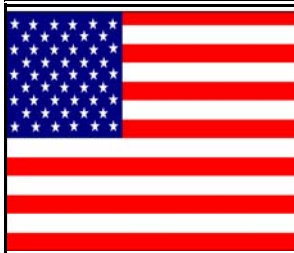


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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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### September 2008

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

If you wish to offer a special program to members, please contact the Chamber office **FIRST** for agreement.

Last month's program with Member URA provided members insight on the use of tax credits & the different loan & grant programs offered to city residents.

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

Our Corporate Sponsor will discuss 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 & business exchange.

**PowerBreakfast**  
**October 17, 2008**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**  
**One Oxford Centre**  
**Mayor Luke Ravenstahl**  
The Mayor will update us on city activities &

plans for 2009. .

**Members Mixer**  
**October 23, 2008**  
**5:00-7:00 PM**

**Fifth Avenue Place**  
**Sponsor: Highmark**

We look forward to returning to enjoy the European environment for networking & shopping.

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

Join us for a special evening, as we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Chamber Office being opened & fully engaged.

Associate Member Barbara McNees recently presented to your Board of Directors on the an evaluation of PA's economy. Highlights were an 'A' grade in affordable housing, water systems, low asset poverty, health insurance coverage, & a low rate of business failures; a 'D' grade in crime, highway quality, insurance premiums, & job growth. The overall conclusions were PA's strengtyhs are in market demographics, quality of life, & education. performance has medio-

cre performance across indices. These strengths do not overcome weak economic attributes, such as high business costs & high corporate & high property taxes to foster economic growth.

**Member Events:**  
**Ribbon-cutting**  
**Ceremony for Library**  
**Homes Project in**  
**Munhall**

**Mon Valley Initiative**  
**September 5, 2008**  
**10:30 AM**

**Corner of Andrew St. & 11th Ave. in Munhall**  
Celebrate the completion of the first 7 of 35 new homes in the Munhall area. RSVP to 412-350-1019.

**Athena Award Luncheon**  
**Greater Pittsburgh**  
**Chamber of Commerce**  
**September 8, 2008**  
**Noon—1:30 PM**  
**Westin Convention**  
**Center**

Join us to cheer on Chamber runners-up Corporate Supporter Joyce Bender & Supporting Member Joan Ellenbogen. The keynote speaker is Major General Jessica L. Wright, the Adjunct General of PA. Register at [www.ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com](http://www.ATHENA-Pittsburgh.com).

**Business Provisions of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 Webinar**

**U.S. SBA & the IRS  
September 10, 2008  
10:00—11:00 AM**

Join Member Carl Knoblock to gain information for your business. Pre-registration requested. Call or email Janet Heyl: 412-395-6560, ext. 103 [janet.hey1@sba.gov](mailto:janet.hey1@sba.gov). Log-on instructions are provided.

**"50 Women of Excellence"**

**Awards Luncheon  
September 11, 2008  
The New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Rod Doss will serve as host. Awardees include Members Esther Bush, Jackie Dixon, Ernestine Harris, Peggy Harris, Lois Mufuka Martin, M. Gayle Moss, Mary Smith Peters, Toni Silva, Ruth Byrd-Smith, Winifred Torbert, Velma Monteiro-Tribble & your Chamber president.

**17th Annual LaRoche College Golf Outing  
September 22, 2008  
Wildwood Golf Club  
Allison Park, PA**

9:00 AM—Registration  
10:00 AM—Shotgun Start  
Associate Member Candace Introcaso invites you to an exciting day at Wildwood. Call Bobbi LaPlace at 412-536-1087 for more info.

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

There is still time to register & receive a discount. Keynote speakers include Liz Smith, Naomi Tutu, Elizabeth Edwards, & Simran Sethi. Register at 1-866-251-3537 or visit [pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org](http://pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org). Breakfast

begins at 7:30 AM.

**Mon Valley Initiative  
2008 Annual Dinner & Community Awards Ceremony**

**October 17, 2008— 6PM  
Olympia Hall  
1575 Electric Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15112**  
2008 Award Winners include PA Housing Finance Agency & County Executive Dan Onorato. More info to come.

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

Get in shape with Associate Member Deb Hartman. Register at [www.kidney.all.org](http://www.kidney.all.org). Registration starts at 8 AM; the walk begins at 8:45.

**YWCA Greater Pittsburgh  
2008 Racial Justice Awards**

**November 19, 2008  
Westin Hotel**

5:30 PM—Reception  
6:30 PM—Program

Nominations accepted until Sept. 12th; forms available online @ [www.ywcapgh.org](http://www.ywcapgh.org). Join Associate Member Magdeline Jensen for this special evening. For info, call 412-255-1466.

The Fifth Third Homeownership "eBus" will be in town from Sept. 3-6th, educating people on homeownership opportunities, financial literacy & foreclosure prevention, in addition to their products & services. Call Member Jada Grandy for locations at 412-291-5465.

Groundbreaking for the

Wal-Mart Supercenter at the former East Hills Shopping Center in Penn Hills is scheduled for October. Associate Member Operation Nehemiah is developing the site.

JAN-PRO, a market leader in commercial cleaning & janitorial services, with over 7,000 franchisees, has a unique business opportunity for Members interested in starting their own businesses within the JAN-PRO system. Start-up costs begin at less than \$1,000. Franchisees receive training & all necessary equipment. Clients are provided by JAN-PRO. If interested, call 412-928-3201 & mention the Community Group Rebate Offer.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Member LTC Harlan T. Ware on taking control of the 313th Movement Control Battalion in Baltimore. Member Sylvester Pace will be honored at Mount Ararat's 10th Annual Community Recognition Celebration. University of Pittsburgh's School of Social Work is 14th among 200 accredited masters of social work programs in the country. **In the New Pittsburgh**

**Courier:**

Associate Member Evan Frazier on Hill House Association's GED graduations. Member Grace Robinson was honored by the National Association of Women Business Owners. Corporate Sponsor Manchester Craftsmen's

Guild hosted a Family Day. Member NEED featured in an article. Associate Member Mark Lewis, Poise Foundation was presented the 2008 Bernard H. Jones Entrepreneurship Award at the 3rd Annual Shyne Awards. Members Stephen Davis & Rhonda Carson Leach, & Ray Vargo were Management Consultants for the Blueprints for Success program at Pitt's Katz Graduate School of Business. Member Marc Little, executive director of MWELA, facilitated the program. Associate Member Evan Frazier recognized for his new book, "Most Likely to Succeed: The Formula for Success."

**In the Pittsburgh Business Times:**

Member Mike Edwards on Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership being featured in an article. Presidential Roundtable Member Greg Babe was promoted to President & CEO of Bayer effective October 2008.

**In the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette**

Member Stanley Loper, Professional Mechanical Sales & Services, was awarded the largest minority contract to date for the new arena!

**Welcome New Members**

**Associate Member**

**David K. Miles**

The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh

**Supporting Member**

**Craig Bingham**  
DCI Logistics

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