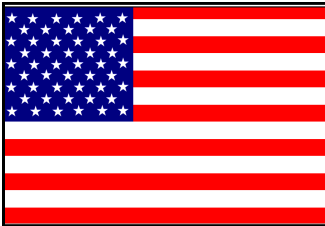


Important Dates
Mark Your Calendars

- **October 15th - PowerBreakfast Meeting (in person)**
- **October 19th - Social Media for Marketing**
- **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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October 2021
This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for Members, Supporters & Sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

October 15th at 412-392-0610 or
information@aaccwp.com
The Webinar link will be emailed.

Your Chamber has welcomed 37 new Members since January!

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2ND

October 18th is the last day for voter registration, for the upcoming municipal election on November 2nd, AND the deadline to sign up by mail ballot for the election is October 26th. Go to votespa.com/mailballot

The African American Chamber office is reopening on a gradual schedule. We will continue to respond to you, disseminating information to keep you informed. You may call the Chamber at 412-392-0610 and we will get right back to you!

Recordings Available

Recordings of our Chamber workshops are available. To request a copy, email your request to: information@aaccwp.com

Thank you to the team at Member PJ Dick - Trumbull - Linday Paving for a very informative workshop on doing business with one of the region's largest construction firms. The feedback from members and guests was great!

Democratic Mayoral Candidate Ed Gainey delivered a very powerful

presentation during our first on-site PowerBreakfast Meeting in over a year. It was good to see so many Members and guests!

Member Mel Pirchesky/Eagle Ventures did an excellent job engaging participants and covering all points during the interactive "Perfecting Your Elevator Speech" presentation. Very effective; Members' feedback was all "thumbs up"!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

October 15th

7:30 a.m.

**Rivers Club
Guest Speaker
Shon Yates
Duquesne Light**

Join us as we welcome Shon Yates, Chief Procurement Officer for Member Duquesne Light. We'll learn about new and existing opportunities at the supplier of electricity to nearly 600,000 customers in Allegheny and Beaver counties. *Sponsored by DLC*

How to Use Social Media for Marketing Webinar

presented by

Savvy Marketing Group

October 19th

11:00 a.m. - 12 noon

This workshop is being presented to give businesses a better idea of how to utilize social media marketing to enhance sales and garner new business. **RSVP by**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship opportunities are available for one or more of your Chamber's Business Institute events. For information on sponsoring a Chamber event, call us at 412-392-0610, or email your Chamber office at: information@aaccwp.com.

Members' News & Events

Duquesne University New Business Challenge

This three-stage business plan competition is open to anyone in the Pittsburgh region and beyond! Cash and service prizes valued at over \$100,000! Learn more @ www.duq.edu/academics

Now Through Oct. 30th Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership

Saturday Night Market Market Square

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Stop by after work to eat and enjoy live entertainment on the Pittsburgh City Paper Stage.

October 8th Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management at Robert Morris University

**presents
Newer Ways to Raise Funds on Social Media**

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Hear about some social media platforms you didn't know you could raise money

on, and how other organizations have been successful. For registration information call 412-397-6000.

**October 8th
Carnegie Museum
of Natural History
Monster Fish:
In Search of the
Last River Giants**

Dive beneath the surface of the world's rivers in this immersive exhibition with life-size sculptures of monster fish, videos and hands-on interactive activities for all ages. Learn more at: carnegiemuseums.org

**October 12th
VisitPITTSBURGH
Presents**

Breakfast with The Bureau
Member VisitPITTSBURGH is partnering with our local FBI to host a series of Zoom webinars, providing opportunities for education to our industry on relevant and highly important topics: **Workplace Violence and Cyber Security and Fraud.** Register at: visitpittsburgh.com

**October 12th
Duquesne University
SBDC**

**"How To Protect
The Intellectual Property of
Your Business"**
10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Register at:
sbdc.duq.edu/events

**October 14th
People's Oakland
presents
Cultivating a Culture of Love
14th Annual Gala
12 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Via ZOOM**
For ticket information visit:
www.peoplesoakland.org

