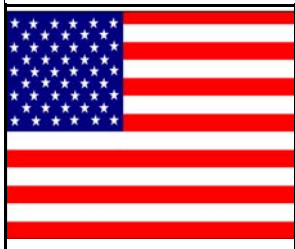


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### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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### **March 2009**

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

We appreciate your patience: the change in our editor at MARC USA delayed final edit of our Membership Directory. It goes to print on Monday. February's PowerBreakfast broadened our thinking about our region. John Craig of [PittsburghToday.org](http://PittsburghToday.org) encouraged us to think beyond Western PA to Morgantown W. VA. Kudos to Jessica Schmidt for hosting the Members Mixer at Heinz Hall & for the wonderful door prizes.

### **LEED/Green Workshop** **March 9th 12:00 - 4PM** **Regional Enterprise Tower Speaker:**

**Byron Falchetti**, President Highmark Standard Property Corporation & Chairman of the Green Building Alliance. This Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design workshop, the 2nd of our 4 part series, will focus on green design, certification, & the award winning Highmark Silver Certified Data Center! This workshop is for all professionals: Legal, Finance, Architects, & Business Consultants,

as well as those in the building trades. Cost:\$15. RSVP by March 6th to: [programs@aaccwp.com](mailto:programs@aaccwp.com).

### **PowerBreakfast**

**March 20th**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**  
**Pittsburgh Partnership**  
**for Neighborhood**  
**Development**

Associate Member Ellen Kight & her staff will discuss business opportunities with their funded organizations that help develop our city neighborhoods.

### **The Future of Green Jobs**

March 30th, 6:00 -9PM  
Westin Convention Center  
Hotel

*Nationally Acclaimed African American Activist in town Talking "Green"*  
**Jerome Ringo, President**  
**Apollo Alliance**

This is a lecture not to be missed. A reception will follow for you to meet this unionist, lecturer, & environmentalist. The event is co-hosted by your Chamber & new Associate Member, Green Building Alliance. The workshop will be held March 31st. To register, visit [www.regonline.com/green\\_sense](http://www.regonline.com/green_sense).

### **Protecting Your Investments During**

### **Turbulent Times**

**March 17th,**  
**11:30AM A.E. Hunt**  
**Regional Enterprise**  
**Tower**

This two hour Business Institute Workshop, is de-signed to help review your mortgage rate info & investment portfolios. \$10 includes a boxed lunch. RSVP by March 13th to the Chamber @ 412-392-0610.

### **Networking Mixer**

**March 25th 5PM - 7PM**  
**Ambiance Boutique**  
1039 S. Braddock Ave.  
Associate Member Lois Martin of Bethlehem Haven will be our host. RSVP to us by March 23rd .

### **PowerBreakfast**

**April 17th**  
**7:30 AM Rivers Club**  
**"Examining President**  
**Obama's Economic**  
**Stimulus Package Af-**  
**fect on PA Small Busi-**  
**ness "**

State Representative members Joe Preston & Jake Wheatley will discuss the plan & you can ask questions on how it will impact you.

### **Networking Mixer**

**April 30th 5PM - 7PM**  
**Members Hope Vaccaro**  
**& Jim McDonald look**  
**forward to hosting you**  
**as we announce Spring!**

**Chaka Khan & the  
Pittsburgh Symphony  
Orchestra**

**June 25th 8:00PM  
Heinz Hall**

As a Community Partner for this SPECIAL event, ticket purchases will benefit our Chamber. Call 412-392-4894 & use **code11752**.

**Members Events  
Help For Homeowners  
Facing Foreclosure**

This Housing Counseling Services Program is offered by Associate Member Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh. Call Dawn Williams at 412-227-4163.

**Duquesne University**

A professional Coaching Certification Program has been developed at Duquesne University's School of Leadership & Professional Advancement which begins on April 17, 2009. The program is designed for you to become a professional coach within your firm, a private practice, as well as those currently serving as coaches & seek certification. An information session will be held on March 14th. Call 412-396-5600 for more info.

