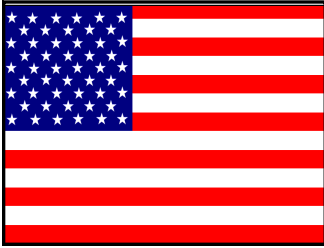


Important Dates

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- Members' Events
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- 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 2019

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

Your Chamber now ranks 10th largest Chamber of Commerce in Western PA with a membership of over 550

Corporate Sponsor
Christina Cassotis/CEO
Allegheny County Airport Authority gave an excellent presentation on the airport expansion project at our PowerBreakfast Meeting. She emphasized her commitment to minority suppliers.

Our Google Workshop was dynamic: Randi Penfil, a Certified Google Speaker, did an excellent job providing layman's user-friendly explanations of Google's technology & how to leverage it for your firm. We will be hosting a Google Analytics Workshop featuring, 'Who Visits Your Website'. Stay tuned.

Our Cyber Security Workshop was well done, with a very informative presentation by Omar Khawaja/Vice President & Chief Information Security Officer/Highmark. One hundred percent of the attendees surveyed indicated they now have a better sense of how to protect their business.

Our Members' Orientation was well attended by new & existing members.

Each learned about us & the associated member benefits.

**July 18th
Members' Mixer
Center for Organ Recovery & Education**

204 Sigma Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
Member Lisa Upsher, their MOTTEP Director, will host us to recognize Donate Life America's "echo" campaign. Wear you logo pin & bring your business cards.

**July 25th
"Meet The Primes"
11 AM - 2 PM
Koppers Building
Conference Center
436 Seventh Avenue
Lower Level**

This is a special workshop, hosted by Member Jenee Oliver/Business Diversity and Outreach Manager of Allegheny County Airport Authority. The Prime Contractors, Jacobs Engineering, AECOM, Michael Baker Int., PJ Dick, & Turner Construction will present on the expansion & redesign of the airport, & provide you an opportunity to connect with them on this \$1B renovation project. This is a must attend!

**September 11th
"Brain Health"
Keys To Successful Aging
3 PM - 5 PM
Pittsburgh Life Sciences
Greenhouse
2425 Sydney Street**

Southside

Your Chamber is partnering with the University of Pittsburgh's Alzheimer Disease Research Center to present the first of four interactive workshops related to Dementia/Alzheimer's disease. We will welcome leading experts in the field, provide valuable resources & present information on advancements in treatment. This is a must attend. *Every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's. This workshop series will also be open to the public.*

Remember

Additional membership directories are available for pick up at the Chamber office. Starting in 2020, the directory will be posted online along with all updates to the addendums; our commitment to save a few trees!

Member Events

**Now thru July 21st
The August Wilson
African American Cultural
Center**

**presents
"Race & Revolution:
Still Separate - Still
Unequal"**

Associate Member Janis Burley Wilson invites you to see this new art exhibition & examine the ongoing racial & economic disparity in the public school system nationally. To see what's coming to August Wilson this summer, visit: www.aacc-awc.org.

**New Pittsburgh Courier
Feb 40 2019**

**July 19th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel
510 Market Street
Downtown**

Join Member Rod Doss for his annual big event. Congratulations to all the honorees including Chamber Member Joel Gray/Pittsburgh Pirates & LaShesia Holliday/Natural Beauty Supply— CCAC's Junior Chamber member.

**Pittsburgh Playhouse
Point Park University**

The Pittsburgh Playhouse is home to three unique performance venues: PNC, Highmark and Rauh. Season packages for the Conservatory Theatre Company are on sale now. Go to: pittsburghplayhouse.com/current-season.

**August 2nd, 3rd & 4th
"You Gotta Regatta"
Point State Park**

Presidential Roundtable Member EQT will again sponsor the Three Rivers Regatta. Bring the entire family & experience Pittsburgh's waterways with fireworks, powerboats, music, Extreme Pogo, food & much more at the Three Rivers Regatta—the largest inland regatta in the U.S.

**Enjoy Downtown
Worry Free Parking
All Summer**

Enjoy the many events in Downtown Pittsburgh this summer without the worry of parking or transportation. Go to: parkPGH.org for real-time parking updates, and bikepgh.org for the best bike route. For information on free PAT service around downtown, go to: www.portauthority.org.

