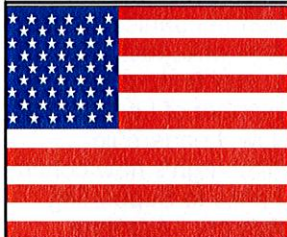


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Members



MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the
African American
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Western
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is to continuously
improve business
opportunities for
African American
businesses and
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throughout the
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Guided by the core
values of equity in
opportunity,
economic
advancement, self-
sufficiency and
entrepreneurial
excellence, we will
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January 2018

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

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year!

Thanks to Member
JoEllen Parker/Carnegie
Museums who hosted our
two-fold mixer; Reception
and Exhibit: "Carnegie
Museum of Art and the
Studio Museum of Harlem
present 20/20", during the
holiday season. She high-
lighted the relationship of
the Museums with the
Chamber, including how
to conduct business. Eric
Crosby, the Curator, met
with members & shared
his insight: Great event!

We were glad to see
old and new friends at the
Annual Business Lunch-
eon. Thanks to our guest
speaker Tim Ryan, US
Chairman and Sr. Partner
PricewaterhouseCoopers
for an eye-opening
address on corporate in-
clusion. Thanks to our
sponsors—the Rowland
School of Business at
Point Park University,
Allegheny Health Network,
the Drew Mathieson
Horticultural Center at
Manchester Bidwell Corp.,
Solevo Wellness, & the
Omni William Penn Hotel.
The response has been
overwhelming!

Members' Mixer

January 18th

5 PM - 7 PM

Heinz Hall

You still have time to
sign up for this evening
of networking, hosted by
Associate Member Melia
Tourangeau at the
Pittsburgh Symphony.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

The Honorable Rich

Fitzgerald

January 19th

7:30 AM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

Join members &
guests to hear about the
state of our county & the
County Executive's plans
for the year.

Trends Workshop

January 23rd

9 AM - 11 AM

Koppers Building

Conference Floor

Come learn from
Kate Murphy, Research
Manager/Campos
Research, on what's
trending that can impact
your firm; sponsored by
Comcast Business.

Members' Orientation

January 25th

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Koppers Building

Conference Floor

This luncheon meet-
ing for both new &
existing members is to
discuss the benefits of
being part of our organ-
ized body & how we
advocate on your behalf
as a Chamber member.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

Stefani Pashman-CEO

Allegheny Conference

on Community

Development

February 16th

7:30 AM

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center

Come welcome the
new CEO & hear her
vision for the Conference
& engaging you, our
Chamber Members.

Members' Mixer

February 21st

5 PM - 7 PM

Pittsburgh Pirates

PNC Park

Member Joel Gray
has planned an exciting
event for you that you
don't want to miss.

Implications of Tax Reform on Individuals & Small Business

January 22nd

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Koppers Building

Conference Floor

Panelist:

Joan Ellenbogen, CPA,

& Victor Dozzi, CPA

Partners

CrawfordEllenbogen LLC

& John Stillwaggon, CPA

Stillwaggon & McGill

This panel of experts will discuss what the changes in the tax laws will mean for you. Be there!

Consider Hosting a Mixer

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

Members Events

**January 20th
The World Premier
of the
August Wilson
Symphony
8pm**

Heinz Hall

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

Free Museum Sundays

Admission to Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History is free on the 3rd Sunday of each month throughout 2018. Enjoy the special exhibits & collection galleries. For details: go to cmoa.org.

**January 26th
Transformation Space:
The N'Namdi Collection
August Wilson Center
980 Liberty Avenue**
For details, go to: trustarts.org.

**February 7th
Civil Rights Issues
Arising in the Western
District of PA
3:00 P.M.
U.S. Courthouse
700 Grant Street**
The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

will be holding a series of events addressing Civil Rights issues, including school desegregation cases & the importance of the Federal Court system.

**Save the Date
March 8th
EMSDC
Presents
ROAR Conference
Wyndham Grand Hotel
Downtown**

The Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council will present this event again this year. For more info, visit emsdc.org.

City of Pittsburgh

Need a building permit, a license, or need to check the status of your permit? Get answers to these questions and more at: pittsburghpa.gov/pli.

Did You Know

Your Chamber added over 50 new members in 2017! Karen Farmer White of Pittsburgh has been appointed the first African American Chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Education by Governor Tom Wolf.

**Forbes Lists of the Best
Places in the Nation**
Pittsburgh is listed 85th of the best places for Business & Careers, #123 in the Cost of Doing Business, #187 in Job Growth, & #59 in Education.

New Tax Landscape

The U.S. tax landscape has undergone significant changes. The new law is designed to stimulate economic growth and development by reforming individual and corporate income taxes. Under the new law, bonus depreciation doubles from

50%-100% for property purchased between September 27, 2017, & January 1, 2023. Also, the bonus depreciation amount is now permitted for the purchase of used property, in addition to new property; a common tax plan strategy to be used by virtually all businesses.

New PA Revenue Rule

The PA Department of Revenue has issued a new ruling related to "Disallowance & Recovery of 100% Depreciation." As a result, PA law requires the amount of a 100% deduction under IRS 168(k) to be added back to taxable income, & provides no additional mechanism for cost recovery with respect to the qualified property.

Congratulations

Associate Member Valarie Cofield on a successful EMSDC Annual Meeting & Year End Reception.

Congratulations New Pittsburgh Courier Men of Excellence

Members Joel Acie/UPMC; Dr. Quintin Bullock/CCAC; Philip Greene/Expanding Minds; Robert James/Highmark; Dwayne Rankin/Bridgeway Capital; Richard Stewart/NAACP; & James Taylor/UPMC.

Congratulations

Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto on entering his 2nd Term!

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Honorable

Ed Gainey/PA House of Representatives, attending the Rev. Duane Darkins Holiday Dinner; & your Chamber's Annual Business Luncheon with guest speaker Tim Ryan, US Chairman and Sr. Partner, Pricewaterhouse-Coopers LLC.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Presidential Roundtable Member Highmark's David Holmberg/ featured in Health Care; Associate Member Janis Burley Wilson/August Wilson Center featured as a member of Leadership Now, Leadership Pittsburgh's new cohort, thanks to Supporting Member - Aradhna Oliphant.

New Members

Regular Members

Karen Denton
KSC Enterprise, LLC

Emmett Miles, Sr.
Aone Contracting & Supplies, LLC

**Sean and Kenya
Johnson**
Johnson Real Estate Properties, LLC

****All Chamber Business
Institute Workshops will
be held in the Koppers
Building, Conference
Floor- Lower Level,
unless otherwise
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