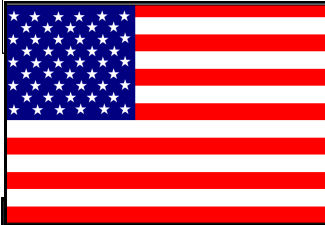


**Important Dates**

**Mark Your Calendars**

- PowerBreakfast - March 15th
- Pittsburgh International Airport Workshop - March 19th
- Elevator Pitch Workshop - March 21st
- Power of Your Brand Image - March 27th
- 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 2024**

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

***Your Chamber has welcomed nine new members in 2024.***

**CHAMBER INQUIRIES**

Your Chamber's new President Barāta 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)

Our thanks to Member Orlando Houston, Financial Consultant with Equitable Advisors, for the opportunity for our Members to learn & refresh on retaining and attracting key employees to learn various options to meet their needs as well as employee's needs.

Your Chamber's first Mixer Meeting of 2024 was held in Koppers 'Attic', thanks to Presidential Roundtable Chairman Leroy Ball. Everyone had the opportunity to meet & enjoy the beauty of this 100-year-old landmark, & share business information with other Members.

Many thanks to our Mayor the Honorable Ed Gainey who updated Members & guests on the economic health of the City of Pittsburgh, & share his plans for the new year during your Chamber's PowerBreakfast.

Dr. Ashis Barad, Chief Digital Officer, Allegheny Health Network did an outstanding job sharing information on the organization's digital presence, leading the organization through its digital transformation & growth, and how Artificial Intelligence can have a positive impact on Member's businesses. Special thanks to our sponsor Comcast.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**  
**Friday, March 15th**  
**7:30 A.M.**

**Rivers Club**  
**Oxford Center, Downtown**  
**Guest Speaker**

**Dr. Wayne N. Walters**

Join us as we welcome the Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools. Dr. Walters will discuss our public school system, update information on the school district, and answer your questions about the future of our schools. RSVP by March 13th at 412-392-0610 or [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)

**Learn About the New**  
**Pittsburgh International**  
**Airport**

**Tuesday, March 19**  
**3:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Koppers Building**  
**436 Seventh Avenue**  
**Downtown**  
**Lower-Level Conference**  
**Center – E. Graham Room**  
**MEMBERS ONLY**  
**WORKSHOP**

Your Chamber will welcome Paul Hoback,

Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer for the Allegheny County Airport Authority. Members will learn what we can expect as travelers, & how the new terminal is being built as more comfortable, and greener more Pittsburgh International Airport. RSVP by March 15th at 412-392-0610 or at [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)  
This is a **MEMBERS ONLY WORKSHOP**. Please wear your Chamber pin, and don't miss this one!

**Elevator Pitch**  
**Webinar**

**Thursday, March 21st**  
**11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Join us as we learn the makings of a "great, not good "Elevator Pitch" with Member Mel Pirchesky. The goal of this workshop is to assist participants in refining a pitch that will effectively articulate value proposition to prospective customers & investors. Don't miss it. RSVP by March 19th at 412-392-0610 or [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)

**The Power of**  
**Your Brand Image**  
**Virtual Workshop**  
**March 27th**  
**11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

We are partnering with Entrepreneurs Forever and Shawna Solomon of Shawna Solomon & Associates to introduce effective methods of communicating your brand message and the value of using social media. Join us for this powerful one-hour webinar. RSVP by

March 25th at 412-392-0610 or [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)  
Presented in cooperation with Entrepreneurs Forever. Don't miss this one!

### **Consider Sponsoring a Chamber Program in 2024**

Members interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute programs or series of programs can learn more about this opportunity to showcase your business. For more info, call us at 412-392-0610 or email your Chamber office at: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)

### **'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 [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com) or to [barata@aaccwp.com](mailto:barata@aaccwp.com)

### **Members' News & Events**

#### **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**  
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)

#### **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).

### **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://www.instagram.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).

### **August Wilson African American Cultural Center Presents Free and Open Exhibits**

**The Writer's Landscape** dedicated to the life and works of Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson is on display. The exhibits are free. Learn about all the activities at the August Willson Center @ [awaacc.org](http://awaacc.org)

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Member Highmark is one of several leading organizations selected for the Challenge To End Hunger and Build Health Communities (see the details at [whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases](http://whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases))

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Member Rod Doss and Rob Taylor on a great interview with Vice President Kamala Harris during her recent stop in Pittsburgh; Michael Lyons new President of Member PNC, Pittsburgh Business Times Power 100 awardees, **Members**

Kevin Acklin, Bill Artman, Presidential Roundtable Member, LeRoy Ball, Jenn Beer, Dr. Quintin Bullock, David Burritt, Doris Carson Williams, Christina Cassotis, Lou Cestello, Rob Cherry, Dave Daquelente, Leslie Davis, Bill Demchak, Rich Fitzgerald, Joan Gabel, Ken Gormley, Charles Hammel III, Karen Hanlon, Diane Holder, David Holmberg, Michael Huwar, Farnam Jahanian, Greg Jordan, Katharine Kelleman, Mark Kempic, Tim Knavish, Jim McQuade, Marimba Milliones, Susheela Nemani-Stanger, Stefani Pashman, Clifford Rowe Jr., Audrey Russo, Sabrina Saunders Mosby, Susie Shipley, Matt Smith, Bill Strickland, Jeremy Waldrup, Kevin Walker, Kendra Whitlock Ingram; **Member Kenya Boswell, Malesia Dunn, Lisa Haley, Kathy Humphrey, Kendra Whitlock Ingram, Ardana Jefferson, Melanie Marie Boyer, Delvina Morrow, Sabrina Saunders Mosby, and Jane Werner** for being selected for the *Meet the Mentors* program;

### **KUDOS**

**To Member Heinz History Center** on the successful virtual film series presentation *From Slavery to Freedom* with MacArthur and Guggenheim Fellow, Deborah Willis. **Excellent!**, Member Highmark Health, with its affiliated companies and foundation, will commit more than \$30 million through 2030 to enhance food security, nutrition education, and physical activity in the communities it serves.

### **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, **and Clinician** to conduct mental health assessments for all children in care, as well as provide ongoing individual, group, and crisis intervention

### **In The News**

#### **The New Pittsburgh Courier**

New Pittsburgh Courier Editor and Member Rod Doss and Rob Taylor's interview with Vice President Kamala Harris.

Member Carlos Carter's interview on black fathers in *Take Care of Your Health Today*.

Our Chief Executive Officer Doris Carson Williams and COO Shawn Hicks recognized for another successful African American Heritage Day Parade in 2023.

#### **Pittsburgh Business Times**

Chamber President Barāta Bey and **Members Sabrina Saunders Mosby, and Charles Toran**, featured in *"People on the Move"*

**Members Larson Design Group and Sci-Tek Consultants** for being listed on the top 40 Engineering Firms.

#### **Welcome New Members**

#### **Regular Members**

**Jessica Eberley**  
HRT Solutions, LLC

**Sidonine Satcho**  
SAJEREM LLC

**Stacey Weniger**  
Sentinel Construction

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**Enjoy the beginning of Spring!**

