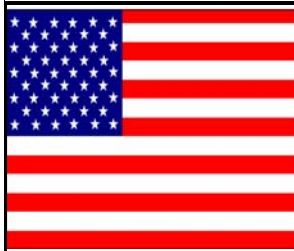


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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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### December 2008

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

Your participation in the election helped to make history!

#### **10th Annual Business Luncheon**

**December 5, 2008**

**12:00 noon**

**Omni William Penn Hotel**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**Roy Haley, Chairman & CEO of WESCO Distribution, Inc.**

Call the office at 412-392-0610 to reserve your seat. We look forward to having you join us.

#### **LEED the Way to Green Buildings**

**December 8, 2008**

**12:00—4:00 PM**

**Regional Enterprise Tower, 23rd Floor—AE Hunt Room**

**Facilitated by: Robert Kobet, AIA, LEED AP**

This workshop is the first of a 4-part series, will broaden your understanding about LEED & Green Building projects. Stanley Salwocki, Architect, with the PA Housing & Finance Agency, will join Bob & discuss funding opportunities available with the state. Cost: \$15 (includes lunch). Please RSVP by

December 5th to reserve your seat.

#### **Members Mixer**

**5:00 PM—7:00 PM**

**January 29, 2009**

**Senator John Heinz History Center**

**Sponsor: Prudential**

Join us for an evening of networking & to see two special exhibits: *Voices: African American & Latino Women Share their Stories of Success* (including your Chamber Members), & *Free at Last: Slavery in Pittsburgh in the 18th & 19th Centuries*.

You will receive a special newsletter during December, highlighting the results from the membership survey.

#### **Member Events:**

**Baharal/Gnida Trunk Show**

**December 5-6, 2008**

**Society for**

**Contemporary Craft**

**2100 Smallman St.**

Join internationally known metalsmiths Talya Baharal & Gene Gnida for a preview & sale of unique jewelry from their 2008 collection.

**The New Pittsburgh Courier presents the 2008 Men of Excellence**

### **Awards Reception**

**December 10, 2008**

**6:00—8:30 PM**

**Lexus Club/PNC Park**

Several of your Chamber Members will be honored. RSVP by December 3rd. Reservations: \$75/person.

**“There is More Than One Reason to be Certified as a Minority or Woman-Owned Business”**

**December 10, 2008**

**9:00—11:00 AM**

**Riverside Center for Innovation, Room 510, 700 River Avenue**

This interactive workshop will discuss the certification application & process, & the benefits associated with being certified as a minority or woman-owned business. To register, email Elizabeth Bowers at [elbowers@state.pa.us](mailto:elbowers@state.pa.us)

**Sustainable Pittsburgh presents the 5th Annual Regional Equitable Development Summit**

**“The Employment Priority—Inclusion in the Workforce”**

**December 11, 2008**

**Twentieth Century Club**

**4201 Bigelow Blvd.**

**8:30 AM—12:30 PM**

**Registration: 8:00 AM**  
The keynote speaker will

be Dr. Chris Benner, Associate Professor of Community & Regional Development at the University of California—Davis. Dr. Larry Davis, Dean of the Pitt School of Social Work, will offer reaction. Go to [www.sustainablepittsburgh.org](http://www.sustainablepittsburgh.org) to register.

**“Life on Mars,”  
the 2008 Carnegie  
International Tour  
Carnegie Museum of Art  
Now thru 1/11/2009  
Carnegie Museums,  
4400 Forbes Ave.**

Take a tour of the Life on Mars exhibition. Get a closer look at the 55th Carnegie International. Call 412-622-3131 or visit [www.cmoa.org](http://www.cmoa.org) for tickets. \$11-\$15, Members & children under 3 admitted Free.

Your Chamber was part of a coalition that supported a Proposed Community Statement on Transit Labor Dispute. We are pleased an agreement was reached & the transit strike has been averted.

Reporting by the Pittsburgh Regional Indicators Consortium shows that our region set a record for jobs in the month of September, despite a continued decline in national job growth. There were 1,159,400 jobs in the region, up 7,000 over September 2007 & 2,300 over September 2000, the previous high water mark for the month in the seven-county metropolitan area. For more information on key indicators on health, education, government, hous-

ing, etc., visit [www.pittsburghtoday.org](http://www.pittsburghtoday.org).

Residential Resources Development Corp. is seeking bids from qualified general contractors to perform renovations to an existing one-story dwelling; & construction of a new 4 bedroom single family home. Bids are being solicited for a general contractor to be responsible for all aspects of work & will not be accepted from individual trades or subcontractors. A bidding packet may be obtained at the offices of Residential Resources Development Corp., at a cost of \$50. General contractors interested in submitting bids are also required to submit a 10% bid bond. **December 19, 2008, is the bid opening date.** Contact Marti Antonella at 412-642-9033.

The Department of Community & Economic Development is accepting nominations for PA's Best 50 Women in Business. Judges will consider professional accomplishments, community involvement & advocacy for women in business. The contest is not open to women serving in elected positions, non-profits, the judicial branch or as political appointees. You can submit your nomination online at [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com), keyword: Center for Entrepreneurial Assistance. **January 29th is the deadline.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Member Joseph K. Williams on being sworn in as Allegheny County's

43rd Common Pleas Court Judge. He will be required to run for a full term in May 2009. Associate Member Mike Langley on Allegheny Conference's successful Annual Meeting. Associate Member Esther Bush on hosting the Urban League "State of Black America" & on their 90th Anniversary. Supporting Member Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation's Authors & New Member's Reception last month. The event featured Al Tannler, author of "Journal of Stained Glass." Member Audric Dobbs & his wife on being the proud parents of a new baby girl. Associate Member Esther Bush & Member John Laymon were panelists at the forum: "Diversity: The Way to Business Success" program presented by DiverseCity Pittsburgh & the University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics. Member Dwight Mayo was honored at the Omega Psi Phi 2008 Annual Achievement Awards Formal as the "Outstanding Businessman of the Year;" Member Greg Spencer served as Master of Ceremonies. Associate Member Magdelaine Jensen on the YWCA's Racial Justice Awards.

**In the New Pittsburgh  
Courier:**

Associate Member YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh on their successful Week Without Violence Series, allowing City Police to interact with members of the community. Corporate

Supporter P.J. Dick on being chosen by the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh to build its new Thelma Lovette Family YMCA in the Hill District.

Member Col. Edmund D. Effort on receiving a Unit Citation from the Veteran's Leadership Program.

**In the Pittsburgh  
Business Times:**

Bidwell Training Center ranked #16 out of the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Career Schools. Seven Members were included in the List of the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Colleges & Universities: #1—University of Pittsburgh; #3 CCAC; #6 Carnegie Mellon University; #7 Duquesne University; #11 Robert Morris University; #13 Point Park University; & #23 was Seton Hill University. Three Members ranked on the List of 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Hospital Organizations: #1 UPMC; #3 The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh; #25 Children's Home & Lemieux Family Center. Presidential Roundtable member Dominion Foundation for being ranked #9 in the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Foundations.

**Welcome New  
Member:**

**Associate Member**

Jason Venier, P.E.  
CDM

***Have a wonderful Holiday Season!***