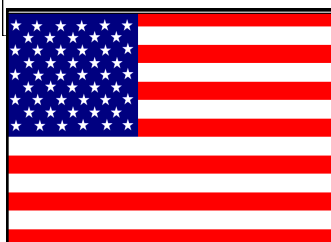


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MISSION STATEMENT

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'

September 2018

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

Now ranked the 9th largest Chamber in Western PA, we are proud to be celebrating 20 Years of Service.

The African American Heritage Day Parade was a huge success. More than 500 participants were on hand. Thanks to the Manchester community for being great hosts!

How To Do Business with Turner Construction

**Tuesday, September 11th
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Koppers Building
436 7th Ave.
Conference Center
H. White Room**
Join Associate Member Vice President and General Manager Jodi Rennie and her team who will discuss Turner's upcoming projects & their process for conducting business. Continental breakfast will be served. RSVP by September 7th.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
Community College of Allegheny County
Friday, September 21st
7:30 AM
Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre**
Join us as we welcome Corporate Sponsor Dr.

Quintin Bullock/President, CCAC who will present an overview of the community college and opportunities to do business. RSVP by the 19th of September.

**Members' Mixer
Wednesday, September 26th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Urban Pathways K-5
College Charter School
925 Penn Avenue
Downtown**

We will be hosted by Member Kim Fitzgerald, Principal and Chief Administrative Officer. Bring your business cards and wear your membership pin. RSVP by September 24th.

**Chamber's Anniversary Celebration
Tuesday, October 9th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Rivers Club**

This special reception is being held in celebration of our 20 Years of Service! Founding Members and past Officers will be invited to thank them, recognize our growth and celebrate being ranked as the 9th largest chamber in our region! You don't want to miss this milestone event.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting
Port Authority of Allegheny County
Friday, October 19th
7:30 AM
Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre**

Join us as we welcome Associate Member, Katharine Kelleman/CEO, who will update us on activities at the Port Authority and how you can engage with their procurement department. RSVP by October 17th.

**Members' Mixer
Tuesday, October 30th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Join us as we are hosted by Associate Member Cara Ciminillo/ Trying Together. The location will be announced soon. Bring your business cards and wear your membership pin. RSVP by October 25th.

Members' Events

**Now thru October 31st
The Frick Pittsburgh Driving the Disenfranchised: The Automobile's Role in Women's Suffrage
7227 Reynolds Street
Pittsburgh 15208**

This interesting piece of history is on display in the Car and Carriage Museum. Learn more about what's on display at The Frick at:
THEFRICKPITTSBURGH.ORG

**September 10th
NET Xperts LLC
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
16th Annual Golf Outing
Edgewood Country Club
100 Churchill Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235**
Breakfast and registration begin at 8AM. Tee time starts at 9AM. A

buffet dinner and drinks will follow. Meet them for this special event. The registration deadline is August 27th. For more information and registration, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/net-xperts-llc-16th-annual-golf-outing-registration-46728005723>.

Wednesday, September 12th and 13th
Airport Authority Industry Days
9:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Airport Hyatt

Corporate Sponsor Christina Cassotis is looking for you to attend to learn more about upcoming business opportunities with the Airport, and the new terminal project RFPs. To register, go to the Business Portal at: www.pittransformed.com.

Monday, September 17th
Vibrant Pittsburgh's Regional Economic Inclusion Summit
7:30 AM—6:30 PM

Westin Convention Center
Downtown Pittsburgh

Associate Member Melanie Harrington and her guest speakers will have an extensive discussion you should be a part of. For more information call: 412-281-8600 ext. 204.

Friday, October 5th
ATHENA and Young Professional Awards

Luncheon
11:00 AM—1:30 PM
Westin Convention Center
Downtown Pittsburgh

This annual event is one you don't want to miss. For more information, send an email to: athena@alleghenyconference.org

October 6th, 9th, 12th & 14th
The Pittsburgh Opera Presents

'Madama Butterfly'
Benedum Center
7th St. & Penn Ave.

