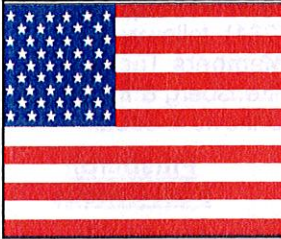


Important Dates

- ♦ Feb. 16 PowerBreakfast S. Pashman
- ♦ Feb. 21 Pirates Mixer
- ♦ Feb 22 Tax Workshop
- ♦ Mar. 16 PowerBreakfast Mayor Peduto
- ♦ Mar. 20 Beacon Workshop
- ♦ Mar. 22 Members Mixer Koppers Bldg.
- ♦ May 25th Golf Clinic
- ♦ 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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'Celebrating 20 Years of Service'

February 2018

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

Happy Valentine's Day

Celebrating 20 years of service!

Thanks to Associate Member Melia Tourangeau/ Pittsburgh Symphony for hosting a phenomenal Members' Mixer @ Heinz Hall! Our first PowerBreakfast of 2018 was held with our Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald giving a candid & detailed look at his plans for the year. He then introduced the new Port Authority head— Katharine Kelleman to our sold out audience. **Kudos** to Kate Murphy/ Campos Research on an indepth Trend's Workshop presentation, sponsored by Comcast Business.

Your Chamber had a full house for the Members' Orientation where they learned the history of the Chamber and the benefits of membership.

PowerBreakfast Meeting **Stefani Pashman-CEO** **Allegheny Conference**

on Community Development
February 16th
7:30 AM

Rivers Club
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

February 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 the changes in the new tax laws & what it will mean for you.

PowerBreakfast Meeting **March 16th** ***8:00 AM***

Honorable Bill Peduto
Rivers Club

Join us as we welcome the Mayor as he begins his 2nd term.

March 20th
8:00 AM—10:00 AM
How to do Business with the City of

Pittsburgh thru 'Beacon'

City-County Building
6th Floor Grant St.

This workshop is a hands on to introduce you to the their inter-active bid solicitation site& walk you through the process. For Chamber Members only!

Members' Mixer **March 22nd** **5 PM - 7 PM**

Koppers Building
2nd Floor Balcony
Come meet new members & exchange your business cards in the glamour of this Art Deco building.

SAVE THE DATES
MAY 25, 2018
African American Chamber of Commerce

of Western Pennsylvania
Golf Clinic 2018
8:30AM – Noon
Bob O'Connor Golf Course @ Schenley Park
5370 Schenley Drive
Squirrel Hill

Now in our **20th year of service**, we are leading off with this maiden voyage: Anthony Stephany, PGA Instructor & his Assistant from Orlando, FL. will conduct a special Golf Clinic on the 3 major components: putting, chipping, & full swing. Excellent event for beginners ready to do business on the course,

or a nice way for you to brush up on your skills. Stay tuned for the invite!

Your Chamber and Friends are Heading To Greece October 20th



Athens, Kinetta, ancient sites & mountain-side villages are just some of the stops we'll be making during 9 days 7 nights on this splendid cultural journey. For details, call our office @ 412-392-0610

Membership Surveys

Your Chamber membership survey has been re-emailed (found a glitch)! Take a moment to complete the survey by February 9th & receive a complimentary admission to a Power-Breakfast Meeting.

Sponsor a Chamber Event

If you are interested in having your company/organization sponsor a Chamber Members' Mixer or one of our 20th Anniversary Events, call us at 412-392-0610.

Your Chamber and a number of our members attended the recent Public Meeting with the PA Department of General Services to introduce their Disparity Study process. This meeting is a follow up to Governor Wolf's announcement @ our October meeting, was conducted by BBC Research. We are thrilled to announce Member Stephanie Turman/ Always Busy Consulting is conducting the com-

pany interviews for our area. Expected to be completed by September, BBC Research committed to meeting with Member State Representative Ed Gainey & Representative Jake Wheatley every quarter to update them on their progress. Stay tuned .

Members' Events

Now thru May 28th

Teenie Harris Photographs

"Service & Sacrifice"

Carnegie Museum of Art in Oakland

During World War II, Charles "Teenie" Harris documented thousands of African American soldiers who fought for a nation that didn't always fight for them. For more info, call 412-622-3131.

February 9th Business Roundtable One PPG Plaza Downtown

PPG Industries will host PA Senator Jay Costa who will share insights on business issues & more. Space is limited. RSVP at: plotnikova@ppg.com.

February 14th 8:00 PM Valentine's Day Concert featuring

ERIC ROBERSON
August Wilson Center African American Cultural Center

This GRAMMY Award-nominee, singer, & songwriter continues to break boundaries as an independent artist. To purchase tickets, call: 412-456-6666.

February 15th University of Pittsburgh Katz Graduate School of Business Presents Own Your Success

Perspectives From Leading Women

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Rivers Club
301 Grant Street
Downtown**

This discussion will focus on leadership as seen thru the eyes of leading business women. Member Christine Kush will moderate. Learn more at: www.katz.business.pitt.edu/emba/worldwide/events/own-your-success.

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

Austin Davis (former top aide to County Exec Fitzgerald) is the 3rd African American State Representative from Allegheny County.

Pittsburgh and 19 other cities are still in the running for Amazon's second headquarters.

Congratulations

Associate Member Melia Tourangeau/ Pittsburgh Symphony on the outstanding Lift Every Voice performance!

New Pittsburgh Courier

Lift Every Voice: Resonating Music, Words & Legacy, the concert honoring August Wilson headlined by actress Phylicia Rashad; Member Dr. Anthony Hamlet/Pittsburgh Public Schools addressing the Public hearing on

"Quality Education"; County Executive Rich Fitzgerald featured as the speaker @ our January PowerBreak-fast Meeting.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Member Dina Clark/ Covestro attending the Allegheny Conference on Community Development's "Inflection Point 2017-2018"; Corporate Sponsor Reed Smith listed in the Business Times List as having the most attorneys in the area (231), followed by Members Tucker Arensberg & Meyer Unkovic & Scott.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Member PACE Executive Coaching Program designed for African American non-profit leaders; Corporate Sponsor Christina Cassotis, CEO/Pittsburgh International Airport featured on doubling the number of destinations when she arrived just 2.5 years ago.

New Members Regular Members
Tenika Chavis

TDC Contracting, LLC

Tamia Davis
Davis Family Childcare

Supporting Members
Kimberly Fitzgerald
Urban Pathways K-5 College Charter School

Associate Members
Keri Harmicar
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