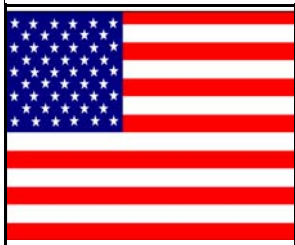


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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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.**

Last month's Members Mixer at Northside Urban Pathways Charter School, hosted by Supporting Member Linda Clautti, was great fun. We were treated to great food & a performance by their student band, "Steel Drums."

This year's Annual Meeting drew our largest attendance yet. Chairman Sam Stephenson presided over the election of new Chamber Board Members Howard Graves & Ann Rucker. He thanked Member Loretta Goodwin for her service. Sam shared his vision for the upcoming year & introduced Glen Meakem, who talked about his entrepreneurial ventures. During the luncheon, we recognized Dr. Edward Barksdale for his work. He joined the Cleveland Clinic this month. Glen Meakem then spoke to the audience of over 375 about founding FreeMarkets, selling it, & establishing Meakem Becker Venture Capital. He was quite candid about the need for us to work together in developing solutions to

end youth violence.

#### **How to Do Business with Duquesne Light**

**June 14, 2007**

**8:30-10:30 AM**

**2825 New Beaver Ave. Building 6—Room 128**

Key members of their procurement team will explain their requirements & upcoming projects. Bring plenty of business cards.

#### **PowerBreakfast Meeting**

**June 15th— 7:30 AM**

**Rivers Club**

**Ms. Christine Griffin  
Commissioner-US EEOC  
Sponsor: Bender Consulting Services**

The meeting will include national stats & updates on current rulings.

#### **IT Clinic**

**~RESCHEDULED~**

**June 21, 2007**

**9-11:00 AM**

**Peoples Oakland**

**3433 Bates Street**

**Pittsburgh, PA 15213**

**"The Me, The Market & The Money: Basics of Business Brand Development"**

Members Go4 Designs & Savvy Consulting Group will explain the brand identity & how your web-

site can be a powerful marketing tool.

#### **Members Mixer**

**June 28, 2007**

**5:30-7:30 PM**

**Phipps Conservatory  
Chihuly at Phipps:  
Gardens & Glass  
Sponsor: Prudential  
Financial**

Bring a guest to see this breathtaking exhibit of Dale Chihuly throughout Phipps Botanical Gardens! Our reception will end at 7:30 PM, however, you can tour the 14 rooms at sunset & see the effect on the glass works of art until 10:00 PM. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes: you are in for a real treat!

#### **Special Breakfast Meeting**

**July 20th 7:30 AM**

**Rivers Club**

**Robert Nelkin, CEO  
United Way**

The new President will present his vision for 1 of our region's oldest anchors.

#### **Greater Pittsburgh Diversity Festival**

**August 16-19th**

Join this grand festival to celebrate diversity in Western PA. Blues guitarist Buddy Guy, Latin rock band Del Castillo &

