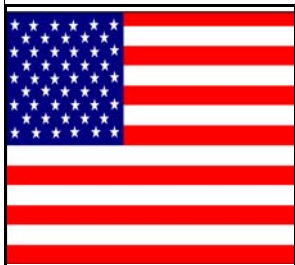


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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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### April 2008

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

### Don't forget to vote on April 22nd.

Presidential Roundtable Member Greg Babe enlightened us on Bayer MaterialScience's procurement policies at our March PowerBreakfast & provided the steps for doing business. Corporate Supporter Bender Consulting Services sponsored the meeting.

Our Networking Mixer provided an understanding of how Xplorion is used to attract firms to our region. Supporting Member Simpatico Espresso graciously provided complimentary coffee bar service.

Over 60 members participated in our Healthcare Webinar. Thank you to Highmark for doing an admirable job of pulling it all together. The session highlighted how to do side-by-side (3 at a time) comparisons among their 24 different plans. Open enrollment is July 1st. Go to: [www.highmarkbcbs.com](http://www.highmarkbcbs.com).

**PowerBreakfast  
April 18, 2008**

**7:30 AM Rivers Club  
Howard Slaughter, Jr.  
D.Sc., CEO**

### **Landmarks Community Capital Corp Pittsburgh**

Join us & learn about doing business with the History & Landmarks Foundation & a new proposed product that could benefit you as a small business owner.

**April 29, 2008  
5:00-7:00 PM  
Networking Mixer  
One PNC Plaza  
Sponsored by:  
PNC Bank**

We will be hosted by Member Andrew Russell for two hours of networking & business exchange.

**May 14, 2008  
Annual Meeting 11:00 AM  
& Luncheon 12:00 Noon  
Omni William Penn Hotel  
Chancellor  
Mark Nordenberg  
University of Pittsburgh**

Your invitation should have arrived. Our annual meeting will roll out new programs. At lunch, we will recap the year before hearing from the Chancellor.

**May 22, 2008  
5:00-7:00 PM  
Networking Mixer**

### **New NEED Offices Warner Centre**

We invite you to join us at the organization's new offices. Member Sylvester Pace will share with us the expanded services & capabilities for NEED's college-bound students.

**June 18, 2008  
5:00-7:00 PM**

### **Networking Mixer Mt. Washington**

Join us to welcome our new members & exchange business cards on one of several balconies against the city's most spectacular view. An announcement will be mailed to you.

**PowerBreakfast  
June 19, 2008  
7:30 AM Rivers Club  
Stephen Bland  
President & CEO  
Port Authority of Allegheny County**

Our Associate Member will update us on the state of transportation in the county & the North Shore Connector project.

**June 26, 2008  
8:00 PM  
Isaac Hayes With The  
Pittsburgh Symphony  
Orchestra  
Heinz Hall**

**Tickets \$21.50 & Up  
Your Chamber is one  
of the Community Part-**

ners that will benefit from the event's ticket proceeds. Go to [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org): use **symphony code 6897**, or call 412-392-4900.

Your Chamber has maintained its ranking with the Pittsburgh Business Times for the third consecutive year. The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pa is ranked #12 in the top 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Chambers of Commerce.

**Associate Member Barbara McNees:** The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce ranked #1 in the top 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Chambers of Commerce, & Supporting Member Sally Haas: Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce ranked #2 in the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Chambers of Commerce.

**Members' News**  
**Thru April 27th**  
**"The Big Bang"**

**The Pittsburgh CLO Cabaret Theater Cultural District**  
Supporting Member Van Kaplan invites you to see Jed & Boyd as they tell the story of the world via a full-scale Broadway musical (from Adam & Eve thru today). *Adult Content.* Tickets: \$34.50- \$39.50. Call 412-456-6666 for details.

**May 16, 2008**  
**8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**  
**Omni William Penn Hotel**  
**8th Annual Smart Growth Conference**  
**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Christopher Leinberger**

**Supporting Member Court Gould** has an exciting agenda on how to accelerate redevelopment in urban & core communities in our region, amid renewed interest by developers & investors. Topics will include: how to assess your community's readiness to win investment for redevelopment, innovations in zoning to speed redevelopment, & much more. COST: \$30; after May 1st: \$40. Call 412-258-6643.

**April 17, 2008**  
**11:30 AM**

**FAME Luncheon**  
**Duquesne Club**

**Member Constance Horton** welcomes you to their 10th annual luncheon, celebrating the education of the Leaders of Tomorrow. Call 412-224-4600 for tickets, or go to: [www.famefund.org](http://www.famefund.org).

**Now thru June 7th**  
**'Voices'**  
**Society for**  
**Contemporary Craft**

**Associate Member Jim Wilkinson** welcomes you to view the featured works from 23 artists—all part of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. It's quite colorful!

**May 7, 2008**  
**12:00 Noon**

**Omni William Penn Hotel**  
**American Heart Assoc.'s**  
**Go Red for Women Luncheon.**

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Tracey Conway,**  
Join Associate Member Phyllis Kokkila &

hundreds of women & men for this annual event. Listen to the Emmy award-winning actress tell the story of her sudden cardiac arrest while she was performing on stage at age 38! Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call Kimberly Suarez at 412-702-1128.

**The Pittsburgh CLO** is seeking a development professional to plan, manage & implement all aspects of a \$2+ million annual fundraising program including support from board members, individuals, corporations, foundations, government and special events.

Send resume & cover letter with salary requirements to:

R. James Mercer  
Pittsburgh CLO, 719 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3504: email: [jmercer@pittsburghclo.org](mailto:jmercer@pittsburghclo.org).

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Members featured in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette:**

**Member Arletta Scott Williams** on her regional presentations.

**Member Glenn Mahone** reappointed as Chairman of the Airport Authority.

**Member Debra Mason** as a guest on WAMO's Well Woman's Retreat.

**Associate Member Jim Wilkinson** on the Society for Contemporary Craft's successful Annual Out of Hand Benefit.

**Associate Member George Miles** on WQED Multimedia's & Duquesne Light's success-

ful Black History Month's African-American Leadership Awards.

**Member Sylvester Pace** on NEED's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

**Associate Member Stephen Thomas** on his four-part PBS documentary series, 'Unnatural Causes' that explores America's racial & socio-economic inequalities in health.

**Associate Member Joe McGrath** on a successful Annual Meeting. Allegheny County is ranked #1 in total tourism revenue for the state.

**Members featured in the New Pittsburgh Courier:**

**Member Nick Nichols** for the Pittsburgh Minority Purchasing Council's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Supplier Diversity Summit.

**Associate Member Esther Bush** on this year's successful Urban League Sunday, celebrating 90 years of service.

**Members featured in the Pittsburgh Business Times:**

**Supporting Member Van Kaplan** on the CLO's successful 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction.

**Welcome New Members:**  
**Regular Members**

**Lewis Haynes & Simon Engram, III**  
Engram & Haynes Associates, LLC  
**Supporting Members**

**Kaye Bealer**  
K. Bealer Consulting, LLC

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