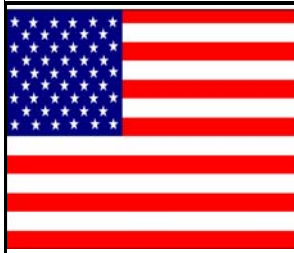


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

A special thanks to Highmark (sponsor), & to Associate Member Bill Bodine for hosting our 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Frick Art & Historical Center. Our members, Corporate Sponsors & our Foundation Partners were given an overview of our history by former Chairman Bob Agbede & current Chairman Sam Stephenson. We then recognized our Charter Members from March 1994 before having current members share with the audience the value their firms & organizations have received since the Chamber office opened. We adjourned from the auditorium to the Rotunda to music by Jazz Violinist Rodney McCoy for a champagne toast. A presentation of a monogrammed umbrella with our corporate sponsors featured underneath was made, along with the Chamber's first publication, 'Building a Network of Relationships', sponsored by Robert Hill, Vice Chancellor,

University of Pittsburgh. Appreciation was given to him, Dr. Audrey Murrell, & staff writer Lindsey Neyland for being part of our team to tell the story. Formal regrets were received from Charter Member MuLugetta Birru (in China). Proclamations were received from State Senator Jane Orie, County Executive Dan Onorato, & Allegheny County Council. Mayor Luke Ravenstahl treated us by naming October 28th in our honor.

The Mayor also spoke at last month's PowerBreakfast. Don't forget, all city requests for proposals are listed on their website: www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us. The homepage will direct you to the requests.

Highmark hosted our mixer last month at Fifth Avenue Place. We shopped with Member Lydell & the other retailers, while networking & enjoying refreshments by Café Amante. It was fun!

Protecting your Investments During Turbulent Times Workshop

November 12, 2008

11:30AM-1:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower
The Business Institute in-

vites you to join us for a panel discussion on how to analyze & manage your investment & retirement accounts. Come with questions to determine the impact on your personal portfolio. Cost: **\$10** includes a boxed lunch. RSVP by the 10th to programs@aaccwp.com.

Tenth Annual Business Luncheon 12:00 December 5, 2008

Omni William Penn Speaker: Roy W. Haley Chairman & CEO, WESCO Distribution

Your invitation has been mailed. Come hear from this Chairman about his vision for our region.

'Lead the Way to be Green Workshop'.

Guest Speaker: Robert Kobet, AIA, LEED AP

December 8, 2008

12:00 PM-4:30 PM

Regional Enterprise Tower- AE Hunt Room

This Business Institute workshop is designed to broaden your understanding about LEED & Green Building Projects for professionals in legal, marketing, finance, construction, & consulting businesses—led by this world renowned leader & Green Building Pioneer. A formal announcement will be sent.

**Member Events:
Networking Get-together**

**Pittsburgh Central
Keystone Innovation
Zone & Point Park
University**

**November 6, 2008
4:30—7:30 PM**

**Lawrence Hall Lobby
201 Wood Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

For more information & to register, visit www.pointpark.edu/conferencesandevents.

**Business Technology
Conference**

**Duquesne University
November 13, 2008
Registration: 7:45 AM**

Keynote speaker will be award-winning business attorney Nina Kaufman. To register, call 412-396-6233, or go to: www.conference.duq.edu.

**Bridgeway Capital
Annual Meeting
“From Ideas to Impact”
November 18, 2008
11:30 AM—1:30 PM
Circuit Center Ballroom
5 Hot Metal Street
South Side**

Their first-ever Borrower Showcase will be featured. RSVP to Liz Gage @ lgage@bridgewaycapital.org, or call 412-201-2450 ext.19.

**Racial Justice Awards
YWCA of Greater Pgh.
November 19, 2008
Omni William
Penn Hotel**

**Reception: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM**
Associate Member Magdeline Jensen invites you to this special evening. For info, call 412-255-1466.

**November 20, 2008
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Westin Hotel**

**Sustainable Business:
Capitalizing on Opportunities”**

A symposium presented by the Duquesne School of Business. Register online by November 12th at www.business.duq.edu/sustainabilitysymposium

Job Opportunities:

Highmark is seeking candidates for the positions

of Test Estimation Analyst 3 & ISG Reporting Consultant for Pittsburgh & Camp Hill locations - Pittsburgh & Camp Hill Locations; a HPO Compliance Analyst

& a Specialized Case Manager - both for the Pittsburgh office: If you are interested in any of the above positions, contact Eboni S. Le'Sesne @: 412-544-7865 or le-sesne@highmark.com.

The Pittsburgh Pirates are seeking a Director of Diversity Initiatives. Duties include working with the organization's regional minority community/business leaders & working internally to identify & promote M/WBE opportunities to the small business community. Apply @ www.w.pirates.com.

The Pittsburgh Casino is searching for an Executive Administrative Assistant Position includes office management, travel arrangements, financial analysis, & preparation & presentation of reports. Prefer someone with a 4-year degree & one year of financial or accounting experience. Send resumes to: ca-

reers@thepittsburghcasino.com

Fifth Third Bank is now offering a “No ATM Usage Fees” policy. If you open a Fifth Third checking account, you can enjoy use of any ATM — 100% free of charge. Call 1-877-579-5353 or walk into any Fifth Third Banking Center location.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Helen Davis was honored by Gateway Medical Society as “Physician of the Year” at their Scholarship Banquet. Member Max Miller has been named the new Director of Law & Entrepreneurship at the University of Pittsburgh.

In the New

Pittsburgh Courier:

Presidential Roundtable Member Dominion Foundation hosted the successful Vita Awards, which were coordinated by WQED Multimedia. PRMPC & Member Nick Nichols hosted a successful 2008 Awards Gala. Awards went to: Members Mary Coffey, Monica Jones, & James Cooper Corporate Sponsor Manchester Bidwell Corporation celebrated its 40th Anniversary. Member Joseph Williams was confirmed by the Senate to sit on Allegheny County's Common Pleas Court. Member NAACP, Pittsburgh Branch had a successful Freedom Sunday event. Associate Members A. Fulton Meachem & James Thompson were invited to model in the Greater Pittsburgh Business & Professional Women Celebrity Fashion Show.

The Minority Business Opportunity Committee hosted a successful 26th Annual Pittsburgh MED Week. Corporate Sponsor CCAC & Associate Member Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh are currently developing a workforce training program. Associate Member Peggy Harris received a Minority Achievement Award from Minority Opinion Magazine. Member Robert Hill was a runner-up for King of the Royal Christian Prom.

**In the Pittsburgh
Business Times:**

Four Members ranked in the List of 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Public Accounting Firms: #1 Deloitte LLP, #3 Ernst & Young LLP, #10 Parente Randolph LLC, & #16 Maher Duessel CPAs. Associate Member Mon Valley Initiative helped build Library Homes, a seven-unit, single family development in Munhall.

Welcome New Members:

Regular Members

**Sheila Ecung
Arrowstarr**

Associate Members

**Rita Fanning, CSFN
Holy Family Institute**

**Andrew Quinn
Kennywood
Entertainment**

Corporate Supporter

**Ann McIntosh, COS
Nationwide Insurance**

Corporate Sponsor

**Spencer Wiggins
Community Education
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Happy Thanksgiving