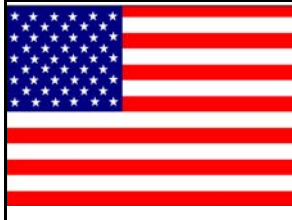


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

**Managing General Partner
Meakem Becker
Venture Capital**

Join us to hear from this skillful entrepreneur, & founder of FreeMarkets about his strategy for success. The **Member's Meeting will take place at 11:00 AM** to highlight the successes of last year & elect new Board Members. We will also be distributing the 2007 Pennsylvania Legislative Directories.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**June 15th 7:30 AM
Rivers Club
Ms. Christine Griffin
Commissioner, U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
Sponsor: Bender Consulting Services
Commissioner Griffin** will update us on current rulings & activities, & give a perspective on national & statewide issues. She will take questions from the audience.

It's not too late to volunteer for the 1st Pittsburgh Diversity Festival August 16-19th. Email Butler & Manges at: mwmanges@aol.com to join us.

Election Day is May 15th, 2007. Don't forget to vote!

United States Steel

Once again, we are the most live-able city!

With one week before election day, view Comcast to watch candidates For City Controller & the District 9 Council Race. Go to 'On Demand', then 'local government' & see the races & the conversation with Mayor Luke Ravenstahl. Kudos to Supporting Member Frank Polito for making it happen & sponsoring the forum.

President & CEO of Duquesne Light, Morgan O'Brien, share his vision & the organization at last April's PowerBreakfast. He was joined by his procurement officers, who are working with us to set up a "Doing Business With Duquesne Light" session. We'll keep you posted.

The Members Mixer at #1 Cochran of Monroeville was a productive & enjoyable networking event. Member Patty Jennings presented a discount program for all members & their families who purchase a new car before May 31st. **Don't**

forget: Call Patty @ 412-373-3333 ext.11051 or 412-916-9200 for an appointment.

Last month's 'How to Do Business with CCAC' Workshop was beneficial for all who participated. President Dr. Steward Sutin, Dr. Ralph Proctor & their procurement team instructed each Chamber Members who to schedule appointments with to present their products & services. Exit evaluation results indicated the workshop exceeded their expectations. Several members have meetings booked to move forward on obtaining business.

**Members Mixer
May 23th 5:00-7:00 PM
North Side Urban Pathways**

We hope you'll join Supporting Member Linda Clautti as we welcome new members & network to make valuable business connections. Your flyer will be mailed.

**Annual Meeting & Luncheon Omni William Penn Hotel
May 30, 2007—12 Noon
Glen T. Meakem,**

Corporation is inviting qualified candidates to apply for their open positions online. go to their website @ www.ussteel.appone.com for more information.

UPMC is seeking individuals for the following positions: **Health Promotion Specialist** (Candidates should have Master's Degree &/or experience in wellness), & Casual hires, part-time for even-ings & week-ends. (Associate's Degree in Health Education, Marketing, PR, etc). Contact Dawnita Wilson, PHR, at 412-432-7283 or wilsondj@upmc.edu.

Members Upcoming Events

May 18, 2007
Mervis Hall, Room TBD
7:30-10:00 AM
The Second Step:
Business Plan
Workshop
Cost: \$25- includes parking. The University of Pittsburgh's SBDC presents: Call 412-648-1542;

May 9, 2007
11:30 AM- 1:00 PM
Rivers Club
The Women's
Leadership Forum
If Not Now, When?
Member Frank Ham-schin of the Rivers Club is pleased to announce PA Supreme Court Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin as the Guest Speaker. Reservations are re-quires; call 412-391-5227 to reserve. Cost: \$30.

May 23, 2007 - 8 PM
Byham Theater

Charles S. Dutton **In "Good Night,** **Mr. Wilson"**

This event is presented by Member Neil Barclay & the August Wilson Center for African American Culture. Tickets start at \$25; to order, call 412-456-6666, or go to www.pgharts.org.

May 24, 2007
12:00-1:30 PM
Hilton Pittsburgh
YWCA of Greater
Pittsburgh Presents:
A Tribute to Women
Leadership Awards
Luncheon
This annual event attracts over 1,500 women! Join us as they honor Members Winifred Torbert, Ruth Byrd-Smith, & Associate Member Dr. Mary E. Hines. Call 412-255-1258 for tickets.

May 31, 2007
12:00 Noon
Omni William Penn
Hotel
Go Red Women's
Luncheon
American Heart Assoc.
Supporting Member Phyllis Kokolia is seeking additional sponsors for this tremendous annual event. Contact Myra Toomey @ 412-824-3122 ext. 6123 for more info.

June 7, 2007
8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Ninth Annual
Entrepreneur's Growth
Conference Duquesne
University, SBDC
The Keynote Speaker will be Steelers Great, Andy Russell. Register by May 11th for a conference discount. Visit

www.egc.duq.edu.

Member Gwen Allen, Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity at the Port Authority, will be retiring at the end of the month. We would like to congratulate her on a long & successful career of great service to our community, and we wish her the best as she enjoys her retirement.

Member Michael Langley of the Allegheny Conference is pleased to report that our region is ranked as a Top 3 City of the Future in the current issue of Foreign Direct Investment.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Bill Strickland on Manchester Craftsmen's Guild receiving the Champions in Action Award, in the Youth Programming category; MCG will be presented with a \$25,000 grant from Citizens Bank Foundation. Member Chuck Sanders (Urban Settlement Services) on the grand opening celebration of the new Urban Financial Center and "The Bus Stops Here" - Pittsburgh. Member Neil Barclay on the August Wilson Center's Winter Season and Institutional Brochure winning second prize in the "Calendars of Events" Category of the American Association of Museums Publications Design Competition. Member Bob Agbede on the cover & feature story in *Prudence, the Pulse of Africa*, an international magazine.

Member Esther Bush on the Urban League's Child Internet Safety Forum at the Carnegie Library.

Member Sylvester Pace on the Pittsburgh Business Times' feature story highlighting NEED's successful partnership with the County. Member Jeffrey Lipton on NOVA Chemicals being named #5 in the list of 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Manufacturing Companies.

Member Chuck Sanders on being featured in the Business Times as an advocate for more minority ownership.

Members Herman Jones & Ernie Groover on appearing in the New Pittsburgh Courier at the Que Mardi Gras.

Members Greg Spencer, Fred Kenderson, Bethany Criswell, & Faye Ritter in the *Pittsburghers Speak Out* section of the New Pittsburgh Courier.

Member Kevin McMahon (Pittsburgh Cultural Trust) on being featured in the Business Times.

Member Peggy Harris on receiving the Top Hat Award!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Deborah Hughes
Edward Jones
Investments

LaVette Malloy Smith
Cherished Journeys

Mario Shannon
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