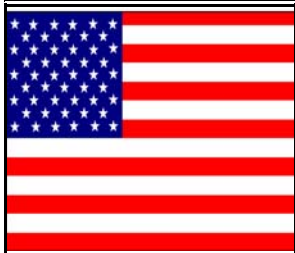


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Governor Rendell has signed a proclamation that officially recognizes October as "Local Chamber of Commerce Month" this year.

The fountain at the point is pink!

Last month we welcomed Dr. Alex Johnson, President of CCAC, as our Power-Breakfast speaker. We were fortunate to have in attendance the new Education Director for the Heinz Endowments, Stanley Thompson, who started September 1st.

Member Dr. Stephen Evans held an outstanding health symposium, "Serving the Under-served" at the Herberton Conference Center at Shadyside Hospital. Secretary of Health Calvin Johnson was the keynote speaker & energized the over 150 people in attendance.

Member Chuck Sanders hosted us at his offices for the Members Mixer: it was wonderful. The view from Urban Settlement Services was from Mt. Washington to Aspinwall!

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

5:00—8:00 PM

**Frick Art & Historical
Center**

We are almost ready to celebration this past decade of the Chamber office being opened & fully engaged. Your invitation is in the mail. Don't miss it!

The Small Business Members Survey will be emailed to you by October 3rd. Remember you will be able to attend one PowerBreakfast Meeting for completing the survey.

Member Events:

"Voices" featuring 50

Women across the state is now on exhibit at the John Heinz History Center thru April. Several Chamber Members are featured.

Pittsburgh Celebrates 250!

ABC's "Good Morning America" broadcasts live from Pittsburgh's North Shore—October 3, 2008.

Meteorologist Sam Champion will be on the riverfront near North Shore Drive & Heinz Field. It's open to the public, & it will air live on WTAE Channel 4 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

**"Imagine Pittsburgh" Fireworks Spectacular
October 4, 2008
10-10:30 PM at The Point & Surrounding Area.**

**Small Business Development Center
Duquesne University
Fall 2008 Training Workshops
October 7th
9:00 AM—12:30 PM.
Intermediate Quick-books**

Learn how to save time & money by using Quickbooks. Call or go online to register: 412-396-6233; www.sbdcdug.edu Cost: \$45.

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| <p>University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work Center on Race & Social Problems—Fall 2008 Speaker Series October 16—"Racism, Discrimination, Color-blindness & Race Matters in Obamerica," featuring Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Professor, Duke University Dept. of Sociology. All lectures from noon to 1:30 PM in the School of Social Work Conference Center, 2017 Cathedral of Learning. Lunch provided; no registration required.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Robert Morris University presents Tech Now: A Technology Conference for Nonprofits October 30, 2008 Regional Learning Alliance at Cranberry Woods—Cranberry Township, Pa. The keynote speaker is Holly Ross, executive director of Nonprofit Technology Network. To register, call 412-397-6000 or visit www.rmu.edu/bcnm & click TechNow.</p> <p>2008 Kidney Walk National Kidney Foundation Serving the Alleghenies</p> | <p>November 2, 2008 Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium Get in shape with Associate Member Deb Hartman. Register at www.kidney.all.org. Registration starts at 8 AM; the walk begins at 8:45.</p> <p>Urban League of Pittsburgh presents State of Black Pittsburgh 2008 Opportunity Fair & Town Hall Meeting in conjunction with DiverseCITY Pittsburgh November 6, 2008 3:00-9:00 PM Carnegie Mellon University Center Presenting Member Esther Bush's State of Black Pittsburgh with special keynote guest, Tony Brown of <i>Tony Brown's Journal</i>.</p> <p>3rd Annual Pennsylvania Business Technology Conference November 13, 2008 Duquesne University To learn more, visit www.conference.duq.edu</p> <p>YWCA Greater Pittsburgh 2008 Racial Justice Awards November 19, 2008 Westin Hotel 5:30 PM—Reception 6:30 PM—Program Join Associate Member Magdeline Jensen for this special evening. For info, call 412-255-1466.</p> <p>The Pittsburgh NAACP will hold 2 General Membership meetings to elect officers & at-large members of the executive committee: October 21st—YMCA, 7140 Bennett St., Pgh., PA 15208; & November 18th—at</p> | <p>the above location.</p> <p>Save the Date: October 25, 2008 Join the Friends of Helen Davis, MD Committee to honor Dr. Davis as Gateway Medical Society's 2008 Physician of the Year. The celebration will take place at the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center Hotel, Grand Ballroom—112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA. Reception—6 PM; Dinner—7 PM. Black tie.</p> <p>A special thank you to The Bank of New York Mellon for awarding grants to local nonprofit organizations. In addition to your Chamber, the Mon Valley Initiative & Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development were recipients of BNY Mellon grants.</p> <p>CONGRATULATIONS Member Arthur Ziegler on obtaining funding for the restoration of the New Granada Theater in the Hill District. They are almost there! Associate Member Cecilia Jenkins on Pittsburgh Community Services' successful 25th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon. Member The New Pittsburgh Courier hosted a successful "50 Women of Influence" Luncheon. Presidential Roundtable Member Murry Gerber on Equitable Resources moving back downtown to the Dominion Towers.</p> <p>In the New Pittsburgh Courier: State Rep. Jake Wheatley held a successful 6th Annual Community Appreciation Day. Fifth Third Bank recognized for the suc-</p> | <p>cess of their "eBus," a mobile financial services classroom. Member Jackie Dixon appeared in an ad for Giant Eagle.</p> <p>Coro Center for Civic Leadership hosted a series of roundtable discussions to familiarize the community with their services. The Pittsburgh Branch of the NAACP held a successful Town Hall meeting regarding Black on Black violence.</p> <p>In the Pittsburgh Business Times: The Bank of New York Mellon ranked #1 in the List of the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Money Managers; PNC Financial Services Group ranked #3. Supporting Member Deloitte LLP ranked #1 in the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Management Consulting Firms. Presidential Roundtable Member University of Pittsburgh set a fundraising record at \$183 million. Member Constance Horton, Executive Director of FAME, was the subject of a feature article.</p> <p>Welcome New Members</p> <p>Regular Members Eileen D. Hall Hall's Professional Drywall Enterprise Inc.</p> <p>William T. Simmons Shuman Juvenile Detention Center</p> <p>Associate Members Richard Baird, Jr. Adagio Health</p> <p>William Generett Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone</p> <p>See you on the 28th!</p> |
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