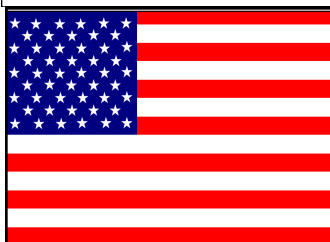


Important Dates

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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'

June 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

Thank you to Brian Guzek and members of the Duquesne Light procurement team for a great presentation on how to do business with Duquesne Light.

May 17th Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Your Chamber's Annual Meeting and Luncheon was great and well attended. Thanks to speaker Richard Riazzi/ Duquesne Light Company for presenting. Kudos to our Luncheon Sponsor UPMC Health Plan, Gift Sponsor Koryak, & Floral Sponsor FCG Solutions. The highlight was County Executive Rich Fitzgerald presenting a proclamation declaring May 17th as African American Chamber of Commerce Day in Allegheny County!

A Great Day on the Greens!

Your Chamber's 20th Anniversary Celebration had a great launch on our first Golf Clinic. Thanks to our participants, and to our Anniversary Sponsor PNC Bank, & to sponsors Highmark Health/AGH, PJ Dick and UPMC; a special thanks to Councilman Corey O'Connor for des-

cribing how the course got its name, & to PGA Certified Professional Player Anthony Stepney for his tips & excellent instruction at the Bob O'Connor Golf Course at Schenley Park.

We appreciate our Corporate Sponsor Scott Brown & his team at Citizens Bank for hosting a very enjoyable Mixer with refreshments to match.

June 15th PowerBreakfast Meeting 7:30 AM

**Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre
Guest Speaker
Dr. Chris Howard
President, Robert Morris
University**

Come and welcome our Corporate Sponsor and the President of Robert Morris University who will present an overview of the University & opportunities to do business.

June 21st Members' Orientation 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Koppers Building 4—H. White Room

This program is designed for new & existing members to gain an understanding of the Chamber & its benefits. RSVP to the office.

June 28th Members' Mixer

5:00PM—7:00PM Hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh

Bring your business cards & join us for a fun evening of networking and making valuable connections.

July 26th Business Communications Workshop

**11:30 AM—1:30 PM
Koppers Building
4—H. White Room**

Join Emmy award-winning journalist, media personality, speaker and coach, Member Bofta Yimam as she illustrates the importance of crafting a compelling story for business engagement.

July 26th Members' Mixer 5:00PM—7:00PM Hosted by Rivers Casino Presidential

Roundtable member, Bill Keena & Member Rahmon Hart look forward to hosting us as we network, connect and grow our businesses.

October 20th Your Chamber & Friends are Headed To Greece

There is still time to register: join us to visit Athens, Kinetta, & sites from centuries ago are just some of the stops we will be making during a 9 day tour. Call our office for more info.

Sponsor a Chamber Event Interested in having

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

Members' Events

The State of Black Pittsburgh 2018

June 7th

WQED Multimedia Studios

Join Member Esther Bush as the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh welcomes national Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial.

Network with Stefani Pashman, CEO Allegheny Conference

June 20th

11:30AM—1:30PM

Duquesne Club

325 Sixth Ave.

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Hosted by Pittsburgh Business Times.

Sharpen Your STEM **July 3rd—July 6th**

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/.

African American Heritage Day Parade

August 25th

11:00AM—1:00PM

Manchester—Northside

Did You Know

There are new regulations for Community bankers in southwestern Pennsylvania. The Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act was signed into law on May 24th. Learn more at: lexology.com.

Median Household income by race in Pittsburgh: White- \$51,093, Latino- \$40,246, Asian- \$32,856 and Black- \$26,108; Unemployment rate in

Pittsburgh by race: Black 16%, White 6%, Latino 6%, Asian 3%.

Congratulations

Member Esther Bush/ Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh was honored by Propel Schools as Propel's first Educational Champion; **Member Allegheny Health Network** on the appointment of Wexford Hospital President Dr. Allan Klapper; Kudos to PNC Foundation announcing a 10 year, \$2.5M gift to Pittsburgh Promise on Senior Signing Day attended by 1000 seniors.

New

Pittsburgh Courier

Members Evan Frazier/ Highmark & Greg Spencer/ Chamber Foundation Board attending the announcement of TALI (The Advanced Leadership Institute), Kudos to Evan Frazier and CMU's Tepper School of Business for this initiative that will support the advancement of minorities from mid-management to leadership roles at the C-suite table; Richard Riazzi/ Duquesne Light, luncheon speaker, and your Chamber President at the Chamber's Annual Meeting & Luncheon; **Diversity Report: Minorities**

comprise 21% of all City of Pittsburgh employees; the County Executive and Member Ruth Byrd-Smith reporting that Allegheny County leads the way in minority-owned business certifications vs. any other county in PA (including Philadelphia) for 2017 (586 firms certified in 2017 with 244 classified as AA).

Congratulations

New Pittsburgh Courier's Fab 40

Members Andrea Barber/ My Three Sons Vending, Blayre Britton/CDI Printing, Joel Burstein/Keep It Simple Training and Development,

Christian Hughes/Drafting Dreams/Nside Out Spaces, Chef Claudy Pierre/Eminent Hospitality Solutions.

New Members

Regular Members

Mona Minnie Branson

Low Country Building Solutions

Scott Clayton

American Drain Cleaners

Jamar Cox

Nature's Grooming, LLC

Steffan Johnson

R. Kyndall Development Group, LLC

David Motley

MCAPS, LLC

Terry Smith

M-PowerHouse of Greater Pittsburgh

Scott Thomas-Tumstalle
Power 59 Construction, LLC

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Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

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