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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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**This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. PA.**

Mayor Bob O'Connor presented at the June PowerBreakfast. Since that time, a very constructive meeting was held with URA to make sure Chamber Members are in their procurement stream & programs. We will keep you updated.

Our Members Mixer at Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens was just lovely! After a rainy morning, the sun appeared just in time for our event in the gardens under tent. A big thanks to Turner Construction, our Corporate Member, who sponsored the evening.

Our Associate/Non-Profit Members had their second customized workshop on Fundraising & Evaluation. Members Dolly Ellenberg-Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, & Lorene Vinski-Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, did a thorough job of presenting the various types of campaigns & the components that make them successful. This month, Corporate Sponsor Bill

Strickland will present a customized workshop on 'Social Enterprise,' sponsored by Member McGill Power Bell & Associates.

**Special Breakfast Meeting**  
**July 14, 2006**  
**8:00 AM Rivers Club**  
**Secretary Allen Biehler**  
**PA. Department of Transportation**

There is still time to RSVP for the briefing on transportation issues, & their impact on economic development from Secretary Biehler. He will also discuss upcoming projects planned for our region.

**PowerBreakfast**  
**September 15, 2006**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**  
**Meet the Members of Pittsburgh City Council**  
**Facilitator: President Luke Ravenstahl**

We have invited all members of city council for this unique session. The focus is on how to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with Chamber Members. Obviously, procurement will be dis-

cussed.

**Members Mixer**  
**September 18, 2006**  
**5:00 PM—7:00 PM**  
**Frick Museum Sponsor: Prudential Financial**

Associate Member Bill Bodine will be our host. Join us to see the many treasures they have on display. Announcements are forthcoming.

**PowerBreakfast**  
**October 20, 2006**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**  
**Gregory G. Dell' Omo**  
**President**  
**Robert Morris Univ.**

Join us & learn about contracting opportunities & RMU's plans to build a medical school!

**Members Mixer**  
**October 25, 2006**  
**5:00 PM—7:00 PM**  
**Fifth Avenue Place**

The opening of Highmark's Legacy Square at PNC Park was just wonderful. Hats off to the Pirates for the outstanding job of creating the first in-park museum tribute to the Negro Baseball League. Included are bronze statues of the 'Crawfords' & a theater, featuring high-

lights of the players. At the entrance is a plaque, recognizing your Chamber with our logo! You must see the Highmark Legacy Square; it is special!

The Port Authority will provide special bus & rail service starting Friday, July 7th—Tuesday, July 11th, for the Major League Baseball All-Star Game & associated activities. Call the Port Authority at: (412) 442-2000 or visit: [www.portauthority.org](http://www.portauthority.org);

Don't forget about the County's Working Capital Loan Program ("WCLP"), created in partnership with Citizens Bank. For details, call Member Ruth Byrd-Smith of the M/W/DBE Department at 412-350-4309.

To review the County's Bids & Proposals relating to Purchasing & Supplies & the Public Works, go to [www.county.allegheny.pa.us](http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us) & the link under the subheading "Opportunities."

Dell has announced plans to provide free recycling of any Dell-branded product for consumers around the world, as part of its new global recycling policy. For more info, visit:

[http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news\\_third.cfm?NewsID=32822](http://www.greenbiz.com/news/news_third.cfm?NewsID=32822).

Corporate Sponsor Glaxo-SmithKline is looking to hire an Administrative Assistant, Requisition #34851.

Call Sherri Von Stein, Human Resources Coordinator GSK Talent Solutions 412-200-3184, or visit [http://www.gsk-us.com/careers/gsk\\_frame-us.htm](http://www.gsk-us.com/careers/gsk_frame-us.htm).

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland - Pittsburgh Office is currently recruiting qualified candidates for the position of Commu-

nity Affairs Advisor in the Pittsburgh Office. To apply, visit: [www.clevelandfed.org](http://www.clevelandfed.org).

Associate Member Thomas Van Kirk informed us that effective July 1, 2006, Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling & Buchanan Ingersoll will form Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney PC, boosting the combined firm to one of the 80 largest law firms in the US & the largest law firm in PA. with a head count of more than 525 attorneys & government relations professionals.

Larry Slater & Associates sent your Chamber a report from Ralph Bangs at the Center for Race Relations in the School of Social Work at Pitt, indicating that the County & City combined have only a three percent procurement percentage for MBE firms!!! There is more to come on this; we will keep you posted.

#### **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**July 1st—August 1st**  
**"Black Ball,"**

**709 Penn Gallery**  
**709 Penn Avenue**

Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Department of Education & Community Engagement, this is an exhibit of local artists' works, in homage to the legends of the Negro Baseball League.

**July 14th**  
**7:30 AM to 10:00 AM.**  
**Mervis Hall**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
**Mechanics of Starting a Small Business**

The workshop is FREE

and open to the general public, but you must register. Call 412-648-1544.

**July 21st**  
**2:00—4:30 PM**  
**Golf Clinic & Reception**  
**Visit Pittsburgh**

Join in with the beginners & learn the game of golf. RSVP to Julie Stevens 412-281-0482x3170.

**July 28th**  
**7:30 AM until 10:00 AM**  
**Mervis Hall**  
**University of Pittsburgh.**  
**The Second Step:**  
**Developing a Business Plan**

Fee: \$25 To register, call: 412-624-2182, or email: [mrwholihan@katz.pitt.edu](mailto:mrwholihan@katz.pitt.edu)

**July 14—23, 2006**  
**Opera Theater**  
**of Pittsburgh**  
**The Pittsburgh Ring**  
**Byham Theater**

Join Member Jonathan Eaton for the internationally acclaimed condensed version of Jonathan Davis' production, hailed by the Tribune Review as a 'thrilling experience, the best operatic staging seen in Pittsburgh in a long time.' For tickets, call 412-456-6666, or go to [www.opera.theaterpittsburgh.org](http://www.opera.theaterpittsburgh.org).

**Thru July 16, 2006**  
**42nd Street**  
**Pittsburgh CLO**  
**Benedum Center for Performing Arts**  
A Broadway razzle-dazzle hit! Go enjoy this Tony Award-winning musical. It includes such classics as "We're in the Money," "42nd Street" & "Lullaby of Broadway". For more

information, or to purchase tickets, call- 412-456-6666, or visit [www.pittsburghCLO.org](http://www.pittsburghCLO.org).

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Member Rod Doss on the Courier winning four first-place National News Paper Publishers Assoc. Awards. Members Herman Reid & Esther Bush on being in attendance at the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Awards Scholarship reception. Member Phil Petite's featured in the Business Times. Member Cheryl Spencer on her Grand Opening of 'Jasmine's Boutique.' Member Charles Toran on his featured article in the Business Times. Member Lou Waller on the article about Waller Corporation rebuilding Ebenezer Baptist Church. Member Joe Williams on being nominated by Governor Rendell for Judge of Allegheny County Common Pleas Court. Corporate Sponsor Steve Klemash on a successful Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Awards. In attendance was Member Ralph Papa.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Terri Snoe**  
Tsnoe Consulting Group  
**G. Renee Taylor**  
ComputerTots

**Chairman's Circle**  
**David Scott**  
KBK Enterprises