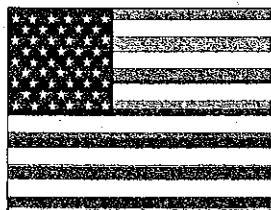


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UPDATED MISSION STATEMENT

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

Earn a free PowerBreakfast Meeting by submitting your Members Survey. Please complete & return the survey to the office before October 20th.

It's time again to prepare for the 2006 Membership Directory. You will be receiving a company profile electronically. Please review the information, make any changes, & return by the date requested: two firms have asked to receive their shipment for their first quarter planning retreats!

Ask the Expert 412-392-0322

Thursdays 9:00 - Noon
October: Credit & Lending Starting October 6th
experts from Citizens, Dollar Bank, National City, & SBA will take questions on credit & lending for your business. Take advantage of this pro-bono expertise!

Tim Schuldt (Vice President- Marketing & Sales) gave an emotional & compelling presentation on young boys playing sports & the discipline it provides. He outlined the Pirates' plan to expand the Negro Baseball Section of PNC Park & how you can get involved. Packets were distributed on purchasing

tickets next year's 2006 World Series Games.

Our Members Mixer at the Crawford Grill @ Station Square was well attended & over the top. We thank everyone for their support for NEED/Member Sylvester Pace.

We all mourn the loss of Pittsburgh Playwright-August Wilson. You can pay respects:

Friday, October 7th
11:00 AM-6:00 PM
White Memorial Chapel
7204 Thomas Boulevard

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

At this special meeting, Mike Jeannot will discuss doing business with the Meadows now & on their new project. A must attend for firms interested in this expansion venture.

Members Mixer
October 26, 2005
Kingsley Association
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Join us as we tour Member Malik Bankston's new facility & welcome new Chamber Members.

PowerBreakfast November 16, 2005 7:30 AM Rivers Club

Dr. Stewart Sutin, Pres.
Community College of Allegheny County

Sponsor: Citizens Bank
Come meet Dr. Sutin & learn about his plans on & advancing procurement & CCAC's educational programs for small business owners.

Annual Business Luncheon December 1, 2005 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Murry Gerber
Chairman President, CEO
Equitable Resources
Our new Chairman of the Presidential Roundtable will share his vision for our region & the role the Chamber will be playing.

PowerBreakfast
January 20, 2005
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Gayle Nuppnau, Manager
Govt. Coordination Office,
California University of PA
&

Dave Waters, Executive
Director, (PMBDA) PA Minority Business Development Authority

Sponsor: Citizens Bank
A \$10 fee, you can receive Requests for Proposals for government contracts that includes consulting, market research, writing, & presentations. Then learn about the upgraded services PMBDA has in place for women & minority businesses on loan processing & faster approval within our region: a great way to start the new year!

<p>PAGE 2 Business Institute's Information Technology Clinic Thursday, October 27th 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. The Kingsley Association East Liberty Your Chamber's Business Institute is holding a series of 'IT' Clinics, primarily focused on businesses in the URA's defined tech zones throughout the city. The goal is to increase small businesses understanding & usage of office automation. Technical assistance will be available for firms needing consultants. Thinking of how to expand your business & operate it more efficiently? Come learn how to get on the Information Super Highway & increase your speed for doing business. Space is limited, so call 412-392-0610 to reserve your seat.</p> <p>Members Events October 12th Understanding the Hispanic Market: Business Opportunity or Matter of Survival? 9:00 – 4:00 PM Union Trust Building Two Mellon Center 10th Fl. This full-day seminar will highlight the untapped Hispanic market & profitable opportunities for U.S. firms. Call 412-628-8394 for more info, or go to www.pmahcc.org.</p> <p>October 7, 2005 MED Week Celebration Doubletree Hotel You still have time to call Member Benjamin W. Butler & take advantage of their workshops & luncheon. Call (412) 395-6067 for details.</p> <p>October 31st Urban League State of Black Pittsburgh Carnegie Mellon University</p>	<p>& November 4, 2005 Ronald H. Brown Dinner Westin Center Hotel Associate Member Esther Bush is busy preparing for both events each worth you attending.</p> <p>November 5, 2005 8:00am to 3:30 P.M. American Heart Assoc.'s "Sister to Sister: Take Wellness to Heart" Westin Convention Center Hotel. Now in its 10th year, our Associate Member will hold a daylong seminar with workshops, health screenings & 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 Nancy Bancroft at 412 824-3122. Member- the Society for Contemporary Craft is looking for an Executive Director. The organization is a nationally recognized non-profit craft gallery/education center in Pittsburgh. BA (MA preferred) in non-profit management development. Send resume & professional references to: ic@abdintl.com. To register for their workshops or for a fall 2005 Studio brochure, call 412.261.7003 x25, or email: thestudio@contemporarycraft.org.</p> <p>The Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board has released their 10th edition of "Understanding the Local Labor Market: Promising Career Pathways in Pittsburgh & Allegheny County." Click on: http://www.trwib.org/pcp.htm.</p> <p>The Big Brother/Big Sister Program is looking for Members to be a Big</p>	<p>Brother or Big Sister for the School-based program with Urban Pathways. Contact Jim Scheidler @ 412-363-6100, x 238, or apply online at www.bbbspittsburgh.org.</p> <p>The fountain at Point State Park has turned pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.</p> <p>Paid Research Study: Anxiety Treatment If you currently take prescription medication to treat anxiety, Campos Inc is currently conducting a market research study with regarding their treatment, and will compensate you for your informed opinion? Participation involves completing a one-hour discussion at their downtown facility. For more info, contact: Steven McCoy 412-471-8484x480.</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS Chairman Circle Member Bob Agbede for ATS-Chester Engineers support of building a hospital in Haiti. Corporate Member Joyce Bender on receiving the Gertrude Labowitz Lifetime Award from United Cerebral Palsy of Pittsburgh.</p> <p>Member Dr. Robert Bennett on Gateway Medical Society's Health Symposium.</p> <p>Supporting Member Jerry Cozewith NFTE is to receive the National Director's Entrepreneurship Award, given by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).</p> <p>Associate Member Dr. Mary E. Hines installed as the Ninth President of Carlow University.</p>	<p>Associate Member George Miles for coordinating the VITA Awards.</p> <p>Member Faye Ritter on her recent Mobile Showroom presentation of comfortable seating & lounging furniture.</p> <p>Chairman Greg Spencer on being honored by the Boy Scouts of America.</p> <p>Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland on receiving the International Economic Development Council (IEDC)'s 2005 Citizen Leadership Award.</p> <p>Member Chloe Velasquez on Sabio Springs selected as the new vendor for UPMCs bottled water service for all UPMC facilities (except Bedford Memorial)</p> <p>Member State Rep. Jake Wheatley on a successful Community Day event.</p> <p>Member Oscar Worthy on winning the regional Supplier of the Year Award, & is now up for the National Award in Dallas!</p> <p>Chairman Circle Member Dwight White named chair of PACE School's 'Race for Pace' Walk & the Chairman of the Governor's Council of Physical Fitness & Sports.</p> <p>Corporate Sponsor Milton Washington & his wife Nancy honored by the YWCA for their community leadership.</p> <p>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</p> <p>Theodore C. Blakeney Federated Mortgage Corporation</p> <p>Calvin Washington & Vicki Gladney Roberts Vincal Productions</p>
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