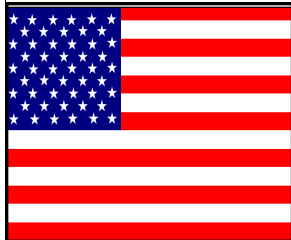


Important Dates

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- ♦ 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'

May 2018

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

Celebrating 20 Years of Service

Members from the PWSA, procurement team for conducting a very well done workshop on how to do business with PWSA. Now for the members follow up.

Great Members Mixer hosted by **Member Net** Xperts at the Roman Bistro. Everyone enjoyed the networking and great refreshments. *Make sure to follow-up with your connections!*

Supporting Member Vivien Li/Riverlife gave an amazing historical perspective and visual pictures of the many accomplishments and exciting things to come for Pittsburgh's riverfronts. She served as our guest speaker at April's Power-Breakfast, as she announced her departure from Riverlife to return to Boston. We wish her well.

The PJ Dick, Trumbull Corporation, Lindy Paving workshop was very informative and the procurement team gave a detailed explanation on doing business with the three firms. Kudos to Jennifer Howe on preparing for

us. We suggest following up with them if you haven't already.

May 11th How To Do Business with Duquesne Light Company 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Koppers Building Conference Center Lower Level 4 - H White Room

This workshop will introduce you to the procedures on doing business with DLC. You will meet DLC's procurement team on information technology, construction, & corporate services to enable you to start the process of building relationships with DLC's key decision-makers. You will be hosted for breakfast.

This meeting is for Chamber Members Only.

May 17th Annual Meeting and Luncheon

**Richard Riazzi
President & CEO
Duquesne Light
Company**

**Members Meeting 11:00 AM
Luncheon at 12:00 PM**

Plan to attend the Members Meeting for a review of Chamber business and several new announcements. The reservations for the luncheon are quickly filling up, so

please RSVP.

May 25th African American Chamber of Commerce Golf Clinic 2018

***FYI: THE GOLF CLINIC IS
SOLD OUT!***

The Chamber is hosting its 1/2 day golf clinic with the theme around the game and business of golf. We look forward to seeing all who registered & are participating.

Thanks to our Corporate Level Sponsors:

**PNC Bank
'Anniversary' Sponsor**

**Highmark Health
'Advocacy' Sponsor**

**PJ Dick
'Access' Sponsor**

**Pensiamo-UPMC
'Hole-in-One' Sponsor**

May 31st Members' Mixer Hosted by Citizens Bank 5PM—7PM

Corporate Sponsor Scott Brown looks forward to hosting us. Come with your business cards to ensure you maximize this unique opportunity.

Your Chamber & Friends are

Heading To Greece October 20th

Athens, Kinetta, sites from centuries ago and mountain-side villages are just some of the stops we'll



tour on this splendid cultural journey. Call our office for more information.

The Chamber was proud to be a partner/sponsor for the S.H.A.R.E Supplier Diversity event on April 19th. Congratulations to Event Chair **Member** Toni Silva of Pensiamo-UPMC and **Member** Dr. Rahmon Hart who hosted us at Rivers Casino.

Sponsor a Chamber Event

Interested in having your company/organization sponsor a Chamber Mixer or one of our 20th Anniversary Events? Call us @: 412-392-0610.

Members' Events

May 23
Chatham University
11:30AM—12:00 PM

Build A Website For Your Business:

Information Webinar
For more info, go to:
www.chatham.edu/wbc

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.

Mon May 7th 7-9:00 PM **Carnegie Science Café** **Scientifique**

The Secret Lives of Mole Salamanders

Explore the ecology of the aquatic and terrestrial life stages of mole salamanders. These amphibians are commonly found living in underground burrows and tunnels. **Doors open at 6 pm for networking and refreshments**
Admission is FREE
Parking is \$5. Call 412-237-3400 for details.

Sharpen Your STEM **July 3—July 6, 2018**

Carnegie Science Center is presenting a program designed to improve STEM education for adults. For information on this 4-day program call Toni Stith at 412-237-1616, or visit: www.carnegiesciencecenter.org/educators/international-institute-for-stem-edu/.

Employment

Metropolitan Pittsburgh's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate decreased 0.7% from 5.2% in March 2017 to 4.5% in March 2018. What is important is the Black unemployment rate.

Did You Know

Once the final mile of concrete is poured this Spring to complete the Allegheny Trail, you will be able to cycle from the Point to Washington DC.

The City of Pittsburgh is close to a final agreement and design plan for Smallman Street at the Pennsylvania Railroad Fruit Auction & Sales Terminal. The Strip District property may be redeveloped into a public market and other commercial uses.

Cohen & Grigsby, P.C.

announced that Kate R. Dewey joined the firm's Nonprofit & Tax-Exempt Organizations practice.

In an effort to broaden brand recognition, Presidential Roundtable **Member** PNC is now the sponsor of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and NASCAR.

Congratulations

Member Emmi Alaquiva, president and CEO of Ya Momz House, Inc. was recently named a 2018 top CEO by Fox Rothschild!

After 20 years of dedicated leadership and service to the University of Pittsburgh, Larry Davis is retiring as Dean of the Graduate School of Social Work.

Members Donna Baxter / Soul Pitt Media and Maurita Bryant / Allegheny County Police Department served as panelists at the Annual Linda A. Cobb Scholarship Breakfast, sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh & Professional Women, Inc.

Kudos to Supporting Member Vivien Li / Riverlife, on a job well done at Riverlife. Li will be heading back to Boston after 3 great years in Pittsburgh.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Kathi Elliott/ Gwen's Girls at the Annual Mamie Garland Scholarship Event; **Members** Derrick Wilson/The Wilson Group; Horace Britton/CDI Printing, and Chamber **Board Member** Blayre Britton/ CDI Printing featured at the S.H.A.R.E 2018 **Business: Supporting Member** and guest speaker Vivien Li/ Riverlife and your

Chamber's President at the PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Member Dina Clark/ Covestro at the Connect with Covestro event at the Heinz History Center; **Member** Eric Dykes at the Wakunda and Omega Forever event.

New Members

Regular Members

Tina Black
Black Diamond Fabrication, LLC

P. Nathaniel Boe, Esq.
MidPoint Group of Companies

Chef Claudy Pierre
Eminent Hospitality Solutions Company

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