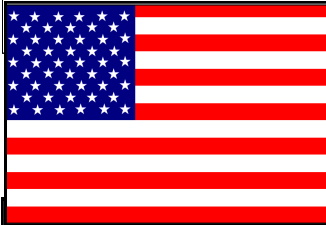


**Important Dates**

**Mark Your Calendars**

- **Members Mixer**  
April 18th @ CORE
- **PowerBreakfast Meeting** April 19th with URA
- **Building relationship with Hullett Properties** April 24th
- **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 2024**  
**This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for Members, Supporters & Sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA**

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**Your Chamber has welcomed 14 new members in the first quarter of 2024.**

given the options of a great pitch to effectively articulate their value proposition to prospective customers and investors. Thanks everyone!!

**'Good News'**  
Your Chamber wants to share your 'Good News'. Has there been a major development at your company, are your sales up, are you expanding? We'd like to share your good news. Email your 'Good News' to [barata@aaccwp.com](mailto:barata@aaccwp.com) or: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com).

**CHAMBER INQUIRIES**  
Your Chamber's President Barata Bey welcomes your inquiries regarding programming, membership, and general inquiries for the Chamber. Please direct your emails to: [barata@aaccwp.com](mailto:barata@aaccwp.com)

**Member Tamara Abney** introduced Shawna Solomon of Shawna Solomon & Associates and her team, in cooperation with Entrepreneurs Forever. They gave our Members a very thorough and informative presentation on effective methods of communicating your brand message and value including using social media. Thanks Shawna Solomon & Associates.

**Members' News & Events**

Our special thanks to Dr. Wayne N. Walters, Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools for a great presentation during our PowerBreakfast Meeting at the Rivers Club. Members and guests received lots of information on the future of Pittsburgh Public Schools, as well as the status of our school system.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**  
**April 19th**  
**Rivers Club**  
**Guest Speaker:**  
**Susheela Nemani-Stanger**  
**7:30 AM**

**Now Through April 26th**  
**Pittsburgh Cultural Trust**  
**Liberty Magic**  
**presents**  
**Mr. Messado's School of Magic**  
**Every Sunday**  
**2:00 PM**  
**811 Liberty Ave,**  
**Downtown**

The Chamber thanks Paul Hoback, Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer for the Allegheny County Airport Authority. Members and guests learned about the new more comfortable and greener terminal as well as other changes at our international airport.

Join your Chamber as we welcome the new Executive Director, of the Urban Redevelopment Authority. We will learn first hand about the URA's projects and how they work with small business. RSVP by April 17th at [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com) or call 412-392-0610.

Prepare for the most exciting and fun-filled kids' show in Pittsburgh - Mr. Messado's School of Magic for the Young and Young at Heart. Get your tickets now for this interactive 60-minute performance. Go to: [trustarts.org](http://trustarts.org)

**Member Mel Pircheski** did an excellent job, as usual, presenting the Elevator Pitch during our workshop. Members were

**Consider Sponsoring a Chamber Program in 2024**  
Members interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute program or series of programs can learn more about this opportunity to showcase your business. For more

**Now through April 15th**  
**Carnegie Science Center**  
**presents**  
**TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition**  
Embark on a captivating voyage back in time to the era of Titanic, where the stories of passengers and crew come to life through a curated collection of more than 154 artifacts. For more

information and exhibit hours go to: [carnegiesciencecenter.org](http://carnegiesciencecenter.org)

**April 10th - May  
Happy Hour Just Got  
Happier  
Free Performances at the  
Lounge at the Greer**  
Free midweek

entertainment continues at The Lounge at the Greer Cabaret Theater this spring! Grab a cocktail with family or friends as these sensational events croon, compete and connect your way to more memorable experiences in the Cultural District. Doors to the lounge open at 5; shows begin at 6. Learn more at [trustarts.org](http://trustarts.org)

**April 11th  
Hill CDC  
presents  
with  
University of Pittsburgh  
Institute for  
Entrepreneurial  
Excellence**

**April Small Business  
Hours  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Hill CDC Biz U Center**  
Register @ [hilldistict.org/register](http://hilldistict.org/register).

