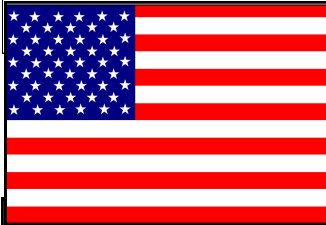


Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

- **March 7th** - Webinar: Business Continuation Strategies
- **March 14th** - Webinar: How To Do Business/ Dept. of Agriculture
- **March 17th** - PowerBreakfast: Lt. Governor Austin Davis
- **March 30th** - Webinar: Sharpening Your Web Design
- **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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March 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 eight new members in 2023.

Sincere thanks to our Mayor, the Honorable Ed Gainey for a powerful and candid PowerBreakfast presentation; so good to see **101** members and friends at our monthly event!

Thanks to Ray Vargo and Jonny Gamble/ University of Pittsburgh SBDC for a very informative and well attended Microsoft Office 365 Webinar. Watch for follow-up workshops!!

Business Succession & Valuation Planning Webinar

**Tuesday, March 7th
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Join us for this special presentation designed to educate business owners on mistakes and pitfalls when building their business. The presentation will also discuss the impact of inheritance tax on your business, how to protect your assets and create a successful exit plan. RSVP by March 3rd at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

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How To Do Business with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food & Nutrition Service Webinar

**Tuesday, March 14th
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

Join us for this informative presentation by Dr. Giorgio Ra'Shadd III, Small Business Coordinator, who will discuss the government's process for doing business with small businesses. If you plan on doing business with the Department of Agriculture - don't miss it! RSVP by March 10th at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**Friday, March 17th
7:30 a.m.**

**Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre
Downtown**

**Guest Speaker
Lieutenant Governor
Honorable Austin Davis**

Join us as we welcome our first African American Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Davis will update us on his initial goals and plans for 2023, and provide an update on the economic health of the Commonwealth. RSVP at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Sharpening Your Web Design Webinar

**Thursday, March 30th
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Join **Member Philip**

Greene, Jr., Owner and President/Expanding Minds LLC, Creative & Printing for an overarching marketing strategy on website roles and features for driving traffic to your website. Ask questions - get engaged - move your website to the next level! RSVP by March 28th 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!!

African American Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Thursday, April 20th
Invitations will be mailed shortly.

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

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!

March 9th Perk Before Work With Duolingo! A Multi-Chamber Networking Breakfast Hotel Indigo 123 North Highland Ave. East Liberty 8:30 a.m.

Join *Member Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce* for this morning networking event. Register now at: pmahcc.wildapricot.org

March 25th - April 2nd The Season Continues at the Benedum

Pittsburgh Opera continues its 2022-23 season with *Il Trovatore*, an epic tale of love and sacrifice, deception, and vengeance, and don't miss *Tina: The Tina Turner Musical* April 4th. For tickets go to: benedum.center-pittsburgh.org

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE 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

A New Speaker for the House

The Honorable Joanna McClinton is the first woman and second Black lawmaker to be speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Black Entrepreneurs' ROI

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.

Member Matt Smith has taken the position of Chief Growth Officer at the Allegheny County Conference on Community Development.

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 Holly Douglas/Vice-President, Business Infrastructure at Cosmos Technologies honored with the Wallenburg Award by Southwestern PA Engineering Outreach; *Member John Stillwaggon*, former Director of Finance for the Miami International University of Art and Design has been named Vice President of Operations; Pittsburgh Quarterly

Magazine's 100 *Members* Patrick Gallagher of University of Pittsburgh, Kathy Humphrey of Carlow University, Diane Holder/UPMC, City of Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey, Ken Gormley/Duquesne University, Stefani Pashman/Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Farnam Jahanian/Carnegie Mellon University, William Strickland/Manchester Bidwell Corporation, Laura Karet/Giant Eagle, Janis Burley Wilson/August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Audrey Russo/Pittsburgh Technology Council, Dan Onorato/Highmark Health, Curtis Aiken/Protech Compliance, Art Rooney II/Pittsburgh Steelers, Leslie Davis/UPMC, Rob Cochran/#1 Cochran, Sabrina Saunders Mosby/Vibrant Pittsburgh, Vincent J. Delie, Jr./First National Bank, Lou Cestello/PNC, Matt Smith/Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Dr. Quintin Bullock/Community College of Allegheny County, Jane Werner/Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Carlos Carter/Greater Pittsburgh Urban League, Leroy Ball/Koppers, Mary Finger/Seton Hill University, Clifford Rowe/PJ Dick/Trumbull/Lindy Group, Tim Knavish/PPG, Melanie Marie Boyer/Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Kevin McMahon/Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, Elizabeth Barker/The Frick, Melia Tourangeau/Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Bob Nutting/Pittsburgh Pirates, David Finegold/Chatham University, Steven Knapp/Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, Dennis Unkovic/Meyer Unkovic & Scott, Matt Galluzzo/Riverlife, Jim McQuade/Dollar Bank, Sean Luther/InnovatePGH, Jerad Bachar/VisitPittsburgh, Kevin Walker/Duquesne Light, Michael Huwar/Peoples Gas, Joylette Portlock/Sustainable Pittsburgh, Jenn Beer/Leadership Pittsburgh, Susie Shipley/Huntington Bank, Christina Cassotis/Allegheny County Airport Authority,

KUDOS

Member Pittsburgh Penguins held a successful annual Black Hockey History Day at PPG Paints Arena - your Chamber's COO Shawn Hicks was on hand with greetings from the Chamber;

The nation's top black business CEO's, Fortune 500 Execs and national black organization leaders convened in D.C. recently to advocate for black business!!

CAREERS

Member United Negro College Fund is seeking a Development Director. Learn more at: https://workforcenow.adp.com/mascsr/default/mdf/recruitment/recruitment.html?cid=4e62b4af-f091-4c6e-808b-f0107e3ea5d4b&ccld=19000101_000001&jobid=437177&lang=en_US&source=CC4

Member CMU is seeking an Executive Director, Expanded Pathways to Entrepreneurship-Robotics Institute. Learn about this and other career opportunities at: cmu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Terrance Brown
Safety Security Consultants
LLC

Dorothy Gordon
Mainstay Life Services

Kyle Henderson
Mt. Ararat Baptist Church

Kasey Smith
Wayne Sales & Service LLC

*We are deeply saddened
by the loss of long-time Member
Ruth Byrd-Smith*

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