS GREETINGS!

Thanks to **Members** Donna Baxter Porcher/Soul Pitt Media, Damian Hassan/The Savvy Group, & Tah Yogo/VIS Project Media for a very insightful workshop on the power of digital marketing.

Member Joel Burstein gave a great sales and marketing presentation on LinkedIn, & how to use that network for business.

Supporting **Member** John Stillwaggon/CPA gave a thorough & in-depth presentation on preparing for your fiscal year-end closing at our workshop.

Dollar Bank's team provided members with a comprehensive understanding of how to do business with Dollar Bank before President James McQuade welcomed us to a wonderful reception with delicious foods & refreshments. The evening concluded with Member Carol Neyland presenting an excellent history about African Americans' & the role we have played over the years as depositors.

Members' Mixer
December 14th
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Carnegie Museum of Art & the Studio Museum in Harlem
presents "20/20"

Join your chamber as we partner with Associate Member JoEllen Parker/President. We will be welcomed with refreshments & a reception in the Founders Room to learn about the collection from Eric Crosby, one of the exhibit's co-curators. We will then move to the gallery where a docent will be present to answer any questions. Don't miss it!

Annual Business Luncheon
December 18th
12 Noon

Omni William Penn
Our luncheon speaker will be Tim Ryan, US Chairman & Sr. Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers. We're looking forward to having you join us: sponsored by the Rowland School of Business at Point Park University.

Members' Mixer
January 18th
5 PM - 7 PM
Heinz Hall

PowerBreakfast Meeting

The Honorable Rich Fitzgerald

January 19th 7:30 AM
Rivers Club

Start the New Year off by hearing from the Allegheny County Executive who will update us & share his plans for next year.

Trends Workshop

January 23rd
9 AM - 11 AM

Koppers Building
Conference Level

Sponsored by:
Comcast Business

Join us as we welcome Kate Murphy, Research Manager at Campos Research Strategy, who will speak about trends in business & industry that will impact us in 2018.

Members' Orientation

January 25th
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Koppers Building
Conference Room
Lower Level

Join your Chamber to learn what makes our organized body unique & the role you play as a Chamber member. You will also will receive of

planned programming for 2018.

Your Chamber has received good feedback on our archives. Take a moment and visit the Chamber's history at aaccwp.com, click on *Digital Archives*, or go to Pitt's digital library at: <http://digital2library.pitt.edu/collection/african-american-chamber-commerce-western-pennsylvania>.

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

December 8th
Urban League of
Greater Pittsburgh
Ronald H. Brown
Leadership Awards
Gala 5:30 PM
Westin Convention
Center Hotel

We hope you will join our Associate Member Esther Bush/President for this special recognition of two community honorees: Mark Southers & Tracey McCants Lewis, JD. For more info, call 412-227-4229, or email them at: development@ulpg.org

December 9th
August Wilson Center
AWCommunity Day
Holiday Edition
12 Noon until 8:00 PM
Associate Member Janis Burley Wilson/President, will begin the celebration with the Afro American Music Institute Boys Choir, The Greer Reed Dance Ensemble, & the Barrels to Beethoven Steel Pan Ensemble. Go to

awc.trustarts.org for more details.

December 13th
EMSDC
Annual Meeting &
Year-End Reception
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
University Club
Ballroom B
123 University Place
Oakland

Member Valarie Cofield invites you to join the council for a wrap-up of 2017 and overview of 2018 programming while you enjoy food, drinks & entertainment. For more information & registration go to: emsdc.org

December 15th & 16th
City Theatre Presents
The Skivvies:
Sleigh My Name
1300 Bingham Street
South Side

For show times & a list of future productions call 412-431-2489, or visit theatre.culturaldistrict.org

Thru December 31st
Carnegie Museum of Art
Presents
20/20: The Studio
Museum in Harlem &
Carnegie Museum of Art

This special exhibit spans 100 years of Contemporary Art & Black Culture. Learn more at: cmoa.org.

January 20th
The World Premier
of the
August Wilson
Symphony
8 PM
Heinz Hall

Tony Award-winning actress and singer Phylicia Rashad will host and narrate this world premier event. For more information, contact the PSO at 412-392-4900.

Employment
WQED is seeking a

Digital Engagement Specialist. Learn about this position and others. Call Jason Argenas at 412-622-1372.

Did You Know

Pittsburgh was just named, along with Chicago and Cincinnati, a U.S. city reinventing their modern waterfront by Urban Land Magazine.

Pennsylvania is the biggest collector of state revenue from casino gambling in the nation!

Member Allegheny Conference on Community Development is collaborating with the African American Directors Forum to connect more than 40 black Directors & C-Suite executives with leadership at 15 of the region's largest companies to create more board diversity.

Congratulations

Members Diamonte Walker/URA, Joel Acie/UPMC/Pensiamo, & Toni Murphy/Comcast Business were named among Pittsburgh Magazine's Top 40 Under 40 for 2017.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Peggy Harris/Three Rivers Youth attending the *Stacking The Deck For Education* event.

New Members

Regular Members

Andrea Barber
My Three Sons Vending Company

Saloam Bey
Credit Power, LLC

Marcus Blackwell
Community 1st Properties, LLC

Irvin Brentley
Brentley Electric, LLC

Jade Burleigh
Ameritrans Trucking, LLC

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****All Business Institute Workshops are held on the Lower Level of the Koppers Building, unless otherwise indicated****

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season!

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