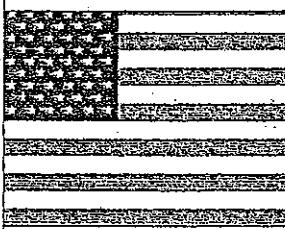


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to provide access and opportunities to 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, and sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania.

We are hopeful that all your family, friends & associates are safe after last month's tragedy. I am sure our Member Jerry Cozewith would be glad to have your donation at the American Red Cross.

Our prayers are with Member Annie Pettway who has been called for active reserve duty

Member Earl Hord was well received at our last PowerBreakfast Meeting. He discussed the different programs & activities of the County's Economic Development Department.

A special thanks to Chauncy Smith & the H.J. Heinz Co. for their sponsorship of our Mixer last month at The Andy Warhol Museum. Thank you also goes to Tom Sokolowski-Director who gave an insightful presentation that helped put the exhibit in perspective, why it was brought to

Pittsburgh, and the time-line of events in history that occurred during the same period. For as sobering and emotional as the exhibit is, members enjoyed a lovely evening of fellowship. Every Friday from 5-10 p.m. is FREE gallery admission with special programming. The last day to see the exhibit is December 31st.

The Mentor Protégé Program is moving right along. Several firms had an orientation meeting & are awaiting confirmation for their Mentor match.

The County's MBE Appeals Committee has added Members Ronald Lawrence & Attorneys Homer Walton and William King to their committee. Good Luck!

You will be receiving an invitation soon to

attend the Southwestern Pennsylvania Financial Services Workforce Summit November 17th at the Hilton Hotel & Towers. This summit will present new approaches on how to include a more diverse skill base in the financial industry. You won't want to miss it!

The Housing Authority of Pittsburgh is in the process of updating their list of bidders for construction contracts under \$10,000. This list involves various trades and defined areas of expertise. If you wish to be included on their bidders list, call their Maintenance Dept. at (412) 456-5171 to obtain the form. Remember you must have proof of having liability insurance & workers compensation your Tax ID & W-9 forms.

We are updating our database with changes to member information to prepare for the 2002 Directory. If you have not sent in or faxed us your changes, please do so as soon as possible.

<p>The Chairman for Citizens Bank hosted a breakfast meeting to meet several of us on joining our region. Their plans include focusing on the needs of the small business owner.</p>	<p>Surplus Seminar in early November to inform non-profit members how to take advantage of low and no cost government property. The target audience: 8A certified firms, schools, hospitals, COGS, colleges, and day care centers that are licensed, as examples. As the details are completed, you will receive a notice for the seminar.</p>	<p>Minority Enterprise Corp for honoring five Chamber Members at their Pillar Awards Event: Member Eddie Edwards received the Lifetime Achievement Award, Member Grace Robinson was given a special award & proclamation for her 'Tomorrow's Future' program that benefits high school students. Member Roda Ward Carter - Universal Colors Cosmetics was the recipient of the Up & Coming Entrepreneur Award, and Members Weida Tucker & Louis Waller tied for the Economic Impact Award. We are truly proud of all their accomplishments!</p>	<p>Joy Evans Deloitte Touche Leah Thomas A Woman's Touch Fashion Clothing & Accessories Vell Trueheart Vells Gifts</p>
<p>Member Esther Bush is busy preparing for the November 30th Ronald Brown Leader - ship Banquet. Call (412) 227-4211 for details.</p>			<p>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS William Hamner American Diabetes Association</p>
<p>There are a few seats remaining for the upcoming MCG Jazz Season. Call (412) 322-0800; buy 6-get 2 free!</p>			<p>Larry Schweiger Western Pa. Conservancy</p>
<p>Mark your calendar for:</p>			<p>CORPORATE SPONSOR</p>
<p>October 19th. Kent George, Executive Director of the Pittsburgh International Airport. His remarks will focus on doing business with the airport and recent developments that have occurred.</p>	<p>An educational conference is planned for January 2002 for minority and women owned businesses that have under five years in operation. Topics will include staffing and capacity building, financing, certification and legal issues. You'll learn more about the event by early December.</p>	<p>The Minority Enterprise Development Awards Celebration was held at Dowe's On Ninth. The keynote speaker none other than Member Eddie Edwards. What a nice luncheon!</p>	<p>Raymond Meyers Allegheny County Sanitary Authority</p>
<p>November 17th Ronnie Bryant, President Pittsburgh Regional Alliance.</p>	<p>CONGRATULATIONS</p>	<p>Member Renee Amoore, President of Amoore Health Systems, Inc. held an Appreciation Breakfast for the Job Creation Program on behalf of persons with disabilities. What a wonderful way to bring together people and jobs.</p>	<p>ChamberChoice Health Plans for Small Business A selection of dental plans that offer diagnostic and preventive care with individual monthly rates starting at \$6.50. Basic Dental 1, Basic Dental 2, or Dental Plus 25.</p>
<p>December 5th Third Annual Business Luncheon Omni William Penn Hotel.</p>		<p>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</p>	<p>Lost your Logo Pin? Your logo pin is your admission to many of our events, mainly our Members Mixer. You can purchase a replacement through the office for \$5.</p>
<p>Your Chamber will be hosting a Federal</p>	<p>Member Sharon Williams & the</p>	<p>Willie James Dillard Dillnet Security, Inc.</p>	<p>WE CAN PUT ALL OF THE PIECES TOGETHER OPTIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR CHAMBER 1-800-377-3539</p>

