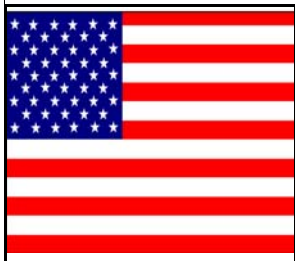


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MISSION STATEMENT

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 are pleased to announce videos of the Business Luncheon can be purchased for \$8.95 by calling the office. In March, your Chamber will host a healthcare webinar for all members interested in learning about the different health insurance products offered by Highmark. If you are interested in participating, email Shawn Hicks at shawn@aaccwp.com. He is logging the info on all interested parties & will be sending out the announcement and login procedures. This should prove beneficial with open enrollment taking place in July.

Chief Executive Dan Onorato spoke to a capacity audience at last month's PowerBreakfast Meeting & addressed issues on the status of County projects, tax assessments, & PAT.

Kudos to Associate Member Jim Wilkinson for sponsoring our Members' Mixer. Everyone enjoyed the exhibit by African American Artist Nick Cave.

**PowerBreakfast
February 15, 2008**

7:30 — 9:00 AM Rivers Club

Associate Member Neil Barclay will update us on the development of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture & opportunities for doing business.

Special Transportation Focus Group February 20, 2008

11:30 - 1:30 PM Regional Enterprise Tower
Your Chamber is sponsoring this special boxed-lunch program with David Wohlwill-Project Manager for the Transit Development Plan. You will discuss your perception of transit opportunities, issues, & challenges. You must RSVP.

7th Annual Ice Skate February 23, 2008

**1:00 — 3:00 PM
PPG Ice Skating Rink**
Join us for an afternoon of fun for the entire family. Your first hot chocolate is on the Chamber!

**PowerBreakfast
March 14, 2008
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Gregory Babe
President & CEO
Bayer Material
Science Company**
Join us to hear our

Presidential Roundtable Member share data on Bayer & opportunities for doing business.

The PA House Labor Relations Committee will soon send the full House legislation that would raise the state's minimum wage every year by tying it to changes in the Consumer Price Index. Your input is needed to help make the difference. If your business could be affected negatively by automatic annual increases to the minimum wage, email bkelly@pacamber.org.

**Members' News
Urban League Sunday
February 10, 2008
3:00— 5:00 PM
Bethesda Presbyterian Church
7720 Bennett St.**

Associate Member Esther Bush is looking forward to you joining her in fellowship. The Rev. Dr. Robert Scott Central Baptist Church, St. Missouri, will be the guest speaker.

**February 25, 2008
5:00—7:00 PM
The Pittsburgh Pirates
2008 Job Fair
PNC Park**

The event will take place between the Multi-Purpose/Press Conference Room & the Press Dining Room at PNC

Park. Enter thru the Press Entrance, on W. General Robinson St.

**February 29, 2008
8:00 - 11:30 A.M.**

PRMPC's Supplier Diversity Summit

Join Member Nick Nichols for a review & update on supplier diversity issues. Register on-line at: <http://prmpc.org/summitregistration.html>.

**Thru February 17th
The 13th of Paris
City Theatre**

Join Associate Member David Jobin for this theatrical romantic comedy. For tickets, call 412-431-CITY.

**February 21, 2008
The Turner School of
Construction
Management
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

This ten-week program will be held at Robert Morris University. To register, or for more info, email Amy Konieczka at: akonieczka@tcco.com, or call 412-255-5400.

**April 1, 2008
7:30AM - 4:00PM
11th Annual Seton Hill
University's E-Magnify
Hilton Hotel Pgh**
"Building a World Class Business-conference. Go to www.E-Magnify.com.

**April 5, 2008
Soul Food Dinner Nite
Rivers Club**
Supporting Member Frank Hamschin hopes you will join him for a fun evening. RSVP by calling 412-391-5227.

Every Child, an organization that provides child

welfare & mental health services to children & families in Allegheny County is seeking business owners for their Board of Directors. Over 3,000 children have been helped in their first 10 yrs. Email sdavis@everychildinc.org, or visit website: www.everychildinc.org.

The Ship of Zion Initiative, a service designed to take people to work, is now operating in the Hill District. It connects Glen Hazel, Hazelwood, Squirrel Hill & now the Hill District communities to the South Side. There are **NO** age or income restrictions for riding the shuttles, however children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Call 412-325-1332 for more info!

The Summer Transportation Internship Program for Diverse Groups (STIPDG) is a federally funded program that provides college/university students an opportunity for on-the-job training at the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Applications are being accepted until mid February for this summer at: www.fhwa.dot.gov/education/stipdg.htm.

**February 10, 2008
The World's Largest
Wedding Vow Renewal
Ceremony
Carnegie Music Hall**
Help our region make history as a part of our 250th Anniversary of the region. To learn more about this special &

unique event, call Alissa Lemmon at 412-281-0482 ext 3142, or email alissa.lemmon@visitpittsburgh.com.

**March 16, 2008
6:30PM**

**Denyce Graves
in Concert
Carnegie Music Hall**

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Links, Inc. is pleased to welcome this outstanding Mezzo-Soprano for an exciting musical evening. You can purchase tickets on line thru Ticket-Master at: www.ticketmaster.com.

The Port Authority is recruiting an experienced Manager of Grants & Capital Accounting to super-vice employees with direct responsibility for financial reporting, accounting, & oversight of capital funds for all federal, state & county capital grant receipts & expenditures. At least five years experience in financial planning & analysis, &/or other finance related functions is needed, along with management experience. If this interest you, send a cover letter (with salary requirements) & resume to: Amy Giammanco Employment Department 345 Sixth Avenue, 3rd Fl. Pittsburgh, Pa 15222-2527 or email her at: Agi-amanco@portauthority.org.

CONGRATULATIONS

**Members featured in
the New Pittsburgh
Courier:**
Supporting Member Senator Jim for his

leadership in recommending to Governor Rendell the appointment of Member Joseph Williams to fill the vacancy on Allegheny County Common Pleas Court.

Member Joyce Randolph on the Harriet Tubman Guild's successful 92nd Queen's Luncheon. Member M. Gayle Moss gave the welcome.

Member Roland Criswell on Coston Funeral Home opening their 2nd location on the North Side.

**Members featured in
the Pittsburgh
Business Times are:**
Associate Member Magdeline Jensen on the YWCA's successful Racial Justice Awards Dinner (your Chamber President was an awardee).

Member Monica Jones on increasing minority participation with the County & Pittsburgh International Airports.

**Members featured in
the Pittsburgh
Post Gazette:**
Member Glenn Mahone named a director of the Pittsburgh Branch-Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

Corporate Supporter Paul Hennigan on the purchase of two additional buildings on the Boulevard of the Allies for Point Park University.

**Welcome New
Members:**

Regular Members

Yasmin Dada Jones
Speer Consulting, LLC

Renee Frazier
VHA Pennsylvania