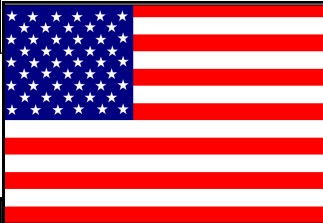


Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

- **May 10th** - Webinar:
How To Do Business with ALCOSAN
- **May 19th** -
PowerBreakfast: PGH Fire Chief Darryl Jones
- **May 30th** - Webinar:
How To Do Business with PGH Penguins
- **July 28th** - Sixth Annual Golf Clinic
- **Members' News & 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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April 2023

This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for Members, Supporters & Sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania has already welcomed 18 new members in 2023.

We had a very informative and well received Business Succession & Valuation Planning Webinar. *And thanks to sponsor Comcast*

Our thanks to Dr. Giorgio Ra'Shadd III, Small Business Coordinator with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Service. He lead a great discussion on the government's process for doing business with small businesses.

We were honored to welcome our first African American Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis who provided an update on the economic health of the Commonwealth.

Thanks to member Phil Greene, Jr./Expanding Minds, LLC. an interesting and useful session on taking your website to the next level.

How To Do Business with the ALCOSAN Webinar

Wednesday, May 10th 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join us for this informative presentation by

ALCOSAN's procurement team who will discuss the process for doing business with small businesses. If you plan on doing business with the ALCOSAN - don't miss it! RSVP by May 8th at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

PowerBreakfast Meeting Friday, May 19th

7:30 a.m.

Rivers Club

One Oxford Center Downtown

Guest Speaker

Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire Chief Darryl Jones

Join us as we welcome Pittsburgh's first black Fire Chief. He will discuss the Bureau's efforts to recruit more minorities and women, and explain the process for managing disasters. RSVP by May 17th at 412-392-0610 or email information@aaccwp.com

How To Do Business with the Pittsburgh Penguins Webinar

Tuesday, May 30th 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us for this informative presentation by the Pittsburgh Penguins procurement team who will discuss the process for doing business with small businesses. If you plan on doing business with the Pittsburgh Penguins - don't miss it! RSVP by May 26th at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Save The Dates Tee Up & Network! Friday, July 28th

Your Chamber is getting ready for our 6th Annual Golf Clinic at Bob O'Conner Golf Course in Schenley Park. We will once again welcome PGA Master Professional Anthony Stepney, and welcome our new Chairperson, Pittsburgh First Lady Michelle Gainey. Keep watching for details!!

Sponsorship Opportunities For Members

Sponsorships are available in 2023 for our *Members* who are interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute program or series of programs. Learn more about this opportunity for your business at 412-392-0610 or email your Chamber office at: information@aaccwp.com

Members' News & Events

Westmoreland Museum of American Art Action/Abstraction Redefined: Modern Native Art 1945-1975

Now On View

221 North Main St. Greensburg, PA 15601

The Comprising 52 works by 32 artists, this is the first major traveling exhibition to explore the innovation and experimentation of modern Native American art. These artists explored new forms of artistic expression by challenging stereotypical expectations of American

Indians. Learn more at: thewestmoreland.org/exhibitions/action-abstracton-redefined-modern-native-art-1945-1975/

**More Bounce with
Clara Kent
WYEP 91.3 FM**

Fridays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Pittsburgh's non-profit community AAA music station announces its newest radio show - take a listen! benedum.center-pittsburgh.org

**Monday, April 24
A Capital Idea!
Lender Match**

**Program Demonstration
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**

You're invited to join the U.S. Small Business Administration's Pittsburgh District Office's Lender Relations Specialist, Lynn Ann Vozniak who will discuss the Lender Match online portal. **Register to join virtually via Teams at 7:30 a.m. on April 24th** for 30 minutes of Monday morning mental floss to get your week started for success. Utilize the presentation takeaways immediately! Registrants will receive an e-mail from Pittsburgh District SBA with login instructions prior to the training. Call at 412-395-6560 or go to: wpainfo@sba.gov.

