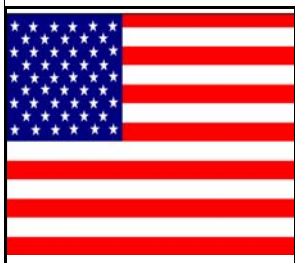


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

You have until March 22nd to register to vote in the April 22nd primary.

Associate Member Neil Barclay addressed members at last month's PowerBreakfast Meeting. He reviewed the building design, gave an update on procurement opportunities, & their vision for the August Wilson Center for African American Culture to become a major tourist attraction.

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 information about Bayer & the opportunities for doing business.

March 20, 2008

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

National City Bank

Capital & Business

Workshop 12th Floor

National City Center

Learn about lending programs, assistance for small businesses & supplier diversity.

On March 25, we will

host a special healthcare webinar for members interested in learning about health insurance products offered by High-mark (open enrollment starts in July). Email shawn@aaccwp.com for your code to login.

March 27, 2008

5:00-7:00 PM

Networking Mixer

"Xplorion"

Regional Enterprise

Tower—Lobby

Join us & learn about this unique space devoted to highlighting the assets of the southwestern region. Supporting Member Ward Payne will be featuring the "Simpatico Coffee Bar".

June 26, 2008

8:00 PM

Issac Hayes With The

Pittsburgh Symphony

Orchestra

Heinz Hall

Tickets \$21.50 & Up

Your Chamber is one of the Community Partners that will benefit from ticket proceeds for this special event. For tickets, call 412-392-4900, or visit: www.pittsburghsymphony.org, & use symphony code 6897.

Members' News Presidential Roundtable Mem-

ber Steve Steinour has announced he is stepping down as the Chairman of Citizens Bank.

We thank him for his many contributions to the Chamber & wish him continued success.

Chairman Circle Member KBK Enterprises (developer) will begin phase 1 of the Garfield Heights Community construction this summer.

The housing development will consist of 90 air conditioned units (single family, duplexes, quadplexes & a community building), with washer/dryer hook-ups & will be wired for digital accessibility. Your Chamber is planning a special breakfast meeting for you to learn more about the project & how to do business. If you are a certified M/W/DBE, call Tisha Germany at 412-363-4401, or email her @: tgermany@kbkenterprises.net to obtain a vendor certification form.

Pittsburgh Today has posted a new cluster of economic indicators on its website. Go to: www.pittsburghtoday.org

March 6 - 9, 2008

**Jesus Christ Superstar
Pittsburgh Musical
Theater**

<p>412.539.0900 Written by the legendary Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber, this production is as relevant & timeless as ever.</p> <p>March 12, 2008 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Sustainability & Smart Growth—Brown Bag Forum, featuring Ty Gourley Regional Water Management Task Force Regional Enterprise Tower, 23rd Floor Davis Room Refreshments included. No fee to attend; RSVP to info@sustainablepittsburgh.org, or call 412-258-6642.</p> <p>March 16, 2008 Dianne Reeves Byham Theater 7:00PM Tickets \$20.50—42.50 This Grammy-winning jazz vocalist will give a one-night-only performance. Call 412-456-6666. Sponsored by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.</p> <p>March 19, 2008 8:00 PM Benedum Theater Jill Scott Sponsored by Member Chuck Saunders. For tickets, go to www.pgharts.org or call 412-456-6666.</p> <p>Saturday, April 5, 2008 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Soul Food Dinner & Jazz Night! Rivers Club One Oxford Centre Adults: \$32; Children 4-12: \$9.95 Call: 412-391-5227 for reservations.</p> <p>Thru April 27th "The Big Bang" The Pittsburgh CLO Cabaret Theater Cultural District Jed & Boyd tell the story of the world, via a full-</p>	<p>scale Broadway musical (from Adam & Eve thru today). <i>Adult</i> Content. Tickets: \$34.50 - \$39.50. Call 412-456-6666 for details.</p> <p>Presidential Roundtable Member the <i>H.J.</i> Heinz Co. has moved its corporate headquarters to One PPG Place.</p> <p>A proposal was recently made to reroute some downtown buses so that they travel inbound on 6th Ave., & outbound on 5th Ave. as part of a larger plan for the redevelopment of Market Square. We'll keep you posted.</p> <p>The American Eagle Bike Race Tour of Pittsburgh, sponsored by Highmark, will take place on June 29th. Please be advised that the city will shut down; the tour will actually begin the 28th on the South Side.</p> <p>Warner Macklin, III recently joined PNC Bank as an Assistant Vice President for & Manager of Supplier Diversity.</p> <p>March is National Kidney Month. For info on kidney disease or living healthy, email Supporting Member Deb Hartman at: dhartman@kidneyall.org.</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS Pamela Coates as the new Community Relations Manager for Equitable Resources. Associate Member Joe McGrath on collecting 5,131 lbs. of food through the Jan 2008 hospitality food drive.</p> <p>Member Chloe Velasquez on obtaining a contract for Sabio Springs at Majestic</p>	<p>Star's construction site! Member Eustace Uku on being named M/W/DBE Coordinator for the new Penguins' arena.</p> <p>Member Nick Nichols on the PRMPC Business Summit. A representative of iGate reported on the updated ethnic demographics of our city: 67% white; 27% black; 1% Hispanic; & 2% Asian.</p> <p>Members featured in the New Pittsburgh Courier: UPMC & Member Toni Silva-Jeter recognized for their Minority Business Development Program. WQED & the University of Pittsburgh on the reception & viewing of the documentary, "FlyBoys", featuring the Tuskegee Airmen from our region. Presidential Roundtable Member Chancellor Mark Nordenberg & Associate Member George were gracious hosts. Member Rod Doss inducted to the 2008 M/W/DBE Hall of Fame for the paper. YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh is opening a new branch on Centre Ave. in the Hill District. The building will be named for community activist Thelma Lovette. The New Pittsburgh Courier received a \$150k grant from Congressman Mike Doyle to preserve & catalog their photo archives. Supporting Member Cindy Hasenjager for serving as moderator for the 7th Annual M/W/DBE Conference.</p> <p>Members featured "On Demand" on Comcast, under Black History Month:</p>	<p>Esther Bush; Rhonda Carson Leach; Rod Doss; Sean Gibson; Lisa Olszak; Joe Preston; & Bill Strickland.</p> <p>Members featured in the Pittsburgh Business Times: Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland at his <u>Making the Impossible Possible</u> Book release Party.</p> <p>Chairman's Circle Member Chester Engineers ranked #7 in the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Environmental Companies: Associate Member L. Robert Kimball & Associates was ranked #11.</p> <p>Highmark for its successful "Wellness Program."</p> <p>James Rohr will speak at a Leadership Dialogue Series 250 on April 29th. For more info, go to http://events.bizjournals.com/3920</p> <p>Welcome New Members: Regular Members</p> <p>Frederick Douglas Cosmos Technologies</p> <p>Dr. Steven Evans UPP Division of Surgical Oncology</p> <p>Daimian Foster AFLAC</p> <p>Bernard Johnson Pfizer Pharmaceuticals</p> <p>Marc Little Minority & Women Educational Labor Agency</p> <p>Cameil Williams Williams Management Solutions, LLC</p> <p>Supporting Members</p> <p>Kathleen Bowman Victory Security Agency</p> <p>Joyce Lee Pittsburgh Transportation Group</p>
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