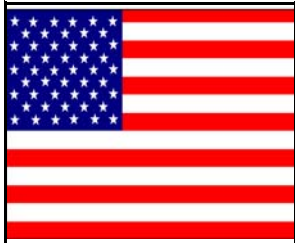


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MISSION STATEMENT

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, your Chamber & PRMPC hosted a productive & informative session on doing business with the PA Gaming Control Board. Commissioners Sanford Rivers & Ken McCabe presented on the value of becoming a certified vendor, which enables you to contract with all casinos in PA. Following the session, Commissioner Rivers notified the Chamber office you must go thru a casino to get a vendor license. However by Oct. 31st, the policy will be changed to obtain a vendor license thru the **Gaming Control Board**, a better arrangement for small business owners.

UPMC's Chief Financial Officer Robert DeMichiei spoke on procurement opportunities & stressed his commitment to promoting diversity. Thanks to the Alcoa Foundation for serving as the Power-Breakfast Meeting sponsor.

We kicked off this networking season with a Members Mixer at Citizens Bank, hosted by Member Scott Brown.

The evening was the perfect mix of business connections & socializing.

PowerBreakfast

October 19, 2007

7:30 AM Rivers Club

Stuart Hoffman

Chief Economist — PNC

Financial Services Group

Sponsor: State Farm

Join us to learn about the economic state of our region and the forecast for 2008. Then ask questions of the expert!

Members Mixer

October 25, 2007

5:00 PM — 7:30 PM

Fifth Avenue Place

Sponsor: Highmark

We will return for an evening of networking & visiting their shops, including Member Lydell's.

Doing Business with Housing Authority of the

City of Pittsburgh

October 30, 2007

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower

This special workshop will feature Member Fulton Meachem & his staff on the protocol & requirements for doing business. \$10-Members; \$15 for Non-Members. A must do!

All members who are business owners should

have received your on-line Membership Survey; the survey for non-profits will be sent in two weeks.

It will help us to better serve your needs. Don't forget: Your completed survey entitles you to a complimentary Power-Breakfast Meeting.

Members Holiday Party

November 28, 2007

New Dinosaur Hall

Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh- Oakland

We are fortunate to be one of the first groups to view the world's most comprehensive dinosaur collection in the world! Bring the family; an invitation will be sent.

December 6, 2007

Annual Business

Luncheon 12:00 Noon

Omni William Penn

Speaker: Jeffrey Romoff President & CEO UPMC

Our Presidential Round-table Member will address us on the state of health-care in our region.

Members' Events

October 4, 2007

10 AM—2 PM

Mon Valley Job Fair

Rostraver Ice Garden Rostraver, PA

For more details on the fair, call PA CareerLink Mon Valley at 724-379-4750. Also, there will be a complimentary shuttle service available to pick up passengers for travel

to the job fair. For a list of stop locations, visit www.mmvta.com.

**October 9, 2007
12:00—1:30 PM**

“Shopping Under Suspicion: Consumer Racial Profiling & Perceived Victimization”

This lecture is part of the Pitt's Center on Race & Social Problems' 2007 Speaker Series. Lunch provided: registration is not required.

**October 12, 2007
12:00 Noon**

**World Affairs Council
Special Luncheon:
Fuelling the U.S. Navy
& America's
Global Role**

Join Member Sky Foerster to hear keynote speaker Admiral Kirk Donald Propulsion. RSVP to 412-281-1795.

**October 12, 2007
6:00—10:00 PM
Pittsburgh Regional
Minority Purchasing
Council 2007 Awards
Gala: Hilton Pittsburgh**

Member Nick Nichols looks forward to you seeing you. Contact Natasha D. Frye @t 412-391-4423 for details.

**October 19, 2007
5:30-9:00 PM**

**Pittsburgh Cultural
Trust: Gallery Crawl
Cultural District
(Downtown)**

Enjoy this showcase of art & entertainment, featuring cutting-edge art at over a dozen venues, & live music –free. For more info, visit www.pgharts.org.

**November 2, 2007
8:30 AM—3:00 PM**

**2007 MED Week
Celebration
“Celebrating the Leg-**

**acy of Innovation &
Competitiveness”
Hilton Hotel**

The keynote speaker will be Member Robert Agbede, President & CEO-Chester Engineers. Cost: \$50. Contact Member Ben Butler at 412-395-6067.

**Thru November 24th
Transformation 6:
Contemporary Works
in Glass**

The Society for Contemporary Craft
This biennial show features 28 artists & includes artist talks & tours, with a \$5,000 prize.

**November 8, 2007
PA Governor's Conference for Women
Convention Center
Philadelphia, PA**

Don't miss out! Register online today at: www.pa.governorsconferenceforwomen.org.

Bradley D. Penrod, former COO of the County Airport Authority, is the new Executive Director, replacing Corporate Sponsor Kent George.

Member Cliff Shannon, SMC Business Councils President, has stepped down after 11 years on the job. We congratulate him on a distinguished career.

The Pittsburgh Pirates announced Frank Coonelly, a veteran of the Commissioner's Office, as the team's President.

William Trueheart has retired as President of the Pittsburgh Foundation after having served for eight productive years.

Members' News

Enterprise Rent A Car announced adding its newest location at 126 6th St., Use your Chamber # -40A9461 when making reservations. Call 412-325-7042.

Member Elise Yanders will be honored by the Women & Girls Foundation at the upcoming “Women in Sports: Leveling the Playing Field,” October 13th at Heinz Field. Mary Lou Retton will be the Keynote Speaker.

Maxwell King received the Coleman Award from the Institute of Politics for Excellence in Community Service.

According to the American Chamber of Commerce Executives report consumers are 63% more likely to buy from chamber members: we hope you agree.

Member Tamara Davis recently joined Howard Hanna Real Estate Services as a sales associate- Forest Hills.

**CONGRATULATIONS
Chairman Circle Mem-**

ber Keith Keys received the 2007 Partner of the Year Award by the National Black Chamber of Commerce. Member Ruth Byrd Smith listed in the Post-Gazette as one of their “People on the Move.”

*The following members
were featured in Whirl
Magazine:*

Member Chelsea Glover for Pittsburgh's 50 Finest. Members JW Wallace, Victor Diaz & Andrew Russell pictured at the DiverseCITY Pittsburgh Gala Celebration.

Member Howard Graves on Graves Architects contract award on the design of the new arena parking garage.

*The following members
were featured in the New
Pittsburgh Courier:*

Member Winifred Torbert featured at the Omega Psi Phi Labor Day Cruise. Member Greg Spencer on the front page of the Business Section in an article about his joint venture, the City of Bridges Café at the Airport; also Members Glenn Mahone and Ruth Byrd-Smith on being mentioned in the same article. Member Ernie Groover pictured at the Walt Harper All That Jazz Awards. Member Jackie Dixon featured at the celebration of the golden anniversary of Gateway to the Arts.

*The following members
were featured in August in
the Pittsburgh Business
Times:*

Members Ruthie King, Esther Bush & Peggy Harris pictured with Franco Harris at the DiverseCITY Gala Celebration. Member Bill Strickland at the Cera [MIX]Pittsburgh Media Launch reception at MCG. Members Bill Generett & Ron Porter each profiled in Diversity Works section.

**Welcome New Members:
Regular Members**

Kimberly Catlin
Dancing for Life, LLC -
The Dance Café Studio

Lynette Taylor-Criego
LTC Consulting

Peter Johnson
Allegheny Design Group

Associate Member