**Heinz Endowments' Small
Arts Initiative**

The Fall round of The Heinz Endowments' Small Arts Initiative is now open for new applications. You must apply by Aug. 1, 2019. For more information, contact: shaunda@heinz.org.

Employment

Presidential Roundtable Member U.S. Steel has an opening for a Management

Associate in the Quality organization. The Quality organization helps to ensure U. S. Steel can deliver on its commitment to being a supplier of quality products to its customers. Learn more about this and other opportunities at: ussteel.com.

"Congratulations"

Leadership Pittsburgh XXXVI
Congratulations to **Members** Christopher Heck/Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce; Jerome Jackson/Operation Better Block; Jeffrey Kent/Maher Duessel; Jesse McLean/Pressley Ridge; Mekael Teshome/Pittsburgh Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland: a special congratulations to our own COO Keeshia Muhammad. **Member** Bob Stein promoted to Associate Vice Chancellor for Innovation & Entrepreneurship at the University of Pittsburgh. He will remain the Executive Director of the University's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence.

Kudos and congratulations to Presidential Roundtable Member Cynthia Hundorfean/Allegheny Health Network on a successful "1st Year" for the Healthy Food Center, offering healthy food at no cost for program participants. Learn more by visiting their website: ahn.org/medicine/center-for-inclusion-health/healthy-food-center.

**The Bottom Line on Black
Owned Businesses**

There are nearly 2 million Black Businesses in the nation, yet only 107,000 (approx.) have employees.

Did You Know

Emeka Onwugbenu, founder and CEO of E Properties and Development, is hopeful that he acquires the four properties from the Hill House Association. They were the only company to put forth a public bid for all Hill House Properties when the URA solicited proposals earlier this year. If approved, physical building improvements would begin around April 2020. E Properties is no stranger to

developing properties of African American interests in Pittsburgh – it was the developer and general contractor for the Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School in Larimer and has developed single and multifamily homes around Lawrenceville.

We all mourn the loss of our Member, Sandra Phillips of Peoples Oakland!

The nation's largest bank, JP Morgan Chase, now has the green light to open a 4th branch in the Pittsburgh Region.

Kaufmann's Grand on 5th Avenue downtown is back on track. The Former Kaufmann's/Macy's will become an apartment building with a wellness hotel, retail and restaurant space.

The Landing Hotel is coming
Presidential Roundtable Member Bill Keena/Rivers Casino has announced plans to break ground this summer for the 219 room, 7-story property next to the Carnegie Science Center! Of importance to you as Chamber Members, they have already reached out to us to begin identifying minority firms to participate. Stay tuned.

Associate Member Kenywood Park has a record-setting roller coaster coming soon. The **Steel Curtain** will turn riders upside down and upright (inversions) 9 times, more than any coaster in North America!

**Resources For Women
Owned Businesses**

6 Resources for Pennsylvania's Women Owned Businesses in 2019:

Small Diverse Business Program - www.dgs.pa.gov

PA Business One-Stop-Shop - business.pa.gov

PA SBDC Workshop - pasbdc.org

**Women's Business
Enterprise Center - wbeceast.com
Women's Opportunity
Resource Center - worc-pa.com**

**US Small Business
Administration Women's
Business Center - sba.gov**

The New Pittsburgh Courier
Associate Member Esther Bush/Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh on the "State of Black Pittsburgh" forum hosted by Member WQED in June; Chamber President Doris Carson Williams, panelist at the Small And Diverse Business Forum at the University of Pittsburgh, and with Corporate Sponsor Christina Cossotis at the Chamber's PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Presidential Roundtable Member Jerry MacCleary/Covestro featured in **OUR REGION'S BUSINESS: Making region sustainable, Inclusive;** Presidential Roundtable Member Highmark Health's David Holmberg, Evan Frazier and Dan Onorato celebrating the creation of the Corporate CEO Council of The Advanced Leadership Initiative (TALI); other Chamber Members on the CEO Council are Leroy Ball/Koppers; Bill Demchak/PNC Financial Services Group Inc; Diane Holder/UPMC Health Plan; Jerry MacCleary/Covestro; Robert McNally/EQT Corp; Greg Spencer/Randall Industries; Lara Washington/Allegheny Housing & Rehabilitation Corp.

New Members

Regular Members
Rio Hawkins
The First Tee

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