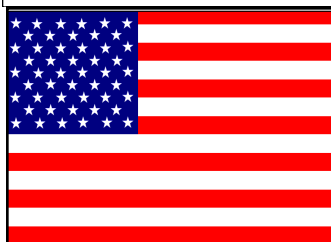


Important Dates

- ♦ July 9th—Special Breakfast with Bob Casey
- ♦ July 26th—Business Communications Workshop
- ♦ July 26th—Members' Mixer
- ♦ 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'

July 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 Dr. Christopher Howard/ Robert Morris University for an excellent presentation on the University's strategic plan, how it is preparing our young people for business, and his vision for partnering with the business community.

Your Chamber's Membership Orientation was worth attending. Members learned of the history of the Chamber, our key role as their advocates, as well as the benefits of membership, & reviewed the upcoming programs & events.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh outdid themselves at our most recent Members' Mixer. Member Tom Baker hosted both an informative and inspiring event.

Our interactive and engaging PowerBreakfast with Senator Bob Casey was outstanding! He answered questions and shared insights on topics ranging from the opioid crisis to small business growth in our region.

July 26th Business Communications Workshop

**11:30 AM—1:30 PM
Koppers Building
*Boardroom 9th Floor***

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.

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

Green Building Alliance Summer Soiree

**July 12th
5:30 PM**

**Choderwood
On the Allegheny**

Join Member Aurora

Sharrard for this evening of fun, food and drinks. For more information call 412-773-6000.

August Wilson Center July 14th 1:00 PM Play—"Forget Me Not"

Presented by University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer Disease Research Center, the event is being sponsored by: African Americans Against Alzheimer's. Tickets are \$10; Contact: Melita Terry, terrymjh@upmc.edu / 412-692-2712 or online at: www.forgetmenotplay.com

Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council (EMSDC) July 23rd

**Fox Chapel Golf Club
7:30AM—5:30PM
2018 Youth Entrepreneur
Scholarship Invitational**

Member Valarie Cofield looks forward to you joining her for this special event to help young entrepreneurs. Registration deadline July 19th. Contact Meg Markley at (412) 391-4423, or email: mmarkley@emsdc.org.

URA Event July 26th

**11:00AM—2:00PM
Building Tools for City
Business Districts:
Connecting Small Business
with Resources to Help
Them Grow
Beechview Senior
Center Building
1555 Broadway Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15216**

This workshop includes panelist, including your Chamber on the resources available for moving forward. The discussions will focus on how the business district organizations can help entrepreneurs in their community access resources. Contact: Livia Molinaro/412-255-6656 for more info.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania & Institute for Supply Management

Pittsburgh

August 24th

8:30AM—4:00PM

The Rivers Club

The emphasis will be on Women Who Lead. For more information & how to register, contact Lisa Romango: lisaromango910@comcast.net

African American Heritage Day Parade

August 25th

11:00AM—1:00PM

Manchester—Northside

This annual community event will now take place in Manchester. Be there!

NET Xperts LLC

September 10th

8:00AM—4:30PM

16th Annual Golf Outing

Edgewood Country Club

100 Churchill Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Breakfast and registration at 8AM; 9AM Tee time, drinks and buffet dinner to follow. Registration deadline, August 27th. For more information and registration, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/net-xperts-llc-16th-annual-golf-outing-registration-46728005723>.

Did You Know

Associate Member Dr. Marcia Sturdivant/N.E.E.D is conducting its first annual "Freshman Fill A Room" Fund-raiser to provide various dormitory supplies to freshmen. Go to www.needid.org for details or call: 412-566-2760.

Associate Members Ann Metzger & Ron Baille/Carnegie Science Center unveiled its \$33M PPG Science Pavilion. (PPG's \$7.5M donation is the largest in the Carnegie Science Center's 27 year history);

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine was one of 5 programs nationally to receive funding for an incubator program that will train future physician-scientists.

PA Department of Community and Economic Development's Secretary Dennis Davin demonstrated Gov. Wolf's new PA Business One-Stop Shop (<http://business.pa.gov>), a tool designed to help entrepreneurs in all stages of starting and running a business to small business owners.

The Wilksburg train station restoration project is getting \$1.5 million boost in commonwealth Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding: the grant allocation is scheduled for 10am, July 13th. Total cost to restore the station is \$3 million.

Corporate Sponsor Morgan O'Brien/Peoples Gas is creating a public-private partnership with Pittsburgh Water and Sewage Authority to form 'Peoples Water' and build a new \$350 million water treatment plant in O'Hara Township that uses solar and hydroelectric energy. The plan also wants to ensure that one in every three workers hired is African American.

CompetePA

Our CompetePA coalition reported that SB1056, the bill for the bonus depreciation fix, was passed by the House and signed into law as Act 72 of 2018 by Gov. Wolf in June.

This Should Not Be Happening

Tribune-Review reports that

Pittsburgh's system to ensure businesses owned by minorities and women receive a share of city contracts each year remains broken six years after the paper reported major flaws. To review the article, go to: <https://triblive.com/local/allegheeny/13817163-74/pittsburgh-falls-short-on-contracts-with-minorities-and-women-critics-say>

Congratulations

Member Rod Doss on a successful Feb 40 2018 - great pictures and congrats to our Feb 40 Members; Member Chaz Kellem (formerly of YMCA) has accepted a position as the Director of Pitt Services/ Division of Student Life; Member Esther Bush/Urban League on an informative State of Black Pittsburgh event, great content; Member Emma Alaquiva/Ya Momz House has been appointed by Governor Wolf to the PA Council on the Arts, and honored as Black Enterprise Magazine's 2018 MODERN MAN of Distinction; Member Suzanne Mellon/Carlow University has been appointed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Board of its Pittsburgh Branch; Member John Norman honored as Northside Leadership; Member Kariss Jackson/POISE Foundation named Chief Operating Officer; Associate Member Maggie Jensen/YWCA for her service to the organization and retirement as CEO; Member Brandon Mendoza (formerly of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce) is now the Executive Director of NAIOP Pittsburgh.

Special Congrats and Kudos to Chamber Foundation Board Member and Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland on his retirement as CEO/Manchester Bidwell Corporation after 50 years! Bill Strickland is now Founder

and Executive Chair: Kevin Jenkins is now President and CEO.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Member Dr. Quintin Bullock/CCAC speaking at Mon Valley Initiative Workforce Conference; Member Bill Strickland stepping down as Manchester Bidwell Corporation CEO and Kevin Jenkins named new President and CEO; Member RMU President Christopher Howard speaking at our PowerBreakfast Meeting.

New Members

Regular Members

Tyian Battle

ACH Clear Pathways

Cynthia Castillo

West Point Ballet, LLC

H. Jacob Hanchar

Digital Dream Labs

Charlotte Ka

Moka Art Gallery, LLC

Talisha Nagle

AMIC Childcare Center

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