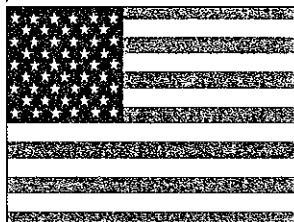


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously promote access & 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 the Champions!

Member Jonathan Eaton shared with us how the Jazz Opera, 'Just Above My Head' was developed by Dr. Nathan Davis. The film gave great insight into the production, making members want to see the actual production.

Over 50 Members & their families enjoyed a fun afternoon on the ice at the PPG Ice Skating Rink. We thank all who participated with us & Member the Urban League of Pgh.

Ask the Expert

The Month of March Legal

Call 412-392-0322

Experts from H.J. Heinz, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLC, & other firms of the Pgh Pro-Bono Partnership will answer your Legal questions—Free!

**PowerBreakfast
March 17, 2006**

7:30 AM Rivers Club Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato
Join us to learn about his insight & events impacting our region. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**PowerBreakfast
April 21, 2006**

7:30 AM Rivers Club 250th Anniversary of Pittsburgh Bill Flanagan, Exec. V. P. Allegheny Conference on Community Development

The planning for the 250th Anniversary of Pittsburgh is well underway. Come learn about business opportunities & the impact the celebration will have on our region. RSVP to: 412-392-0610.

SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program

April 25, 2006

4:30 — 7:00 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower 23rd Floor Davis Room

This workshop is designed to inform you about how to market & secure government contracts. Light refreshment. **NO FEE.** RSVP: 412-392-0610.

**Annual Meeting & Luncheon
May 12, 2006**

Speaker: John Surma, Chairman & CEO U.S. Steel Corporation
We will recognize Tom Usher & Richard Simmons for engaging cor-

porations to support the on-going operations of the Chamber.

**PowerBreakfast
June 16, 2006**

7:30 AM Rivers Club Mayor of Pittsburgh Bob O'Connor

The Mayor will present his vision for the city & opportunities for small business procurement.

Special Breakfast Meeting

July 14, 2006

8:00 AM Rivers Club Secretary Alan Biehler PA. Department of Transportation

Transportation plays a major role in economic development. Join us for this special meeting.

April 4th—23rd

CCAC's Entrepreneurial Institute Program

This eight week intense two hour evening session including dinner will cover everything from business plans, sales strategy, human capital, to management & growth. Chamber Members will receive a 20% discount. Contact Larry Furlong at: lfurlong@ccac.edu to register & for more info.

Member Neil Barclay formally announced the August Wilson Center for African American Culture as the official name of the cultural cen-

ter currently under construction. A reception was held at the Lincoln Center in New York for Pittsburghers living in the Big Apple. Then Wynton Marsalis did a tribute to our hometown Jazz artist @ Jazz at Lincoln Center. It was great!

There is a new online-only magazine about Pittsburgh. Click on: www.popcitymedia.com.

Dominion will hold its 16th Annual Strong Men & Women: Excellence In Leadership Educational Series. Honorees include Dr. Nathan Davis – Founder & head of Pitt's first school of jazz.

Campos Market Research needs females – 25 & older for a survey on prescription services. They must regularly access the Internet, have used prescription medication, & whose primary pharmacy is Medicine Shoppe, Rite Aid or Walgreen's. If know you someone, phone 412-471-8484 x506. Calls will be returned after 5:00 PM.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

March 8, 2006

7:30 AM — 1:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower 31st Floor

Pgh Regional Minority Purchasing Council's 2006 Senior Leadership Team Summit on Supplier Diversity

Hurry! You can still register for an panel discussion led by Debra Mason-CEO of Victory Management Consulting & Training. Cost: \$75-members; \$99-non-members; \$50 government: 412-391-4423.

March 15, 2006

43rd Annual NEED

Benefit Dinner

6:00 PM Hilton Hotel

Member Sylvester Pace has an evening of pride & accolades planned as NEED reaches out to support students furthering their education. RSVP by calling: 412-258-2703.

March 22, 2006

OPUS

City Theatre

This mystery performance includes romance & drama; a play you must see. Call 412-431-CITY for tickets information.

March 23, 2006

1:00—4:30 PM

Pgh. Public Schools 2nd Annual Business Opportunity Fair

341 S. Bellefield Ave.

This session is designed to provide business owners with the tools to do business with the District. Confirm attending by calling 412-622-3729, or mpiotrowski@pghboe.net.

Through May 21, 2006

The Westmoreland Museum of Art's The Place for American Art - Artists of the Commonwealth; Realism & its response in PA painting 1900-1950. For more info, call 724-837-1500, or visit: www.wmuseumaa.org.

April 1st

Sugar & Soul

Carnegie Music Hall

7:45 PM

Member Evan Frazier & the Hill House are planning a spectacular evening, honoring community giants. Franco Harris is the Honorary Chair. Call 412-392-4404 for tickets.

August Wilson African American Center for Culture: Hand-painted Movie Posters – Ghana

209 9th Street Gallery Wed—Sat Noon to 5 PM

Thurs. until 7:00 PM

FamilyLinks (Formerly Whales Tale) is looking to hire qualified Minority Candidates to fill their executive level positions of Director of Development & Chief Financial Officer. If you know persons who might be a fit contact Donna Murphy at domurphy@familylinks.org or call 412-924-0170.

CONGRATULATIONS

Join us in congratulating the Honorable Cynthia A. Baldwin as the new Pa. State Supreme Court Justice! Members Terry Collier & Sam Stephenson's feature articles in the New Pittsburgh Courier. Member Toni Silva is now Mgr. for Supplier Relations for UPMC. Member Robert Jones appointed to the Allegheny Regional Asset District Board. Members Eustace & Shelley Fant Uku in the news at the Heart Ball. Member Peggy Harris on a successful Three Rivers Youth celebration: Supporting Member George Miles on WQED's 2006 African American Leadership Awards, including Members Dr. Daria Crawley & State Rep. Jake Wheatley. The Torchbearers viewing was a week later, featuring our local Freedom Fighters Regis Bobonis, Sr., Herbert Douglas, Helen Faison, Alma Speed Fox, Wendell Freeland, Robert Lavelle, Thelma Lovette, Judge Livingston Johnson, the late Rev. Leroy Patrick, & Rev. Jimmy Joe Robinson. It was excellent!

Member Lisa Schroeder on the West End Bridge pedestrian walk competition for River Life Task Force. Member Rod Doss on the Courier's Exhibition of Images from the Pittsburgh Courier, held at City Hall. Member Robert Lavelle was one of the speakers.

Members Gayle Moss & Twanda Carlise out supporting the Pgh. Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority annual card party. Presidential Roundtable Members Tom Usher, Murry Gerber on being honored by Junior Achievement. Supporting Member Michael Langley served as the dinner chairman. Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland has been awarded an Urban School to model after MCG! Presidential Roundtable Member Murry Gerber on being 'King' of the Mardi Gras for the Epilepsy Foundation fundraiser. Corporate Sponsor Joyce Bender made a compelling presentation.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jacquelyn Wilson
Three Rivers Adoption Agency

Andrew Lee
Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc.

Supporting Member

Linda LeFever
Northside Community Development Fund