<p>Jamaican reggae stars, The Wailers, will headline the entertainment for this first-ever DiverseCity Pittsburgh Festival. Soul &amp; Gospel Diva Mavis Staples will also perform during the 3-day celebration, that includes an International Business &amp; Workforce Diversity Symposium. To volunteer, email Butler &amp; Manges at: <a href="mailto:mwmanges@aol.com">mwmanges@aol.com</a></p> <p><b><u>Upcoming Member Events</u></b></p> <p><b>June 16, 2007 12:00-2:00 PM</b> <b>August Wilson Center Presents:</b> <b>Juneteenth Genealogy Workshop</b> <b>Gallery 209/9th Avenue</b> This event is free &amp; family-friendly.</p> <p><b>Now Thru June 17, 2007</b> <b>High School Musical Pittsburgh CLO</b> <b>Benedum Center</b> You can purchase tickets at the box office, by calling 412-456-6666, or go to <a href="http://pittsburghclo.org">pittsburghclo.org</a>.</p> <p><b>June 21, 2007 9:00 AM—12:00 PM</b> <b>Point Park University's "Summer in the City" Adult Program:</b> <b>Killer Copy: How to Sell With Words</b> <b>Tuition: \$99</b> Discover writing secrets that professional writers use to appeal to their audiences. Hear from an award-winning copywriter &amp; learn to use your writing to get the results you want. Call 412-338-CITY.</p>	<p><b>June 21, 2007- 7:30 PM</b> <b>Always...Patsy Cline CLO Family Night</b> <b>Pittsburgh CLO</b> RSVP to Aja Jones by June 14th @ 412-325-1582.</p> <p><b>July 25, 2007 9:00 AM—12:00 PM</b> <b>Doing Business With the Commonwealth of PA</b> <b>University of Pgh. Mervis Hall, Room 309</b> A representative from the PA Dept. of General Services will provide insight on state contracting procurement processes.</p> <p><b>Pittsburgh Cultural Trust presents:</b> <b>JazzLive</b> <b>Free Summer Concert Series</b> <b>Every Tuesday, until Sept. 4, 2007</b> <b>5-7:00 PM</b> <b>Agnes R. Katz Plaza</b> Call 412-456-6666 or visit <a href="http://pgharts.org">pgharts.org</a> for more info.</p> <p><b>August 9, 2007—6 PM</b> <b>Artist Talk: Fiber Artist Rowland Ricketts</b> <b>Society of Contemporary Craft</b> Trained in indigo farming, he will discuss how he creates dyes from local plants &amp; other natural materials. Call 412-261-7003 x25 to register.</p> <p><b>July 27-Sept. 2, 2007</b> <b>Pittsburgh Filmmakers Gallery</b> <b>477 Melwood Avenue</b> Member Armand Wright will present his latest photography, featuring portraits of 35 African Americans, all of</p>	<p>whom are 90 years old or older, &amp; are volunteers &amp;/or</p> <p>clients at Lemington Senior Services. For more info, call 412-273-1993.</p> <p><b>September 24, 2007</b> <b>The Josh Gibson Annual Celebrity Golf Classic</b> <b>Chartiers Country Club</b> For more info, call Patty Caslin at 412-835-5185.</p> <p><b>We regret to announce</b> the passing of the great Civil Rights Leader &amp; Congressman, Parren J. Mitchell.</p> <p><b><u>CONGRATULATIONS</u></b> Member Neil Barclay on the dedication for the official PA State Historical Marker at August Wilson's childhood home. He also appeared in the New Pittsburgh Courier with Members Sala Udin, William Generett, &amp; Corporate Sponsor Mona Generett, at August Wilson's Birthday Celebration sponsored by Dollar Bank. Associate Member Esther Bush on helping bring the Walgreens Wellness Tour to Pittsburgh. Member Dara Ware Allen featured in Whirl Magazine at the Dress for Success Gala. Member Rhonda Carson Leach on her feature story on Savvy Consulting Group in the New Pittsburgh Courier. Supporting Member Sky Forster on the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the World Affairs Council &amp; Luncheon that featured Ambassador Christopher</p>	<p>Hill. Member Barbara McNees named</p> <p>Regional Women in Business Champion of the Year. Member Nick Nichols on his successful PRMPC Opportunity Fair. Member Grace Robinson on being named the W. PA Minority Small Business Champion of the Year at the 31st Annual SBA Luncheon. Member Van Kaplan on appearing in the Post-Gazette for a successful Pink Frolic Ball. Members Ruth Byrd-Smith &amp; Wilkinsburg Mayor John Thompson on hosting the first Concerned Citizens Advocating for Youth Celebrity Gala. Members David Coleman &amp; Annie Pettway on being featured in the Pittsburgh Business Times for promoting diversity. Member M. Gayle Moss on a successful NAACP Human Rights Dinner &amp; on being featured in the Courier. Member Carl Cooper on his feature story in the Business Times. Members Roland &amp; Bethany Criswell on being featured in Pittsburgh Magazine. Associate Member George Miles &amp; Supporting Sponsor Paul Hennigan featured in Whirl Magazine at the Point Park Starmakers Gala. Also featured were Member Glen Mahone &amp; Corporate Sponsor Ralph Papa at the History Makers Dinner.</p> <p><b><u>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Regular Member</u></b> <b>Sandy Burkett</b> Vital Signs</p>
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