Downtown Cultural District
Associate Member Christopher Hahn encourages you to see Puccini's 'Madama

Butterfly' — the heart-breaking story of love, betrayal and sacrifice. Tickets on sale now. Go to: pghopera.org/tickets

Saturday, October 13th
Manchester Academic Charter School
20th Anniversary Celebration

5:30 PM
Heinz Field
100 Art Rooney Ave.
North Side

Associate Member Vasilios Scoumis is planning a big celebration for their 20th year of educating children. For more information call 412-322-0585.

URA

Micro Enterprise Loans

The Urban Redevelopment Authority has introduced a micro loan program for businesses located within the City of Pittsburgh. Loans range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. For more information contact Lynnette Morris at 412-255-6547.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Member/Lance Hyde on EQT's Supplier Diversity Matchmaking Event at Southpointe; Member Gregory Spencer/Randall Enterprises gave a compelling presentation on his business and the value of being a Veteran; Kudos to Member Diamonte Walker/URA Minority and the Women Business Enterprise Program Officer on heading up the new software system project that will monitor every contract for MWDBE compliance; Applause to Member Pittsburgh Opera on celebrating its 80th season; Presidential Roundtable Member David Holmberg/Highmark Health has named Karen Hanlon to the new post of Chief Operating Officer; also on the grand opening of AHN Downtown — the first downtown medical center. Staff Member Shawn Hicks interview on WPXI Pittsburgh Impact!

Did You Know

British Airways has returned to Pittsburgh with four weekly non-stops to Heathrow Airport in London (by the way this reunion could mean \$57M

in new business for this region). Also, nonstop flights have been added to West Palm Beach from Pittsburgh International Airport.

Presidential Roundtable
Member Allegheny Health Network is building a 160-bed hospital in Pine Township as part of its nearly \$1B expansion plan, including neighborhood hospitals & renovation of existing facilities throughout Western PA.

Healthcare competition is crossing the line - West Virginia University Medicine plans to expand into the Keystone State with a primary and specialty care facility opening in Waynesburg, PA next year.

Pittsburgh's 'Tech Talent' is on the rise. The city ranks #4 in the technology talent labor pool among 50 North American cities.

Pittsburgh-based Thread International is working with a \$1.5M grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation to create jobs to help fight unemployment in Homewood while growing an eco-friendly business.

Employment

Visit Pittsburgh

Interested in an Exciting Internship? Member Visit Pittsburgh is currently offering internships with a \$25/per day stipend at several locations. Learn more about internships and positions at: visitpittsburgh.com/about-us/employment.

Pitt Ohio

Corporate Sponsor, Pitt Ohio has an exciting apprenticeship program for those interested in a career in trucking. Learn more about the Professional Driver Apprenticeship program at: <https://works.pittohio.com/mypittohio/corporate/careers/opportunities/Professional-Driver-Apprenticeship-Program>

New
Pittsburgh Courier

Member Janis Burley Wilson/August Wilson Center hosting their first Taste of Jazz fundraiser; your Chamber's Shawn Hicks and Mrs. Nicole Hicks carrying the banner for the African American Heritage Day Parade.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Member Rahmon Hart/Rivers Casino attending 'Night in the Tropics'; Member Deb Caplan/Partner4Work attending Partner4Work's welcome reception for new CEO Earl Buford; Associate Member Stephanie Pashman/Allegheny Conference on Our Region's Business: Landing London raises region's profile; Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto announced the creation of a task force: Peduto appoints task force for minority-, women-owned businesses. This task force will review the participation of women and minority firms for his office.

New Members

Regular Members

Edina Greene
Edina Style Accessories

Rachel E. Miller
The Elusive Fox Boutique

Joann Monroe
Garfield Jubilee Association, Inc.

Sara Eve Rivera
PMA Tattoo, LLC

DeJuana L. Smith
Future Focus Childcare, LLC

Barbara Smoot
Women for Economic and Leadership Development

Nancy Turner
JAO Unlimited, LLC

Supporting Members
Paul Hoffman
Hoffman United

Steve Tolin
Tolin FX

If you haven't, don't forget to register to vote!

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