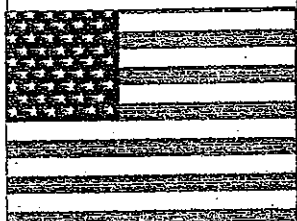


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MISSION STATEMENT

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 hope each of you are planning to attend our Third Annual Business Luncheon. The date is December 5th at the Omni William Penn Hotel. Our Allegheny County Chief Executive Jim Roddey will be the guest speaker. It's an opportunity to network and exchange business information with potential business partners. Don't forget to wear your logo pin!

The October PowerBreakfast Meeting with Kent George was well attended. Members should be signing up for the "How to do Business with the Airport", Wednesday, November 14, 2001.

The Mentor Protégé Program continues to show progress. Three potential matches have taken place. Now we are awaiting their next steps.

There is still time to sign up for the Financial Services Workforce Summit Southwestern Pennsylvania November

27th at the Hilton Hotel & Towers. This summit will present new approaches on how to include a more diverse skill base in the financial services industry. Don't want to miss it!

The Western Pa. Laborers Joint Apprenticeship Program will be accepting applications for their Building & Heavy Highway Construction Program for 2002. Call 1-800-442-8868 for an informational packet.

Member Esther Bush is preparing for November 30's Ronald Brown Leadership Banquet. For details call (412) 227-4211.

Mark your calendar :
PowerBreakfast Meeting

November 16th

Ronnie Bryant,
President—Pittsburgh
Regional Alliance.

The Housing Authority of Pittsburgh is updating its list of bidders for small construction contracts, those under \$10,000 and involve various trades or expertise. Only those who respond will be on the bidders list, so call Anthony Luck today at (412)-456-5140. You must have proof of liability and workers compensation insurance, tax I.D. and w-9 forms. Reference any previous or current project history. Remember all construction contracts over \$2,000 require wage determination and submission of all forms associated.

The Federal Surplus Seminar has been moved to early January. A separate mailing will go out on this for 8A certified firms, schools, hospitals, COGS, colleges, and day care centers that are licensed.

Don't forget The Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center's special premiere of the documentary film on Frank Bolden: The Man

Behind the Words,
Wednesday, November
14th at 7:00 PM.

Member Connie
Portis has enhanced and
improved her
Renaissance Publication
to produce a monthly
instead of weekly
newspaper.

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
soon learn more about
the event.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chairman Robert
Agbede was awarded
the 2001 8(a) Graduate
of the Year at the
Minority Enterprise
Development Awards
Program.

Members Dr.
Cecilia Griffin Golden
& William Strickland
who were the Parade
Marshals for the 15th
Afro-American Heritage
Day Parade. Over 1500
participants were
cheered on by some
10,000 well-wishers.

Member Garland
McAdoo was recently
named a Trustee at Point

Park College.

Members Gregory
Spencer & Ty Alexander
did an outstanding job
in putting together
"Path-ways": The
African American
Corporate Symposium.
Everyone & anyone
wanting to know how
to be successful in
corporate Pittsburgh
was there. Keep up the
good work!

Member Valerie
McDonald Roberts on
becoming the first
African American
elected to a County
row office. She will be
sworn in as Recorder
of Deeds in January.

Presidential Round-
Table Member Ron
Davenport and his wife
Judith on their
generous gift of \$3
million dollars to their
Alma Mater—Penn
State University. It is
the largest gift ever
made by a minority
couple or individual.

Member William
Strickland for breaking
ground on a \$4 million
greenhouse. It will be
located on the North-
side and will teach
inner-city youth to
cultivate Phalaenopsis
Orchids & hydroponic-
ally grown tomatoes,
both of which will be
sold in retail outlets to

help fund the 42,000 sq.ft.
center. Eventually, the
green-house will prepare
30 students for careers in
horticulture. Incidentally,
our Presidential Round-
table Member Giant Eagle
has already signed on to
purchase both products!

Member George
Miles was honored as one
of the chairman of "The
Magic of Mentoring" at
the new Heinz Field. It
was a grand celebration!

Lost your Logo Pin?

Your logo pin is your
admission to many of our
events, mainly our
Members Mixer. For \$5
you can purchase a
replacement through the
office.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Randy Reynolds
Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel

Monica Jones
Pittsburgh International
Airport

Chloe Velasquez
Sabio Springs, Inc.

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