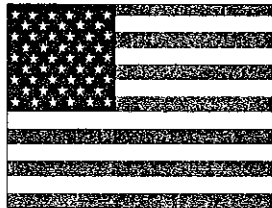


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UPDATED MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pa. is to continuously improve business & professional opportunities for African American businesses & professionals.

Our Vision

Guided by the core values of equity in opportunity, economic advancement, self-sufficiency & entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity for the African American Business Community by ensuring full participation in the public & private sectors throughout the region.

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September 2005

This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania.

You will be receiving individual surveys for businesses & non-profits this month. Please complete & return them to the office.

The 'Doing Business: Convention/Visitor's Bureau' box lunch program was well attended. Members took advantage of the special membership program & joined. For leads on upcoming conventions & a special membership rate click here:

[AACCmembershipflyer.pdf](#)

Ask the Expert
412-392-0322

Thursdays 9:00 - Noon
September: Marketing
 Starting September 8th, experts from A Cappella, Citizens, BrandMill, H. J. Heinz, MARC USA, Mellon & PNC will take questions about marketing for your business. Take advantage of this pro-bono expertise!

PowerBreakfast
September 16, 2005
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Tim Schuldt, V.P.
Marketing & Sales
Pittsburgh Pirates
Sponsor: Highmark
Blue Cross Blue Shield
 Tim will discuss doing business with the Pirates, the 2006 World Series Games & the vision for the Negro

League Section of the ballpark. Join us in welcoming Tim to Pittsburgh!

Members Mixer
September 29, 2005
New Crawford Grill
Station Square
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Guest Bartenders Chairman Greg Spencer & your Chamber President will greet you. All tips (\$) go to benefit the Negro Educational Emergency Drive (our Member). Bring your guests (no charge) & support this worthwhile organization!

Note the change:
PowerBreakfast
October 14, 2005
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Michael Jeannot,
V.P. Operations
MEC PA Racing

Thanks to our Member-Rep. Jake Wheatley, Mr. Jeannot will inform us about doing business with the Meadows' new project prior to the conference to be held at the end of month. It was Act 71 that authorized slot machine gaming statewide & created the Gaming Control Board. Forums are scheduled in Philadelphia for minority & women-owned firms to participate in this emerging industry. Our Member-Jake Wheatley, called for a

similar session for Pittsburgh, providing our region access to the same information. Be there!

Members Mixer
October 26, 2005
Kingsley Association
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Join us as we tour Member Malik Bankston's new facility. Come enjoy our last Mixer for the year.

PowerBreakfast
November 16, 2005
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Dr. Stewart Sutin President
Community College of Allegheny County
Sponsor: Citizens Bank
 Come meet Dr. Sutin & learn about his plans on educating & advancing procurement for minority businesses

December 1, 2005
Annual Business Luncheon 12:00 Noon
Omni William Penn
Speaker: Murry Gerber,
Chairman, President, CEO
Equitable Resources, Inc.
 Our new Chairman of the Presidential Roundtable will share his thoughts on our region & the role your Chamber will be playing.

PowerBreakfast
January 20, 2005
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Gayle Nupnau, Mgr.
Govt. Coordination Office,
California University of PA
& Dave Waters, Executive Director, (PMBDA) PA Minority Business Development Authority
Sponsor: Citizens Bank

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Both were gracious in moving their date for Michael Jeannot. This meeting will inform you how, for a \$10 fee, you can receive Requests For Proposals for government contracts that include consulting, market research, writing, & presentations at all levels. Then learn about upgrades to the state's women & minority business loan programs to make processing & approval faster & more accessible within our region; a nice way to start 2006!

Your Chamber will be partnering with the region to support the people affected by Hurricane Katrina. In the meantime, you can help by sending a contribution today. Click here for: [Charity Navigator](#).

Don't forget beginning September 1st, you can obtain a free credit report, either by telephone 1-877-322-8228, or by downloading the form www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestforminal.pdf, then mailing the completed form to PO Box 105281, Atlanta, Georgia 30348-5281.

Effective immediately, any invoices that don't reference a valid Heinz purchase order number will be returned without payment. If this happens, the invoice must be re-issued with the necessary information.

**September 15th
6:00 – 7:30 PM.**
**Dialogue with new
Pittsburgh Public
Schools Superintendent
Mark Roosevelt
Schenley High School
4101 Bigelow Blvd.**
Hosted by: Urban League of Pittsburgh. Join Member Esther Bush for this up close & personal session.

**Run, Baby, Run
September 17, 2005
9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
**YWCA Greater Pittsburgh
305 Wood Street**

This interactive & informative one-day workshop is designed to encourage women of the Greater Pittsburgh region to run for elected office. Run, Baby, Run is a one-day workshop designed to encourage women, specifically African American Women of our region to run for elected office. Cost - \$15, a limited number of scholarships are available. Go to: www.run-baby-run.com.

**September 15, 2005
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(9 am registration) Doing
Business with
the Commonwealth**
Erie-Gannon University
Waldron Center Room 219
124 West 7th Street,
Pre-registration required.
Call 814-871-7232

**September 30, 2005
Conference of Minority
Transportation Officials
(COMTO) Pittsburgh
Chapter**
Speaker: PA Secretary of
Transportation
Allen D. Biehler
For more info, log on to:
www.comto.org.

**November 5, 2005
8:00am to 3:30pm.**
**"Sister to Sister: Take
Wellness to Heart"
Seminar**
**Westin Convention
Center Hotel**

Now in its 10th year, the American Heart Association will hold a daylong seminar consisting of workshops, health screenings and motivational speakers on the subject of Heart Disease, a killer

among African American Women. Cost: \$20.00 Includes lunch & a continental breakfast. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Estes or Nancy Bancroft at 412 824-3122.

The United Way of Allegheny County recently moved to 1250 Penn Avenue (15222). Their mailing address & telephone number remains the same: P.O. Box 735, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-0735; 412-261-6010

Don't forget each month, a class is held on obtaining bonding insurance for contracts. Email Member Bonnie Hand for dates & details @ Blairbonding@aol.com.

If you know of "highly qualified executive-type" individuals with business & management experience & are interested in being considered for Bob O'Connor's administration [if he wins the election], send their resumes to: information@aaccwp.com.

Our Chamber will miss three outstanding individuals who have moved on: James Hamlin is now with the Boy Scouts in Maryland. We are pleased to announce that John F. Jones is the new Field Director of the Greater Pittsburgh Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Paul Skoutelas, a long time supporter of the Chamber, has moved on to private industry from the Port Authority. He will be missed.

Janet McCall left as Executive Director of the Society for Contemporary Arts at the end of August. Pam Pochapin will continue to represent the organization.

Their support has been greatly appreciated & they will be missed.

CONGRATULATIONS

Members Herman Jones, Greg Morris, Sala Udin, & Andre Young, & Associate Members Esther Barazzone & Barbara McNees, on their appointment to Pittsburgh Citizen's Gaming Advisory Panel to study the impact of casinos in our city.

Member Keith Kinard for offering Tommy Doswell (found not guilty after being incarcerated 20 years), a position with the Housing Authority, his former employer.

Member Stanley Loper on Whirl Magazine at the Summer Safari,

Corporate Sponsor Scott Brown featured in Whirl Magazine for the Sixth Annual Celebrity Cook-Off, & Gregg Morris & William Generett at the Frogs Formal.

Presidential Roundtable Member Mellon Financial Corporation on being listed in the top 25 companies for African Americans to work by Black Professionals Magazine.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Leon Sheffey
Botanical Designs by Leon

Cheryl Allen
Terry & Stephenson, PC

Sally Haas
Airport Area Chamber

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