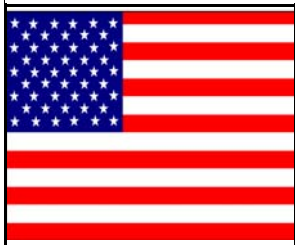


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable Fourth of July holiday!

The Chamber hosted a group of business owners & members to meet with U.S. Senator Arlen Specter. He reviewed pending legislation & took questions from the audience; an engaging 60-minute meeting.

EEOC Commissioner, Christine Griffin, presented at our June Power-Breakfast about employment discrimination & focused on the problems faced by people with disabilities. She indicated progress is being made to champion this important cause.

Presidential Round-table Member Morgan O'Brien hosted our How to Do Business With Duquesne Light session & welcomed a full attendance of members. The Purchasing Managers were on hand & provided insight into the new company & procurement practices. As a result, promising outcomes have developed for members who attended. (Survey results indicated 83.3% said the meeting

was either "excellent" or "exceeded expectations.")

Last month's IT Clinic was hosted by Member Sandy Phillips at Peoples Oakland. Facilitated by Savvy Consulting Group, GO4 presented on business brand identity & marketing. The feedback indicated the Clinic offered valuable instructions & guidance for moving a firm to the next level.

The Members Mixer at Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens was truly special. Thank you to our Corporate Sponsor Prudential Financial (Steve Marziotto & Cindy Cavallucci) for serving as the event sponsor. Over 125 members & sponsors enjoyed a reception & the 'Sounds of Steel' drum ensemble before touring the exciting Dale Chihuly exhibit.

Special Breakfast Meeting

July 20, 2007

**8:00 AM—Rivers Club
Robert Nelkin, President
& CPO, United Way of Allegheny County**

Join us to hear the new president of one of our region's oldest human services organizations.

August 16th-19th First Annual Greater Pittsburgh Diversity Festival

This major, multi-day event will celebrate diversity & inclusion in our region. It will include a diverse array of national entertainment acts. For details, visit: www.diversecitypittsburgh.org

July 6th-August 4th City Theatre's Summer Season Line-up:

Concerts— Fridays & Saturdays at 8 PM.

Earshot Films— Tuesdays at 7 PM

Tickets: Adults \$20; Students & Seniors \$10. To order, call 412-431-CITY. For more info, visit www.pnme.org.

July 14, 2007 –6:00PM

The 2007 Negro League "Remembering the History" All-Star Black-Tie Gala

**The Josh Gibson Foundation
Sen. John Heinz History Center**

The Keynote Speaker is former Negro League & Major League player, Monte Irvin. For more info, call 412-771-6949 or 412-246-4617.

July 30, 2007

**Leadership
Pittsburgh's Golf Outing & Dinner Event
Registration: 10:30 AM**

St. Clair Country Club

The program features 18 holes of golf, lunch & dinner for \$175. For more info, email info@lpinc.org or call Eric Raphael at 412-392-2249.

The August Wilson Center is offering Free Gallery Guided Tours thru August 31st Gallery 209/9

This exhibition includes: 'Drawn In,' featuring the work of African American architects & *Art for August*, featuring works of Pgh-based artists inspired by August Wilson.

MCG Jazz 21st Season Concert Series September 2007-April 2008

This series features Classic Jazz artists such as Lalah Hathaway & World Jazz artists like Randy Weston's African Rhythms Quintet. To subscribe, call 412-322-0800.

September 21, 2007 Seton Hill University's e-Magnify Presents Getting Started With an Online Store Riverside Center for Innovation

Cost of this course is \$45. Register by Sept. 19th at www.ebizitpa.org or call 814-898-6500.

Opera Theater's '07-'08 Season Beginning in Sept.

Subscribe & see spectacular productions of *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Die Fledermaus*, and *Lost in the Stars*. Call 412-456-1390 or visit www.pgharts.org.

Robert Morris Univ. Pittsburgh Speaker Series

September 26th—April Heinz Hall

Subscribe to this 7-part series & hear from such notable speakers as Madeleine Albright & Frank McCourt. Order by phone at 412-392-4900.

October 18, 2007 5:00— 8:00 PM

PA Women Work!

Circle of Hope Awards National City & Corporate Sponsor Todd Moules will be honored. For more info, call 412-281-9240.

The SBA's newest loan program, Patriot Express Loan Initiative, has new & enhanced programs & services for veterans & members of the military community wanting to establish small businesses. Details can be found at www.sba.gov/patriotexpress/index.html

The Rivers Club offers a new membership classification for existing & potential Club members: the Premier Fitness Membership offers four 30-minute personal training sessions per membership per month—a \$140 value for \$48 a month. For more info, email dana.richter@ourclub.com, or call 412-391-5227 ext. 220.

The local affiliate of the National Kidney Foundation is actively recruiting committed individuals to serve on its Board of Directors. Call (412) 261-4115 for more information.

Edwina Kaikai has joined Member Chester Engineers as Vice President, Corporate Commu-

nications & Public Relations.

McGill, Power, Bell & Associates LLP is now operating under the name of **Paparone, Stillwaggon & McGill.**

CONGRATULATIONS

The following members were listed in the New Pittsburgh Courier:

Members Peggy Harris & Darryl Ford-Williams at the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy's Spring Hat Luncheon. **Members** Joe Williams & Darryl Ford-Williams at the opening of Jerome Bettis' Grille 36. **Member** Chloe Velasquez in a feature story on Sabio Springs. **Members** Peggy Harris, Elaine Effort & Dara Ware Allen at the AKA luncheon to honor mothers of distinction. **Member** Neil Barclay pictured with Charles Dutton at Heinz Hall. **Members** Valerie McDonald-Roberts & Esther Bush included in the *Pittsburghers Speak Out* section. **Members** Aaron Walton & Bridgette Driver as panelists at the 4th Annual Management Faculty of Color Assoc. Conference. Associate Member Dr. Gregory Dell'Omo-RMU's President attended; **Member** Greg Spencer served as the Moderator; **Member** Grace Robinson, honored by NAWBO. **Member** Malik Bankston for helping to organize the Black Male Day of Solidarity. **Member** Maxine Engram at the Spring Scholarship Gala. **Member** Jerry Cozewith at NFTE's annual Dare to Dream

competition.

The following members were featured in the Business Times: **Member** John Laymon in the 25 Lowest USGA Handicap Index Among Area Executives.

Member Charles Toran about possible growth of human capital, along with **Associate Member** Dennis Davin. **Associate** Jerry Dettore comments in the Broad St. Development article. **Associate Member** Jayne Huston's feature story. **Supporting Member** Joan Ellenbogen recognized as one of PA's Best 50 Women in Business by the Dept. of Community & Economic Development. **Member** Chatham University on their 8th Annual National Education for Women's Leadership PA Conference. **Corporate Sponsor** Turner Construction recognized by the Nat'l Minority Supplier Development Council for their commitment to minority business development. **Supporting Member** Aradhna Dhanda's Leadership Development Graduation Ceremony.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Dwight W. Quarles, Sr.
Eagle Construction & Remediation, LLC

Supporting Members

Terry Beggy
Pittsburgh Social Venture Partners

Courtland Gould
Sustainable Pittsburgh

Associate Members

B.J. Leber
The Western Pennsylvania Hospital Foundation