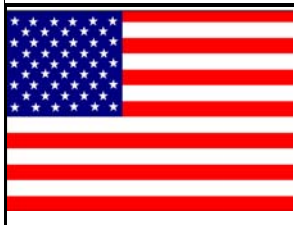


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

The Chamber welcomes Mark Chapman as Director of Membership & Program Development.

County Executive Dan Onorato stressed his commitment to the economic renewal of our region at last month's PowerBreakfast. He also highlighted his partnership with the Mayor on consolidating services for regional governance. Thanks to Comcast for serving as the sponsor.

The Gunner's Club at PNC Park was the perfect setting for our last Mixer. Over 75 members networked, enjoyed good food & door prizes, & listened to live music by the Afro-American Music Institute. Thanks to Member Winifred Torbert & Pirates staffers Gerald Jones & Chaz Kellem for all their efforts.

Candidates Forum
Manchester Bidwell
April 11, 2007
4:30—7:00 PM

Sponsor: Comcast
Please RSVP if you plan to attend. The doors open at 4:00 with a reception hosted by Manchester Bidwell. The forum will be available

on Comcast's *On Demand* the next day. The forum will include Mayor Ravenstahl, candidates for City Controller, & the District 9 City Council candidates. All must present their plans to support minority & women firms.

PowerBreakfast
Tuesday, April 24, 2007
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Morgan O'Brien, President
Duquesne Light

Come learn about their reorganization & how to access their procurement officers & do business.

Members Mixer
April 26, 2007
5:00-7:00 PM

#1 Cochran of Monroeville
Host: Patty Jennings
Sponsor: #1 Cochran
Come meet our host, make new connections & learn about the special discount for Members on new car purchases. Door prizes will be given.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon
Omni William Penn Hotel
May 30, 2007
Glen T. Meakem,
Managing General Partner
Meakem Becker
Venture Capital

Join us to hear from a skilled entrepreneur about

his strategy for success. Your invitation will be mailed in two weeks. Don't miss it!

PowerBreakfast
June 15, 2007
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Ms. Christine Griffin
Commissioner, U. S.
Equal Employment
Opportunity Commis-
sion

Sponsor: Bender Con-
sulting Services
Commissioner Griffin will give an update on Commission activities, offer a national & state-wide perspective, & take questions & comments.

The countdown for the 1st Greater Pittsburgh Diversity Festival is underway (August 16-19th). Email planners Butler & Manges at: mwmanges@aol.com to get involved & volunteer.

Visit the URA's Business Development Center's (BDC) brand new website at <http://www.ura.org/businessDevelopment.html>

Member Events
April 10, 2007
5:30 PM VIP Dinner
Rivers ClubCorp
This event celebrates living in the downtown area. RSVP by April 4th to: 412-391-5227.
April 13, 2007—5:30 PM
Bertram Goodhue:
His Life & Residential

**Architecture Lecture
Frick Fine Arts
Auditorium - Cost: \$10.**

Author Romy Wyllie will speak, presented by Members the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation & the Univ. of Pitt. RSVP to Mary Lu Denny at: 412-471-5808.

April 18, 2007

6:30 PM

Clean Slate

Black Tie Dinner

**The Housing Authority
City of Pgh**

Priory Grand Hall

Associate Member Fulton Meachem is thrilled to announce Neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson as the guest speaker.

April 19, 2007

6:00-9:00 PM

**An Evening Benefiting
Pittsburgh Glass
Center**

**Larrimor's Downtown
501 Grant Street**

Join Member Bentley Hicks & experience the riches of Japanese culture, while supporting the upcoming "Allure of Japanese Glass" exhibit. RSVP to paige@pittsburghglasscenter.org or call 412.365.2145 x202.

April 21, 2007

8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Sisters Taking Charge
2007 Sister to Sister
Seminar Cost: \$15
American Heart Assoc.
Soldiers & Sailors Museum, Oakland**

Celebrate being a heart-healthy woman with Associate Member Phyllis Kokkila. Pre-registration is required. Call Andrea Estes @ 412-824-3122 or email: andrea.estes@heart.org.

April 23, 2007

**3:00-7:00 PM
IT Career Fair in Pgh.
Highmark PGH**

The job fairs will start at 3:00 PM and end at 7:00 PM.

**April 26th-28th 8 PM
The Sound of a Voice
Opera Theatre**

Andy Warhol Museum

Tickets start at: \$25

Member Jonathan Eaton hopes you will join him. Call 412-394-3353 for tickets.

April 27, 2007

8:30 AM—5:00 PM

**Omni William Penn
Annual Youth Work -
force Development
Conference**

**YouthWorks & Urban
Youth Action**

Register by April 20th by calling 412-281-6629.

April 28, 2007

**Point Park University
Annual Starrmakers
Gala**

Hilton Pittsburgh

Cocktails: 6 PM

Dinner: 7 PM

Sponsor Paul Hennigan promises this year's gala to be over the top. Member George Miles will be honored. RSVP by April 16th to Jennifer Burke at 412-392-3888.

May 3, 2007

6:30 PM

**NAACP's 53rd Annual
Human Rights Dinner
Hilton Pittsburgh**

Member Gayle Moss is pleased to announce Ms. Roslyn McCallister Brook, Vice Chairman of the National Board of Directors, as the keynote speaker. Call 412-471-1024 for tickets.

May 10, 2007

12:00 Noon

**76th Annual Meeting
World Affairs Council**

**of Pittsburgh
Duquesne Club Sup-**
porting Member Sky Forster invites you to attend the meeting & a luncheon discussion on: "North Korea: Behind the Scenes in the Six-Party Talks." Call 412-281-7970 for more info.

**June 21st 8:00 PM
Pittsburgh Symphony
Orchestra Community
Partners Concert
featuring the
5th Dimension
Heinz Hall**

Member Esther Bush asks your support for the Urban League by purchasing tickets to this special event. Call 800-743-8560 & designate your funds to promotion code 2371. By doing so, all proceeds go to the Urban League.

The Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium is seeking a Annual Giving Coordinator. Call Pat Hargest @ 412-365-2540. Email: phargest@pittsburghzoo.org.

Tune in to "Disability Matters" with Corporate Sponsor Joyce Bender Tuesdays at 2 PM on: www.voiceamerica.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Associate Member Jayne Huston on Seton Hill University's E-Magnify Conference. Members Robert Hill & M. Gayle Moss' successful welcome reception for Steeler Head Coach Mike Tomlin; Member James Thompson on the Parental Stress' Women's Leadership Initiative; Stress-Buster Networking Event. Presidential Roundtable Member PNC Financial

Services in the Business Times, named #2 nationally at spearheading loan arrangements for middle market business loans. Member Robert Lavelle/Dwelling House Savings & Loan featured in the Business Times on his commitment to lending in the Hill District. Presidential Roundtable Member James Mesloh of Dominion Foundation on their successful Community Impact Awards Luncheon; Member FAME was an award winner. Member Mary Riebe's (Chatham College) successful Center for Women, Politics & Public Policy events. Supporting Member John Stillwaggon as part of the non-profit group that helped build the Ugandan Gold Premium Coffee farm in Wambabya. Wilkinsburg Mayor Member John Thompson's article on the rededication of the Generations Building. National City Corporate Sponsor Stephanie Cipriani was also present. Member Joe Williams on his inter-views regarding the sale of the Crawford Grille.

**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS**

Regular Members

Deborah el Shabazz
Expedient Communications

Sean Gibson
Josh Gibson Foundation

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**Welcome back
David Shapira**
Giant Eagle

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