### **Important Dates Mark Your Calendars**

- May 7th A Discussion on Legal Issues
- May 29th Annual **Meeting & Luncheon**
- June 4th How To Use **NASA Technology** Transfer For Your **Business**
- July 26th Annual Golf Clinic
- 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, selfsufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.



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### May 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 18 new members in the first quarter of 2024.

### **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

Kudos to Member Susan Stuart and the team at C.O.R.E (Center for Organ Recovery and Education). The April Members Mixer was wonderful. Keep up this important work!

**M**ember Susheela Nemani-Stanger, newly appointed Executive Director, URA gave an excellent presentation during your Chamber's April PowerBreakfast Meeting. Members and guests learned about the URA's projects and how the URA works with small businesses. Thanks Ms. Nemani-Stanger and the **URA** team!

### A Discussion on Legal Issues May 7th 11 AM - 12 Noon Virtual

Join us as we welcome Brit Peterson and Stephanie Wilusz, Penn State Law staff attorneys

who will discuss legal services and requirements for small business. RSVP @ information@aaccwp.com

### African American Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Luncheon Wednesday, May 29th

Omni William Penn Downtown 12:00 Noon

### **Annual Members Meeting** 11:00 AM

Join your Chamber as we welcome Joan T.A. Gabel, newly appointed Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh. Sponsored by Highmark Wholecare. Please RSVP at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

### **How To Use NASA Technology Transfer For** Your Business Tuesday, June 4, 2024 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. **Virtual**

Join us to meet with representatives from NASA who will explain how their Technology Transfer works at NASA and how to get started reviewing technologies that are available for licensing. Don't miss this webinar if your firm is interested in learning how NASA can assist you with your business! RSVP by May 31st, 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

### African American Chamber Annual Golf Clinic Friday, July 26th **Bob O'Connor Golf Course Schenley Park**

**M**ark your calendars for this annual event. Your Chamber will once again welcome PGA Master Professional Anthony Stepney for another memorable golf outing featuring a silent auction and group instruction. RSVP at information@aaccwp.com

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

**M**embers interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute program or series of programs can learn more about this opportunity to showcase your business. For more information call us at 412-392-0610 or email your Chamber office at: 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 barata@aaccwp.com or: information@aaccwp.com.

### Members' News & Events

Now through May **Happy Hour Just Got** Happier Free Performances at the Lounge at the Green

**F**ree 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 www.trustarts.org

# May 31 - June 9th Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival 12PM - 8PM Daily Pittsburgh's Cultural District

Pittsburgh's biggest summer arts festival is back! Enjoy 10 days of free music and art at the 65th annual Dollar Bank Three Rivers Arts Festival. Get to know the layout, performing artists, visual artists, creative activities and more for this year's festival! A production of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

### Power's 2nd Annual Purple Party Thursday, May 23, 2024 6:30 PM

at Rockwell Park

Pittsburgh's Biggest Sober Celebration is back. For information about sponsorship and ads, www.power-recovery.com/thepurpleparty

# Extended through August <u>Liberty Magic</u> <u>Presents</u> <u>Mr. Messado's</u> <u>School of Magic</u> Sundays 12 Noon through August 25th 811 Liberty Ave. Downtown

**7**his 60-minute show is full of stunning magic and hilarious comedy for the entire family, and every member of your party can actively participate in the show. Book your tickets now @: TrustArts.org/magic\_or call 412-456-6666.

September 11th - 29th "Hamilton" Coming Back to Pittsburgh Save the Date Benedum Center The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust has announced the return of the Broadway Hit as part of its 2024-2025 PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh season. If you missed it last time around, you won't want to miss it again. For more information go to: www.trustarts.org

### The Pop District Is Up and Running

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 and follow the Warhol: @warholmuseum

## Pittsburgh Public Theater "Summer Sessions" O'Reilly Theater Pittsburgh Cultural District 621 Penn Avenue

Register now for fun for ages 5 through 105. Let your imagination take center stage from acting to improv comedy. Pittsburgh Public Theater is a project of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Learn more at ppt.org

### Save The Date July 27th 7:00 AM

Black Men's Wellness Day
Westinghouse Park
7051 Thomas Blvd.
Pittsburgh 15208
Wellness Screening 7AM
5K Walk & Run 9AM

**J**oin Ambassador Leon Ford for this special event presented by the African American Male Wellness Agency.

# <u>'Get In The Game'</u> <u>at the</u> <u>Heinz History Center</u> <u>Sports Museum</u> Daily 10:00 a m - 5:00 p m

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

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

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Member Giant Eagle recently celebrated the opening of new headquarters at 700 Cranberry Woods, welcoming back more than 400 staffers!!

**The M. Berger Industrial** Park on The South Side is set to become home to a 2-level, 20,000 sq. ft Diversity Museum of Arts & Culture.

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.

### <u>FYI</u>

Allegheny County Executive Innamorato's Transition Team has published the results of the "All In Survey"; respondents represented all 130 municipalities in Allegheny County, and included representation from every race, age and household income level. The Allegheny All In Action Plan was designed to deliver on community priorities identified through the Survey. See the full survey results of All In Allegheny Action Plan @alleghenycounty.us/ government

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

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Member Elise Yanders/
Merrill Lynch named among
39 women across the nation
as the 2024 Forbes "Top
Women Wealth Advisors
Best-in-State". Big congrats
Elise! Members Yvonne
Cook/Highmark and Kathi
Elliott/Gwen's Girls on the
2024 Athena Awards
nominations - best to you

### **KUDOS**

**M**ember Khamil Bailey/ Emerald City & The Greenwood Plan on the acquisition of the Pitt Building, Downtown Pittsburgh. The group paid just over \$4M for the 3-story building.

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** 

Member University of Pitt is seeking a Research Security Program Manager. This position will oversee the development and implementation of a compliant research security program. Learn more at www.hr.pitt.edu

### In The News

### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Dr. Quintin Bullock/ CCAC awarded for Black Excellence.

### Pittsburgh Business Times

**M**embers Joyce Bender, Brittany McDonald, Patriece Thompson, and Sister Linda Yankowski have been awarded as "Women of Influence" by the Pittsburgh Business Times.

### **Welcome New Members**

### Regular Members Kara Edwards

Hahira and Hill

#### Sean Lazar

Movin On Up Laundry Services/ Affordable Linens

### Maria Lewis

MC Lewis Consulting

### Bernard Mack

State Farm Insurance

Iverem Rose Paychex

### Associate Members Ron Gruca

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