**October 18th
Eradicate Hate
Global Summit
David L. Lawrence
Convention Center**
The Eradicate Hate Global Summit was born out of the Tree of Life massacre that took place in Pittsburgh in October 2018, motivated by anti-Semitic and anti-immigrant hatred resulting in the largest loss of life in an anti-Semitic

event in U.S. history. To learn more about the Summit contact: kforr@eradicatehatesummit.org

**October 22nd
NABHI Christian Ministries
Annual Awards Dinner
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel
Monroeville**

Honorees this year include Members Esther Bush/Urban League and Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier.

FYI

Member Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership publishes a weekly e-newsletter. This week's Spotlight is on Member Nicola Henry/Henry Taylor Law. Go to: downtown.pittsburgh.com

Did You Know

According to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the region's jobless rate remained above 6% in August!

Member Port Authority has approved a long-range plan that projects \$3.8 billion in transit changes that over the next 25 years will aim to reshape the landscape of public transportation in the Pittsburgh region.

There are more than 40 business meetings and events scheduled for Pittsburgh through the end of the year with a combined estimated attendance of 23,300.

Employment

Duquesne Light is seeking a Procurement & Supply Chain Business Operations Analyst for the new Manchester Facility. For more information contact Jason O'Brien at: jobrien@duqlight.com or call 904-472-9010

**Greater Pittsburgh
Community Food Bank** is seeking a Buyer/Planner; a key team member for ensuring the efficient procurement and distribution of the items most needed. Call 412-460-3663.

From The Governor's Office

Governor Wolf has declared October as Chamber of Commerce month in the

Commonwealth.

\$20 million is available through the state to help image and hair care professionals recover from the pandemic.

The Governor has joined state lawmakers to remind communities and organizations that \$24 million in state funding is available to address community violence.

COVID UPDATE

Pittsburgh's Cultural District organizations have outlined layers of defense against COVID-19 and the safety practices for guests, staff, volunteers, and artists.

Guests ages 12 and older will need to be fully vaccinated and must show proof of vaccination at time of entry into the theater with their valid ticket. Guests will need to wear a mask if Allegheny County is in the "substantial" or "high" transmission rate of community spread on the day of their performance.

This policy is in effect through November 30th. Learn more at trustarts.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Esther Bush on retirement as President of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh; Member Holly Douglas/Cosmos Technologies has been selected to serve on the Leadership Circle of the Greater Hill District Master Plan for the Infrastructure Chapter; Member Mark Lewis/Poise Foundation awarded the Grant Professional Associations 2021 *Grantmaker of the Year* honor; Member Allegheny Conference on Community Development has named Majestic Lane, former Chief Equity Office for Mayor Peduto, as Chief Equity Officer; The PA Small Businesses Development Centers has awarded Member Duquesne University SBDC three awards: Service Award for the Center of Excellence in Technology Commercialization in Healthcare, Life Sciences & Robotics, Partner Award, and 2020 Center Performance Award.

KUDOS!

Safety on the ICE
Members the Pittsburgh Penguins, Carnegie Mellon University and Covestro have teamed up to help make the game of ice hockey safer. The three designed first-of-a-kind dasher boards that surround hockey rinks, and are built to help reduce injuries but still allowing the puck to bounce and slide off the boards.

In The News

New Pittsburgh Courier
Member Sara Oliver Carter/Duquesne Light on the company making public its first Diversity, Equity & Inclusion report.

Chautauquan Daily

African American Chamber Executive Vice President Dan Taylor serving on Special Erie panel to apply regional lens to Week 7's examination of the economy.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Member Esther Bush featured in Women of Influence Career Achievement; Member Jeremy Waldrup/Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership.

Members YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Women and Girls Foundation of Southwestern Pennsylvania and Black Women's Policy Group launch a pay equity campaign.

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Regular Members

Erola R. Grisham,
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Sarah Hansen
Amanda Neatrou
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