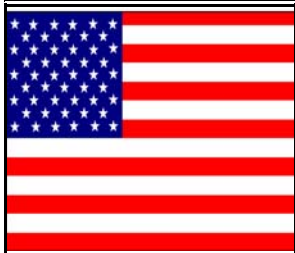


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Thank you to all who attended our Ninth Annual Meeting & Luncheon. Robert Hill, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh did an outstanding job as our Key-note Speaker. We welcomed Member Julius LaRosa to the Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting. Each member who attended received Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland's book, "Making the Impossible Possible." It was a productive meet-ing.

Networking Mixer
June 18, 2008
5:00 — 7:00 PM
Mt. Washington

Member Don Kortlandt will host us at his home on Mt. Washington, as we network with our new members on one of several balconies overlooking the city's most spectacular view.

PowerBreakfast
June 19, 2008
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Speaker:
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.

New Members' Orientation
June 24, 2008
11:30 AM—1:30 PM
Regional Enterprise Tower—O'Neil Room
Cost: \$5.00

New members of the Chamber are invited to convene for this first-ever orientation session to learn about the benefits of membership. Call the office to reserve a seat.

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

Tickets \$21.50 & Up
Your Chamber looks forward to having you join us for this special benefit performance. Go to www.pittsburghsymphony.org, or call 412-392-4900. Use code **6897** for us to benefit as a Community Partner.

Special Briefing Lunch

City/County Consolidation Briefing Allegheny Conference
July 15, 2008
12:30—2:00 PM

This will be a unique opportunity to learn more about the proposal for the most efficient & effective structure for government in the 21st century. An announcement will be mailed to you.

Special Breakfast Meeting
July 18, 2008
8:00 AM*
Rivers Club
Speaker: Keith Key,
President of
KBK Enterprises

Our Chairman's Circle Member will present Phase 1 of the proposed three-phase Garfield Re-development Project with the City's Housing Authority. Ninety mixed-income housing units are planned for development, including a community center. Don't miss it!

Member Events:

Opportunity Connections Series
Leading in Turbulent Times featuring Tony Buzzelli
June 25, 2008
7:30—9:30 AM

Rivers Club

Leadership Pittsburgh, along with the Allegheny Conference, invites you to hear from Tony Buzzelli, Vice Chairman, Deloitte & Touche National. Tony will highlight capacities necessary for leading in times of economic turbulence. Call 412-392-4505 to register. Cost: \$12 for LPI Connection; \$15 regular registration.

Below is the link to CompetePA's "Get Involved" web page that is available for you to use in your advocacy efforts. There is a link to the Prosperity Project that allows individuals to customize letters to their legislators: <http://www.alleghenyconference.org/CompetePA/GetInvolved.asp>

Member Paula Castleberry informed us that the Board of Education recently adopted the new Eligible Business Enterprise (EBE) Policy, replacing the Minority/Women Business Participation Policy. Emphasis will be on an inclusive strategy for supplier diversity at the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Details can be found at: <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/14311012292510480/blank/browse.asp?A=383&BM=DRN=2000&BCOB=0&C=54005>

Robert Morris University is partnering with the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh to host the Black Male Leadership Development Institute.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports that GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare has named Roger Scarlett-Smith president of its North American operations.

We are all deeply saddened at the passing of our Chairman Circle Member, Dwight White.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Helen Davis on being named "Physician of the Year" by Gateway Medical Society.

Chamber Chairman Sam Stephenson is now Chairman of the State Board of Accountancy.

Members featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette:

Member Jesse Fife on being named by Mayor Luke Ravenstahl to the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh's Board of Directors.

Members featured in the New Pittsburgh Courier:

Member Vell Trueheart as the subject of an article about her success as author of *Eliza's Promise & Lil' Eliza & the Underground Railroad*.

Associate Member Evan Frazier for a successful Hill House Association's 3rd Annual "Sugar n' Soul" Celebration.

NAACP Pittsburgh Branch on its successful 54th Annual Human Rights Dinner.

Members Esther Bush, Gayle Moss, & your Chamber President on each being recognized as 1 of the 12 Phenomenal Women by Bidwell Presbyterian Church.

Member Manchester Youth Development Center on celebrating its 40th Anniversary.

Associate Member Senator John Heinz History Center hosted the initial meeting of the Organizing Committee to establish an authentic affiliation of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Co-chairs are Member Dr. Edmund Effort & his wife Elaine.

Presidential Roundtable Member Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield & Corporate Sponsors Giant Eagle, the Pittsburgh Pirates, & Manchester Bidwell Corporation were recognized for their donations to middle school students who participated in the "Do the Write Thing Challenge."

Associate Member Bethel AME Church on celebrating its 200th Anniversary.

Pittsburgh Regional Minority Purchasing Council (PRMPC) on their successful 32nd Annual Business Opportunity Fair.

Members featured in the Pittsburgh Business Times:

Member Aaron Walton on receiving the 2008 Lillian M. Bassi Core Values Award from California University.

Corporate Supporter P. J. Dick, Inc. ranked #2 as the largest Pittsburgh-Area Construction Contractors; Corporate Sponsor Turner Construction Company; & Associate Member Continental Building Systems was ranked #25.

The Pittsburgh Business Times is ranked #22 in the 25 Largest Tri-State Area Newspapers; the New Pittsburgh Courier ranked #24.

Member Russell Bynum on his write-up regarding his company's policy on sick & vacation days.

Member Bonnie Hand on being named one of Pennsylvania's Best 50 Women in Business.

Welcome New Members:

Regular Members

Carmelita Clark
Columbia Gas of PA, Inc.
(Vertex)

Lisa Perkins
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh

Terri A. Thomas
Columbia Gas of Pa, Inc.
(A Nisource Company)

Associate Members

Warner Johnson
Robert Morris University

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