**The Pop District  
Open For Business**

A new district for the people of Pittsburgh! Multi-block public art initiative, youth-focused, creative economy workforce program, flagship live event & performance venue. Treat yourself and the family to a transformation of Pittsburgh's eastern North Shore through the power of arts, creativity, and economic development — led by The Andy Warhol Museum. Learn all about it at: [thepopdistrict.org](http://thepopdistrict.org) and follow the Warhol: [@warholmuseum](https://twitter.com/warholmuseum)

**'Get In The Game'  
at the  
Heinz History Center  
Sports Museum**

Daily  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Heinz History Center  
1212 Smallman St.

**Strip District**

The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum tells the stories of Pittsburghers who became champions and champions who became Pittsburghers. Take a look at what's happening at the History Center. Go to: [heinzhistorycenter.org](http://heinzhistorycenter.org)

**The August Wilson African  
American Cultural Center Is  
Celebrating a Birthday in  
April 2024**

Learn about birthday activities and other great things this month at the August Wilson Center @ [awaacc.org](http://awaacc.org)

**DID YOU KNOW**

A \$1B expansion is planned for Allegheny General Hospital as part of a series of improvements for the network and Member parent Highmark Health.

Carnegie Music Hall reopened to a ribbon cutting ceremony following more than 8 months of renovation; meanwhile Carnegie Science Center is exploring the options for a \$90M North Shore expansion.

**FYI**

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), passed in 2017, created the largest overhaul of tax code that the U.S. has seen in decades. Those provisions were meant to be temporary and by the end of 2025, several provisions are set to expire. Learn more @ [us.tax.gov](http://us.tax.gov)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Member Susie Shipley/Huntington Bank on the annual economic report for Huntington presented by Chief Black Economist, Dr. Olu Omodumbi; Member Jeremy Waldrup/Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership on their Annual Meeting, rolling out their plan for the city; Christina Clark, new President of La Roche University; Emmai Alaquiva new Vice Chairman of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts; Congratulations to Winchester Thurston School

and Sewickley Academy for being listed on the top 25 Private Schools

**KUDOS**

To Dr. Margaret Larkins Pettigrew/Senior VP/Chief Clinical Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer of Allegheny Health Network / Highmark Enterprise on the launch of AHN's Maternal Health program; to Member Mayor Ed Gainey for launching a new comprehensive planning process designed to provide a road map for future development thru 2050; Member Carnegie Mellon University has released its fourth Voluntary University Review of the Sustainable Development Goals; Designed to create a more equitable and sustainable planet by 2030, the Global Goals are 17 objectives adopted in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly after input from millions of people around the world.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Holy Family Institute is seeking candidates for three positions:  
**Case Manager** responsible for coordinating case management services;  
**Youth Care Worker** to provide daily direct supervision and monitor of children in care,  
**Clinician** to conduct mental health assessments for all children in care, as well as provide ongoing individual, group, and crisis intervention and be available for on-call rotation and psychiatric emergencies. Learn more at [hfi-pgh.org](http://hfi-pgh.org)

**In The News**

**The New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Dr. Kathi Elliott receives the Pittsburgh Steelers' Changemaker Award; Member Carlos Carter/Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh for a successful Ronald H. Brown Leadership Awards Gala; Luther Sewell/Talk Magazine on a successful Talk Magazine Awards event; your Chamber CEO Doris Carson Williams on the Talk Magazine award.

**Pittsburgh Business Times**

African American Chamber President Barāta Bey featured in *Personalities of Pittsburgh*; Member Emeka Onwugbenu on real estate projects; Highmark Health's David Holmberg on downtown Pittsburgh revitalization; Member Dr. Quintin Bullock on *Bridge to Equity: Workforce Development*, and Member Robert Cherry on *Our Workforce is Aging*; Member Diane Holder/UPMC on future plans for the healthcare provider.

We will all miss our Member Raymond Vargo, Jr. who passed away.

We are saddened to learn that former Allegheny County Executive Jim Roddey passed away.

**Welcome New Members**

**Regular Members**

Shanna Cochran  
Salon SC

**Associate Member**

Jorge Martinez  
American Red Cross

**Chairman Circle**

Howard Russell  
Hui Huliau  
Global Federal Government  
Contracting Firm

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**Enjoy the start of Spring!**