**Bill Strickland to Host  
Speaker Series**

Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland will host the Aquinas Academy of Pgh Speaker Series. The event is free & will take place March 12th at 7PM at the Rhodora Donahue Bldg. 2308 W. Hardies Rd., Gibsonia. Call 412-323-4000 x264.

**Leadership Dialogue**

The Pittsburgh Business Times' Leadership Dial-

ogue Series begins March 12th. Corporate Sponsor Dr. Alex Johnson (CCAC), will host Part 1 at the Rivers Club. Call 412-481-6397. The University of Pittsburgh's Social Work Forum & Recognition Lunch will be held on March 18th, 9AM - 3PM, Wm Pitt Union, 5th & Bigelow, University of Pitt Oakland campus. Call 412-624-3711 or 412-657-0094.

**Put Your Exercise Equipment to "GOOD" Use**

Shuman Juvenile Detention Center is looking for new & used fitness equipment to begin a "fitness" program for the youths in detention. Pick-up is available. Call Member Jack Simmons at 412-665-4114 or email at [william.simmons@county.allegheny.pa.us](mailto:william.simmons@county.allegheny.pa.us). You may also deliver your equipment to:

Shuman Center  
7150 Highland Drive  
East Liberty.

**Soul Food Dinner  
& Jazz Night  
April 11th 6PM-10:00PM  
Rivers Club**

Ask for Member Rob @ 412-860-8500. Reservations are required.

The Pittsburgh Quarterly provides informative, comparative, & useful articles on our regional, municipalities, national taxes & more. [www.pittsburghtoday.org](http://www.pittsburghtoday.org) is the website to learn more about your town

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Corporate Sponsor U.S. Steel's David Coleman, for serving as Chair of the Boy Scout's Whitney Young Dinner. We wish him an enjoyable retire-

ments (February 28th was his last day). Chamber Treasurer Cheryl Allen has joined Member Terry Collier at Terry Collier & Assoc. The Heart Assoc. on a successful Heart Ball Fund-raiser. Members Connie Portis, Jackie Dixon, Dr. Mary Hines, & your Chamber President were honored with the Women of Achievement Award.

**Members in the New  
Pittsburgh Courier:**

Bill Strickland for receiving an award from County Councilwoman Amanda Green for the Bidwell Training Center. The New Pittsburgh Courier on their Proclamation from City Council. The University of Pittsburgh for their successful annual K. Leroy Irvis Black History Month Program; Member "Chuck" Powell, awarded for his hard work by the "Tell The Truth" community radio program, & to Maurita Bryant & Billy Jackson on serving as panelists at Point Park University's symposium on political assassinations of black civil rights activists, & to Member Rod Doss on the New Pittsburgh Courier's Lifetime Achievement Award.

**In the Pittsburgh Business Times:**

Congratulations to the Bank of New York Mellon & PNC Financial Services on being ranked in the top 3 of the largest money managers; Supporting Member Linda Clautti for the 2009 Women in Business Awards, by the

Pittsburgh Business Times & National City. Supporting Member COMCAST, ranked #2 among the area's largest communications firms. Corporate Sponsor Reed Smith ranked among the area's largest private firms & Corporate Sponsor Ernst & Young, among the area's largest consulting firms.

**In WHIRL Magazine:**

Members Sala Udin & Jackie Dixon at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership & Diversity Awards; Members Oscar Worthy & Robert Chambers at the Pittsburgh Business Times' Book of Lists Reception. Members Velma Monteiro-Tribble & Dr. Mona Generett at the Pittsburgh Presidential Inauguration Celebration.

**Lou Waller**

We were sorry to learn of the passing of our long time Member Louis "Lou" Waller, Sr.

**Welcome New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Rob Jones**

Ingood Company

**Chris Thorpe**

CMG Media Ventures, LLC

**Olafemi Mandley**

Ola Appetit Catering

Company

HBJ Products

**Supporting Members**

**Sheila Weiner**

The Event Group

**Associate Members**

**Jeaneen A. Zappa**

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