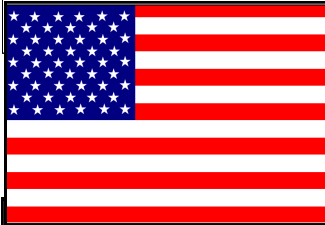


Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

- **Powerbreakfast Meeting with Lt. Governor Austin Davis**
- **Harrisburg Update with Senator Wayne Fontana**
- **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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This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for Members, Supporters & Sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

We have welcomed **23** new members this year!

YOUR INQUIRIES

Any questions regarding programming, special events, membership, or general inquiries should be directed to our Chamber President Barāta Bey at: barata@aaccwp.com

The Honorable Sara Innamorato, Allegheny County Executive delivered a great presentation on the economic health of the County, and she shared her plans for Allegheny County during our Special Breakfast Meeting. Thanks to our members and guests who were able to join us.

New and existing Members took advantage of the Chamber's July Members' Orientation. They learned about our unique organized body and the role you can play to advance. Watch for the next Members' Orientation; early 2025!

Our Annual Golf Clinic was one of the best yet. The members were well engaged, excellent group instruction, and a rewarding silent auction were an asset to the new business connections made on a beautiful day. Special thanks to our PGA Master Professional Anthony

Stepney for another memorable golf clinic, and thanks to Member Judy Wojanis for her donation of the auctioned set of golf clubs.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
Lt. Governor Austin Davis
September 20th
7:30 a.m.
Rivers Club

The Lieutenant Governor will give us an update on his activities and the preparations being made for the November election.

Business Institute
Workshop
State Senator's Wayne
Fontana 42 District
September 25th

This online workshop will give us an update on activities the Senate and the strategic role he performs in representing Western PA.

April 5 - 13, 2025
Your Chamber goes to
"ITALY"



Join us for this exciting trip with Citslinc International. 9-Day Excursion to Rome, Vatican, Florence, Siena, Pisa, Venice, and Milan Package Rate for just \$3,299. Includes Roundtrip international airfare & tax, 4 & 5-star hotel accommoda-

tions, breakfast & lunch, deluxe bus transportation, Fluent English-speaking tour guides and entrance fees to attractions. Email us for the flyer and registration form @ information@aaccwp.com

Celebrating
National

Black Business Month

August is National Black Business Month, and your Chamber recognizes and celebrates the contributions of Black business owners and professionals in our region and across the nation!

Showcase Your Business

Members interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute program or series of programs can learn more about this opportunity to put your business in the spotlight. Consider sponsoring a Chamber Program for the upcoming Fall and Winter seasons. For more information, call us at 412-392-0610 or email us at: information@aaccwp.com

Share Your 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? Email your 'Good News' to barata@aaccwp.com or: information@aaccwp.com.

Members Events

Extended
Through This Month
Liberty Magic

Presents

**Mr. Messado's
School of Magic
Sundays 12 Noon
Now through August 25th
811 Liberty Ave.
Downtown**

This 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
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 info, 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. Learn all about it at: thepopdistrict.org and follow the Warhol: [@warholmuseum](https://www.instagram.com/warholmuseum)

**September 20th
Sip & Swirl!
Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium**

Join Member Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium for this event featuring wines from regional and national vineyards, sample hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy live music – all while supporting the Zoo's local and international conservation programs. There will be an auction of art created by resident animals! This is a 21+ years of age event. For tickets go to: pghzoo.tickeapp.org/portal/product/77

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

The fun continues at Pittsburgh Public Theater. Register now for fun for ages 5 through 105. Pittsburgh Public Theater is a project of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Learn more at ppt.org

**'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.**

Pittsburghers who became champions, and champions who became Pittsburghers; those are the stories you'll learn about at The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum. Go to: heinzhistorycenter.org

**Every 1st Thursday
In August
University of Pittsburgh
Community Engagement
Center - Homewood
Presents
Small Business Support and
Real Estate.**

For more information call 412-383-0830.

**August 14th
Bookkeeping Basics
(Webinar)
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Presented by
University of Pittsburgh
Small Business Development
Center**

Join this free webinar and learn the fundamentals of bookkeeping to help manage your business financials and make informed business decisions. Action items include Creating a Chart of Accounts, Recording Transactions, Bank Reconciliations, Planning for Taxes, Accounting Software Options and much more! Register @: pasbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/31314.

**September 25th
Martin R. Delany Symposium:
Women During The Era of
Delaney
Heinz History Center
1212 Smallman St.
Strip District
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**
This symposium is being presented in Association With the Smithsonian Institution

African American Program. Featured will be presentations and panels that address women's writings and political work during the era of Martin R. Delany, one of the nation's most influential African American leaders in the 19th century.

DID YOU KNOW

**A NEW PLAN IN THE
WORKS FOR DOWNTOWN**
Connective corridors may soon be coming to downtown. A new plan, proposed by the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Conference on Community Development and Allegheny County are discussing a vision that is designed to convert downtown Pittsburgh into more of a live-work-play destination including a possible renovation of Market Square.

AGING OUR WAY, PA

This 10-year strategic plan on aging from the PA Department of Aging is designed to meet the needs of our senior population. Learn more @ aging.pa.gov

FYI

PennDOT has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program in accordance with the regulations of the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Learn more at: Penndo.pa.gov/about-us/equalemployment

PROPERTY TAX REBATES

The Department of Revenue is still distributing rebates totaling \$266 million on property taxes and rent paid in 2023 to help ease the burden of rising costs for Pennsylvania seniors and people with disabilities. The deadline to apply for property tax/rent rebates has been extended to December 2024. Learn more at: pa.gov

Beginning later this year, noncompete agreements are expected to be banned across the nation by the

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Member University of Pitt is seeking to fill several positions including: HCM Solutions Benefits Analyst, Physical Therapist, Civil Rights and Advocacy Response Manager, and Investigator. For more information contact Andrea Horton-Mericli, Talent Acquisition Diversity Specialist @: adh194@pitt.edu

Highmark Health has internship opportunities available for rotational or 10-12 week full time internships. Learn more @: careers.highmarkhealth.org/early-careers-interns

Member Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh is recruiting Urban Seniors, 55+, previous work experience. Get paid while expanding your skills, Job Readiness, Computer Skills and Career Exploration. Call 412-325-3925 or email: jthomas@ulpgh.org.

In The News

Pittsburgh Business Times

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Reports \$125M Regional Economic Impact on the Region.

New Members

Regular

**Edward Rawson
Haiti Friends**

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up for renewal?**

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**Enjoy the remaining days
of summer!**

