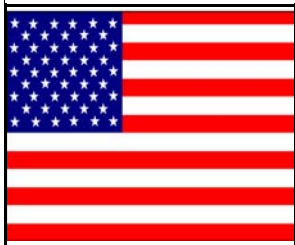


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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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### AUGUST 2007

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

The Dog Days of Summer are upon us!

Our Special Breakfast Meeting featured **Bob Nelkin**, new United Way President & CPO. Reducing youth violence & ensuring the academic success of all children are his priorities.

**Special Information Technology Workshop**  
**August 28, 2007**  
**Riverside Center for Innovations**  
**700 River Avenue North Shore**

Learn how your brand identity & the Web can take your business to the next level. Join us for this latest Marketing & Branding IT installment & find out just how much 'tech' you need to generate the results you want.

**PowerBreakfast**  
**September 21, 2007**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**  
**Robert DeMichiei,**  
**Chief Financial Officer,**  
**UPMC Sponsor:**

**The Alcoa Foundation**  
Come learn from their chief officer about new procurement & business opportunities.

### September Members Mixer

**5:00-7:00 PM**  
**Citizens Bank**

Member **Scott Brown** will host us for an evening of networking & meeting his associates. An announcement with the exact date & time will be mailed to you.

**PowerBreakfast**  
**October 19, 2007**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**  
**Stuart Hoffman**  
**Chief Economist — PNC Financial Services Group**  
Join us to hear the 2008 economic forecast & ask questions of the expert!

**Members Mixer**  
**October 24, 2007**  
**5:00 PM — 7:30 PM**  
**Fifth Avenue Place**  
**Sponsor: Highmark**  
We will return for an evening of networking & enjoying the shops.

In September, you will receive your Chamber's Membership Survey online. The questionnaire will help us assess the growth of our organization & develop our programs for 2008. Your participation entitles you to a complimentary PowerBreakfast Meeting.

### **Greater Pittsburgh Diversity Festival—** **August 16th-19th!**

This multi-day event will celebrate our diverse cultural traditions & help to spur a spirit of acceptance & inclusion in our region. There is still time to register for the two-day Symposium on Business & Workforce Diversity. Friday night is the Gala at the Westin Convention Center, featuring former Steeler **Franco Harris**. Saturday & Sunday will feature a street festival celebration at PNC's Firstside Park. Bring the family & enjoy the activities & booths that will include a Youth Village, Community Services Tents, Global Market Tents, & Shopping & Dining venues from around the globe. The Festival will also include a diverse array of national entertainment acts, such as **Del Castillo**, **Buddy Guy**, **Mavis Staples** & **The Wailers**. For more details, go to visit: [www.diversecity-pittsburgh.org](http://www.diversecity-pittsburgh.org).

The University of Pittsburgh's Center for Race & Social Problems report, "Pittsburgh's Racial Demographics: Differences & Disparities," is the most compre-

hensive study done on quality-of-life issues for multiple racial & ethnic groups in Pittsburgh. To review these findings go to <http://www.crsp.pitt.edu/demographics.html>.

### **Members' Events**

**The Hill House  
Presents  
"Live at the Hurricane"  
Blakey Program Center  
1908 Wylie Avenue**

Come out to enjoy this monthly event featuring live jazz & "storytelling jams." The concerts are held every second Sunday of the month.

**Thru August 2007  
Wed. & Sun.—2 PM &  
7:30 PM**

**Pittsburgh CLO  
Presents  
"Always...Patsy Cline"  
CLO Cabaret**

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the life & music of a true music legend. For tickets, call 412-456-6666 or visit [www.pittsburghCLO.org](http://www.pittsburghCLO.org)

**September 12, 2007  
8:30-10:30 AM  
University of Pittsburgh Small Business  
Development Center's  
Hiring &  
Firing Seminar**

Learn the laws that protect you & your staff. To register, call 412-648-1542 or email: [ieeregistration@katz.pitt.edu](mailto:ieeregistration@katz.pitt.edu).

The deadline for the Pittsburgh Public Schools bid for Miller African-Centered Academy's additions & renovations, valued at \$5.4 mil, has been extended. The bid due date is now August 14th.

### **Members' News**

The city Urban Redevelopment Authority is expected to name its general counsel, Don Kortlandt, as the acting director, following the resignation of **Member** Jerome Dettore.

**Mellon Financial Corp.** recently completed the merger with the Bank of New York. The bank's new name is **The Bank of New York Mellon**.

The Royal Bank of Scotland, parent company of Citizens Bank, has acquired a 5% interest in the Bank of China. A forum will be held in October to discuss this new development.

The Birmingham Foundation is seeking an Executive Director. Candidates should have a Master's Degree in Social Sciences or a related field & the appropriate experience. Resumes must be in by September 15th. Mail to:

Biff Swager  
PO Box 42401  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Associate Member Deborah Hartman is recruiting individuals to serve on the Board of Directors of the National Kidney Foundation of the Alleghenies. Call 412-261-4115 for more info.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Member** Victor Diaz hosted a special meeting of the Pgh. Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce where Governor Ed Rendell endorsed the Greater Pgh. Diversity Festival.

**Sponsor** Bill Strickland was named the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in Arts & Education. **Member** Bill Generett's story in the Post-Gazette on being appointed Director of the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone. **Member** Sylvester Pace on NEED awarding \$230,000 in scholarships at the 44th Annual NEED Benefit Dinner. They are also in the final stages of moving to the main floor of the Warner Centre on Fifth Avenue. **Members** Rhonda Carson Leach & Max Miller on being certified as Facilitators/Trainers by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation's Fast Track New Ventures/New Growth Program. The purpose is to help Chambers & Universities of Commerce nationally with training on starting new businesses.

The following members were featured in the New Pittsburgh Courier:

**Member** George Miles, Jr. at Pittsburgh Magazine's Best Restaurant Party, presented by WQED. **Member** Oscar Worthy will serve as the co-host of the 140th African Methodist Episcopal Church Conference. **Member** Edmund Effort at the Alpha Weekend Cookout. **Member** Evan Frazier for hosting Presidential candidate John Edwards at the Hill House & their recent purchase of One Hope Square. He was also featured in Whirl Magazine. **Member** Orlana Darkins for creating the

Shyne Awards to highlight the achievements of young people. **Member** Ted Duncan on his recent retirement. **Member** Sala Udin for co-sponsoring a bus tour to pay tribute to the city's role in the Underground Railroad. **Members** Irv & Janice Williams, two entrepreneurs who had the "audacity to dream." **Members** Esther Bush & James Williams featured at the Links' Mad Hatters Soiree. **Member** Gayle Moss's story about the NAACP bringing attention to Darfur. **Member** Jackie Dixon at Homewood AME Zion Church's Women's Day Celebration. She was also profiled in Whirl Magazine. **Member** Sean Gibson for a successful Josh Gibson Foundation All-Star Gala at the Heinz History Center. **Corporate Sponsor** Chauncey Smith & wife Bernice were Honorary Chairs.

**Member** Chelsea Glover featured in Whirl as one of Pittsburgh's 50 Finest for 2007. **Members** Debra Mason & Eustace Uku quoted on diverse hiring in the Business Times, & **Member** Bridgette Driver was also profiled.

Welcome New Members

### **Regular Members**

**Francis Ligons**  
M & L, Inc.

### **Supporting Members**

**Deborah Hartman**  
National Kidney  
Foundation of the  
Alleghenies