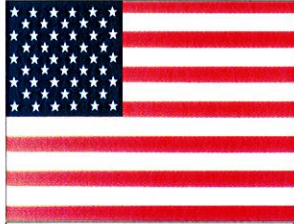


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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business opportunities for 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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APRIL 2006
This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. PA.

Join me in welcoming Kyle Henderson, to our staff, assigned to grow the membership base & implement programs.
Your Chamber ranked 12th among the top 25 Chambers in the Pgh area by the Pittsburgh Business Times! Chief Executive Dan Onorato presented his plans for economic development at the Power-Breakfast Meeting. Two major areas are the Airport corridor & the Mon Valley.

The Members Mixer at the Carnegie Museum of Art was educational. Director Richard Armstrong explained how over 80,000 photos of the Teenie Harris collection will be shared with the August Wilson Center for African American Culture. Members then viewed Phase II of the archives & entered names of people they identified into a database. Our sponsor was Member Robert Agbede (ATS/Chester Engineers). It was an evening full of networking & lots of fun!

Ask the Expert
April Marketing Month
Call 412-392-0322
Last month experts, including H.J. Heinz International's Senior Vice President & General Counsel Ted Bobby, Kirkpatrick Lockhart & Reed Smith manned the telephones & gave legal advise. This month is **Marketing**. Take advantage of this resource—Free! (Thurs. 9:00—12 noon)

PowerBreakfast
April 21, 2006
7:30 AM Rivers Club
250th Anniversary of Pittsburgh
Bill Flanagan, Exec. V. P. Allegheny Conference on Community Development
Come learn about various business opportunities & the impact the year long celebration will have on our region. RSVP needed.
SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program
April 25, 2006
4:30 — 7:00 PM
Regional Enterprise
This special workshop is designed to illustrate how to market your business & secure government contracts. RSVP by the 23rd

to the office.
May 12, 2006
Annual Mtg @ 11:00;
Luncheon @ 12 Noon
Renaissance Hotel
Speaker: John Surma, Chairman & CEO U.S. Steel Corporation
We will recap the past year & roll out your new programs at the Annual Meeting. Invitations go out this week as we prepare to recognize Tom Usher & Dick Simmons for helping build our Presidential Roundtable. We will also pay tribute to Patricia Prattis Jennings, Principal Keyboard Pittsburgh Symphony.
PowerBreakfast
June 16, 2006
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Mayor of Pittsburgh Bob O'Connor
The Mayor will discuss his vision for the city & opportunities for business procurement.
Special Breakfast Meeting
July 14, 2006
8:00 AM Rivers Club
Secretary Alan Biehler PA. Department of Transportation
Join us for this special meeting on the role transportation plays in economic development. ChamberChoice, our partner for health care, has been working with Highmark to create a

more competitive program. If you are interested, or want to make a change, call 1-800-377-3539 & ask for MyChoice.

Pitt's Computer Science Depart. has a FREE six-week summer program for African American students, grades 9-12 in computers & technology. An 8-hour community service project is required. You must apply by May 15th. Visit their website at

www.cs.pitt.edu/~trg4/institute, or email: trg4@cs.pitt.edu.

We applaud Corporate Sponsor Turner Construction, & Members Cooper Trading & Ebony Development, the team to build the August Wilson Center for African American Culture. Your Chamber put out a challenge, asking all members to contribute to this effort. We will have a box with envelopes at all events for you to make your contribution. No amount is too small. It will be our center & your support is needed. The goal: \$10,000 by year end.

Associate Member Carlow University is offering a 3-day workshop for students interested in healthcare. Financial aid is offered. Email: pettylj@carlow.edu or call 412-578-8851.

Mother to Son's Program of Small Seeds is looking for successful African American males raised by single mothers to share their story & inspire young men. Email sweetle_oan-gel@hotmail.com.

The Pirates announced Highmark will sponsor our Negro League's **Legacy Square**, home of the

Homestead Grays & Pittsburgh Crawfords. The Pirates will recreate fan banter & commentary on such greats as Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Cool Papa Bell, & others. Listed inside the theater will be your Chamber!

Zoar NewDay, a women's addiction treatment program, is seeking applications for board membership. Go to detwiler@zoarnewday.org for more info.

Did you know the River Life Task Force has aided in over \$2.4 billion being spent in the last 7 years around Three Rivers Park?

Upcoming Meetings & Events

April 20, 2006

**Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership
Hilton Pittsburgh
11:30 - 1:30 P.M**

\$50. PDP members: \$45. Join Member Michael Edwards & the *Pittsburgh Business Times* & a panel of developers involved with creating living space in downtown. RSVP by April 13th. Register @ pittsburgh.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/event/2144, or call 412-481-6397.

**April 21st & 22nd, 2006
8:00 PM**

Imani Winds

Kelly Strayhorn Theater
Join Member Neil Barclay for the 100th celebration of the birth of Josephine Baker. For tickets, call 412-394-3353.

May 6th

**Ebony & Ivory Ball
Westin Convention
Center Hotel**

Stay tuned for the details. 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 people who might be a fit, contact Donna Murphy at domurphy@familylinks.org or call 412-924-0170.

May 10, 2005

Legends of Leadership Heinz Field

Join Corporate Sponsor Stewart Sutin for an evening to benefit the CCAC Foundation. For more info, call Jodi Beemer, 412-237-4438 or email her: jbeemer@ccac.edu.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Bob Agbede on WPXI's Our Region's Business Program. Members Terry Collier & Sam Stephenson's feature articles in the New Pittsburgh Courier. Members Ernestine Harris & Winifred Torbert featured in the Courier's Lifestyle Section. Member Mark Lewis' 50th Anniversary for the POISE Foundation. Member Evan Frazier on his first Sugar & Soul event.

Member Marimba Miliones appointed to the PowerLink Advisory Panel. Members Rod Doss & Connie Portis honored by the Homer S. Brown Assoc. & the County Bar Assoc. Member Connie Portis' Black Extravaganza included Members Carl Cooper, Angela Ford, Cecilia Jenkins, Peggy Harris, & Elise Yanders. Velma Montiero-Tribble appointed Chief Operating Officer & Assistant Treasurer of the Alcoa Foundation, the first African

American in the position. Member & Pitt's Vice Chancellor Robert Hill at the NSBE's Golden Torch Awards. Member George Miles & WQED's Leadership Awards-Member Jake Wheatley a recipient.

Member Stephen Thomas' Health Family Initiative & interviewed on NBC's The National Health Test with Brian Gumbel. Member Peggy Harris on a successful Nellie Leadership Awards Celebration. Member Sylvester Pace achieved his goal at the NEED Dinner.

Member Jake Wheatley for holding the House Health & Human Services Committee hearings here.

Members Gayle Moss, Twanda Carlisle, & Senator Ferlo for the Enough is Enough' job & support press conference. Member Paula Castleberry on the Board of Ed's Business Opportunity Extravaganza. Members Neil Barclay, Tom VanKirk, Milt Washington, & Dwight White, at New York's Jazz @Lincoln Center Gala.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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AFLAC**

**Sean Lazar
Movin' on Up
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**Ralph Horgan
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