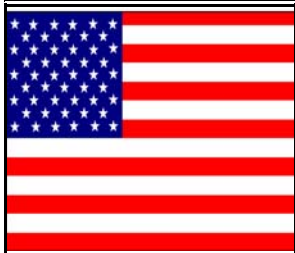


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MISSION STATEMENT

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 those who attended the Isaac Hayes concert in June. It was a fun evening!

Chairman's Circle
Member Keith Key gave a good update on the 3-phase redevelopment project planned for the Garfield area, at last month's Special Breakfast Meeting. The KBK Enterprises President announced the completion date is expected to be December '09. The company's MBE goal is 17%; WBE goal is 6%. Also in attendance at the breakfast were Member Grace Robinson & students from Tomorrow's Future.

PowerBreakfast
September 19, 2008
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Dr. Alex Johnson,
President of CCAC
Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre

We will hear from our Corporate Sponsor on his plans for the college & the impact minority procurement is having.

Members Mixer
September 30, 2008
5:00—7:00 PM
Urban Settlement Services

Member Chuck Sanders will host us for an evening of networking.

PowerBreakfast
October 17, 2008
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Mayor Luke Ravenstahl
City of Pittsburgh
Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre

The Mayor will update us on city activities & plans for 2009. A special presentation will be made by Councilwoman Tonya Payne, recognizing labor & civil rights activist Nate Smith. Don't miss it.

Members Mixer
October 23, 2008
5:00-7:00 PM
Highmark
Fifth Avenue Place
Mark your calendars!

10th Anniversary Celebration
October 28, 2008
5:30—8:00 PM
Frick Art & Historical Center

Join us to help your Chamber celebrate our 10th Anniversary since opening our offices.

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed the Financial Services Appropriations Bill, providing \$107 million in additional funding for the SBA & its

small business programs. The bill increases funding for Small Business Development Centers by 24%, Women's Business Centers by 13%, micro loans to \$20 million from zero, contracting assistance by 87%, & veterans outreach programs by 62%.

Member Events:
"America I AM"
Experiential Super Truck

August 20, 2008
PNC Park—Lot 6

To build awareness for the "America I AM: The African American Imprint" traveling museum exhibit launching in November, the Super Truck—a microcosm of the large-scale exhibition—will tour the country.

Martini Madness
September 11, 2008
5:30—8:00 PM
Society for Contemporary Craft

Enjoy specialty martinis, hors d'oeuvres, & live entertainment with the purchase of a martini glass. Call Jamie Adams at 412-261-7003 x17.

Leadership Pittsburgh Golf Outing & Networking Event
September 22, 2008
St. Clair Country Club

Call Danielle Tyson at 412-392-2248.

**2008 Kidney Walk
National Kidney
Foundation Serving
the Alleghenies
November 2, 2008
Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG
Aquarium**

Register at www.kidneyall.org. Registration starts at 8 AM. The walk kicks off at 8:45 AM.

The CL Fund has changed its name to Bridgeway Capital.

The Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh has moved to 610 Wood St. Downtown.

**Other Events:
Governor Rendell's
African American
Business Summit
September 4-5, 2008
Holiday Inn
Harrisburg East**

Call 717-772-5085, or 877-374-0222 for details.

**Bidwell Training Center
40th Anniversary
Celebration
September 24, 2008
5:30—8:30 PM**

Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland invites you to join them as they are 'The Fabric of Our Community.'

**Pennsylvania
Governor's
Conference for Women
October 2, 2008
David L. Lawrence
Convention Center**

Keynote speakers include Elizabeth Edwards, Liz Smith, Simran Sethi, & Naomi Tutu. For more info/registration, call 1-866-251-3537, or online at: pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org.

The City of Pittsburgh will hold 2 public hear-

ings for your input on the 2009 Capital Budget & the 2009 Community Development Block Grant Program. Hearings begin at 6:30 PM at the following places: August 5—North Side Community Center; August 6—Mt. Washington Senior Community Center. If interested in giving testimony, contact Darlene Batko at 412-255-2439 by August 1st.

Did you know? The average American credit score is 692. Use the following ranges to gauge your own score: 720-850=Excellent; 700-719=Very good; 675-699=Average; 620-674=Subprime; 560-619=Risky; 500-559=Very Risky.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Dr. Edmund Effort appointed by the Senate to be a member of the PA State Board of Dentistry. Members State Rep. Joseph Preston & keynote speaker Dr. Stephen Thomas, Director, Center for Minority Health at the University of Pittsburgh, will host the **Closing the Gap on Health Care Disparities: A State Overview in PA** forum on August 7.

Member The New Pittsburgh Courier won a NNPA 2008 Merit Award for Best Women's Section.

In the New Pittsburgh Courier: Member Joseph Williams nominated to the Allegheny Court of Common Pleas by Governor Rendell. The Pittsburgh Pirates, Corporate Sponsors, hosted the African-American Heritage

Weekend Sports Luncheon. Associate Member WQED hosted the "Best Restaurants Party" at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Member Paul Brown of Professional Limousine Services was the subject of a profile. Supporting Member COMCAST named a top company for diversity by Black Enterprise Magazine. Member Dr. Herman Jones re-elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Allegheny Regional Asset District.

Member Cooper Trading contract award from Siddle's; part of the new Penguins' arena. Associate Member Fulton Meachem & the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh for hosting a successful Job Fair. Corporate Supporter Joyce Bender & Member Jackie Dixon honored at the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh's "A Tribute to Women's Leadership" Awards Luncheon.

Member Sean Gibson hosted a successful Negro League All-Star Gala. Member Dr. Larry E. Davis & the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Center on Race & Social Problems hosted a seminar on African American children's mental health issues. Member Cheryl McAbee featured at the "Pittsburgh Pioneers Celebrate 60" event. Associate Member Lois Mufuka Martin introduced as Executive Director of Bethlehem Haven at the Designer Lamp & Art Auction.

In the Pittsburgh Business

Times: Corporate Sponsor Ralph Papa elected chairman of the PA Bankers Association. Corporate Sponsor Brad Penrod elected to American Association of Airport Executives. Eleven Members were included in the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Arts & Humanities Non-Profits: Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh Cultural Trust; Pittsburgh Symphony; Western PA Conservancy; Pittsburgh CLO; Senator John Heinz History Center; Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens; Pittsburgh Public Theatre; Frick Art & Historical Center; City Theatre; & the Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation. Associate Member YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh included in the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Health & Social Service Non-Profits. Associate Member Jayne Huston of Seton Hill's E-Magnify featured in a Diversity Works profile.

In the Pittsburgh Tribune-

Review: Member Randall Industries, LLC named one of "Pittsburgh's Top 250 Best Places to Work." It was voted "Best Minority-Owned Business."

**Welcome New
Members:**

Regular Members

**Alfred Valentine
Waddell & Reed**

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Enjoy the summer!