**Thursday, May 18th
The Purple Party
A POWER Celebration**

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Energy Innovation Center
1501 Bedford Ave.
Hill District**

The Pennsylvania Organization for Women in Early Recovery is presenting Pittsburgh's first Sober Celebration, *The Purple Party*. Entertainment, mocktails, food, auction, and more. The Purple Party welcomes the sober curious, the sober celebrating, and everyone who supports the recovery community. For tickets, donations, and sponsor information visit <https://power-recovery.com/thepurpleparty>.

**Belong. Become. Be
Campaign Kicks Off**

Member Allegheny

Conference on Community Development has kicked off the Belong. Become. Be campaign, the start of which was marked by a kick-off event at Schenley Plaza in Oakland. The project is an expansion of the conference's ongoing efforts to attract and retain young talent in the region. Learn more at: alleghenyconference.org

**FROM THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
There's Still Time!
Enterprise Zone
Tax Credits**

Private companies looking to locate or expand in designated Enterprise Zones can apply under the EZP for a 25% state tax credit on expenses up to \$2 million. There are zones in Altoona, Beaver County, the Mid Mon Valley, and Pittsburgh. Private companies should submit their tax clearance applications to the Department of Revenue as soon as possible. The electronic link is IN THE GUIDELINES.

FYI

**Small Businesses
Stay In Compliance!**

The Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division is committed to providing employers with the tools they need to operate in compliance with the variety of labor laws enforced by the Division. WHD offers a number of useful compliance resources intended to provide employers with readily accessible, easy-to-understand information relevant to both their rights and to their responsibilities under the law. Check out the Resources for Employers at: dol.gov

Did You Know

Another bank is making a move Downtown. Federal Home Loan Bank will be relocating its corporate headquarters to One Oxford Centre from its current home at 601 Grant Street.

Highmark is giving up 5 floors of office space in another blow

to the Downtown Pittsburgh market.

A new study from **Member** Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland finds businesses started by Black entrepreneurs tend to have a higher percentage of return on investment than their white and Hispanic counterparts.

**A Vision of Vitality
for Pittsburgh**

Next Is Now: A 10-Year Vision of Vitality for the Pittsburgh Region. This report from **Member Allegheny** Conference details the aim to improve the region by focusing on thriving people, quality of place and a strong, inclusive economy. Read the full report at: alleghenyconference.org

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Robert 'Bob' James of Highmark Health was nominated to the MWDBE Governmental Committee Hall of Fame, Chamber President and CEO, Doris Carson Williams, Pittsburgh Business Times 2023 Women of Influence Career Achievement winner; 2023 Women of Influence Award Winners include **Members** Christine Bryant/Covestro, Luci Dabney/Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise (PACE), Carol MacPhail/Robert Morris University; **Members** Curtis Aiken and Jason Brown have been elected to serve on VisitPittsburgh's Board of Directors; Erie Regional Chamber of Commerce on 'An evening under the stars Celebration of Excellence; Monique McIntosh is the new President and CEO of **Member** Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania, **Member** Matt Smith has taken the position of Chief Growth Officer at the Allegheny County Conference; **Member** Dr. Marcia Sturdivant/NEED 60th Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner - Master of Ceremonies **Member** Dr. Quintin Bullock CCAC President.

KUDOS

Damara Carter is the first

Member Pitt Ohio is seeking a Customer Service Representative. Visit careers at Pitt Ohio. Go to: pittohio.com/mypittohio/corporate/careers

In The News

Pittsburgh Business Times

Laura Karet, CEO of Giant Eagle is stepping down;

Museum exec details Warhol's need for more space for concerts and events and how it's driving the plan to build a major new facility on open lot across Sandusky Street on the North Side.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Steve Bakoua
EIM Services, Inc.

Cheyenne J. Bronzell
Phat Girlz A Cookin LLC

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Ne Plus Ultra Jewelry

Jarmele Fairclough
Mele's Gifts and Party Planning

Keena Pettiford
KPS

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