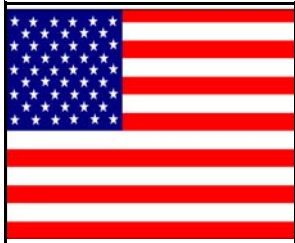


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Due to the increased cost of our PowerBreakfast Meetings, printing & related programs, a modest increase in your membership dues will take effect January 1st.

RSVP ("Repondez si vous plait!") Please help us to be more prepared for our programs & special events by calling our office to confirm your attendance ahead of time. Your RSVP helps us to accommodate you & all of our members. Merci!

Last month, Members gathered at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History for the Chamber's Holiday Mixer. Members & their guests got to enjoy "Dinosaurs in Their Time," billed as the most comprehensive dinosaur exhibit in the world! The evening was a festive & productive occasion for all, thanks to our Corporate Sponsor -Prudential.

Thank you to everyone who completed the membership survey. We are impressed to have a 24% response from business owners, & a 10% response from non-profit associate members. we

will highlights the results in our January newsletter.

Members Mixer January 24, 2007

5:00-7:00 PM

Society For Contemporary Craft

Enjoy the unique & artistic ambiance while making connections & celebrating the start of a New Year.

Members' Events

December 13, 2007

6:00—8:00 PM

"Is Pittsburgh America's Most Livable City?"

**Diversity Panel
YWCA of Greater
Pittsburgh**

305 Wood Street

Open to the public; free admission.

December 16, 2007

6th Annual Pittsburgh Kidney Walk

**Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG
Aquarium**

Check-in: 5 PM

Walk starts: 6PM

Participants are invited to walk individually or form a team. All walkers receive free admission to the Premiere Night of "Polar Lights." For more info, call Ann Mayhew at 412-261-4115 x12 or email amayhew@kidneyall.org

Thru January 13th "Plaid Tidings"

CLO Cabaret

Wed - Sat: 7:30pm

Sat & Sun: 2:00pm

Select Thurs: 1:00pm

Plaid Tidings features Pittsburgh's original cast who are back to perform their Christmas Special!

Members' News

Duquesne University & Kaplan Financial™ will offer an Executive Certificate Program in Financial Planning, beginning January 25th. The 9-month, part-time study program fulfills the CFP® certification requirements to become a financial planner. Member Erroline Williams will host an Open House, December 12th & January 10th. Call 412-396-5600 to register, or visit www.leadership.duq.edu/cfp.

Member Linda Clautti, CEO of NorthSide Urban Pathways Public Charter School, has developed a new program entitled "Benefiting African American Males." She is looking for "50 good men" to help mentor students looking to advance their education. Call @ 412-392-4601 x245 for details.

Presidential Round-

table Member Jeffrey Romoff has agreed to contribute as much as \$100 million over 10 years on behalf of UPMC to the Pittsburgh Promise Scholarship program for students in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

You can still support the new *Dinosaurs in Their Time* exhibit by adopting your very own dinosaur bone thru the Adopt-a-Bone program. Adoptions are tax-deductible & start at \$25. Go to www.carnegie.mnh.org, click on 'You want a piece of me,' & follow the instructions.

The August Wilson Center for African American Culture is in its final leg to raise \$39.9 million. To date, they have raised over \$27.6 million. Associate Member Neil Barclay is still accepting contributions. Call 412-258-2700.

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield has been ranked #1 by the Business Times as the area's preferred provider organization.

The Light-Up Night celebration was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Member Mike Edwards & the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership! In fact, it may have been the most well attended ever.

Job Openings:

The H.J. Heinz Co. is recruiting a Programs/Communications Manager of its Heinz Micronutrient Campaign. Re-

sponsibilities include leading administration & communications efforts to ensure awareness, acceptance, endorsement & funding. Apply online @: http://resume.builder.webhire.com/resume_add.asp?company=heinz.

WQED is recruiting candidates to fill the position of *Development Associate*. The position requires the candidate to manage many aspects of cultivating major & mid-level donors.

WQED is also seeking candidates to fill the position of *HR/Legal Coordinator*. Candidates for both positions should send a resume & cover letter with salary requirements to careers@wqed.org.

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is looking to fill the position of Facilities Service Person. This position requires semi-skilled maintenance, mechanical, electrical & repair work on the Dixon University Center campus. For complete details & requirements, go to <http://www.passhe.edu>

Welcome Corporate Sponsor Magdeline E. Jenson, of Arizona is the new CEO of the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh.

Dr. Alex Johnson has been hired as the new President of CCAC.

A salute to Associate Member Evan Frazier on the Hill House receiving its largest gift of \$1.75 million for its "Door Open, Lives Change"

capital campaign!

H.J. Heinz Company has been named #1 in the University of Michigan's American Customer Satisfaction Index.

CONGRATULATIONS

Members Larry Davis & your Chamber President on being recipients of the YWCA's Racial Justice Awards. Associate Member Esther Bush on a successful State of Black Pittsburgh address & Urban League Annual Meeting. Member M. Gayle Moss on a successful State NAACP Convention; Member Robert Hill was the Key-note Speaker. Associate Member James Thompson (Parental Stress Center) received the Corporate Leadership Award from the Bank of New York Mellon at his 32nd Anniversary celebration. Member Rhonda Carson Leach on being featured in an article under the "Entrepreneur's Corner" of Seton Hill's E-Magnify website. Member Cheryl McAbee won as the first African American woman on the Churchill Borough Council. Member Valerie McDonald Roberts on giving the keynote address at the Fayette County Branch NAACP 18th Annual Human Rights Dinner. Members Robert Hill & Winifred Torbert on being honored at a black-tie event by Omega Psi Phi, Iota Phi Chapter for their demonstrated superior leadership in Education & Community Advocacy, respectively. Corporate

Sponsor Bill Strickland named Man of the Year by Pittsburgh Magazine.

Members Cindy Cavallucci & Gayle Moss were honored by the Champion Enterprises for their achievements & contributions.

Associate Member Stephen Thomas received a grant from the National Institute of Health for the Center for Minority Health for re-search to help solve the disparity in health care.

Members featured in the New Pittsburgh Courier last month were:

Associate Members Arthur Baldwin & Dr. Curtiss E. Porter at the All That Jazz event. Members Stephen Thomas, Angela Ford, & Corporate Sponsors Bill Strickland & Mona Generett at the Center for Minority Health & the University of Pittsburgh's "An Evening of Casual Elegance" fundraiser. Chairman's Circle Member Keith Key & Associate Member A. Fulton Meachem at the New Garfield housing project.

Member Cindy Cavallucci for serving at the 31st Annual Memorial Thanksgiving Dinner in Wilksburg.

Welcome New Members:

Supporting Members

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Happy Holidays!