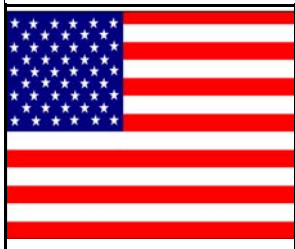


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

VOTE on May 19!

Last month's Power-Breakfast with Members State Reps Joe Preston & Jake Wheatley gave an in-depth presentation on the President's economic stimulus package & the impact on our region. Over 100 members & guests attended.

Our Candidates' Forum included candidates for Mayor, City Council, & Common Pleas Court. Members & guests heard from the candidates & then joined in for a lively Q & A session!

Our Business Institute's IT Clinic, sponsored by the URA, was informative. Presenter Robert Stein, Manager of the IT Program at Pitt's Small Business Development Center presented the advantages of eMarketing, new tools available, & product marketing.

Kudos to Member Hope Vaccaro on hosting a fun Members Mixer sponsored by BNY Mellon.

**Annual Meeting at
11:00 Luncheon 12:00**

Noon

**May 12, 2009
Omni William Penn
Dr. Kenneth Melani**

President & CEO High- mark Inc.

Just a few days away! We will also recognize WPXI's Darieth Chisolm & Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier for their efforts in helping to grow the membership. A special presentation is planned for the Annual Meeting. RSVP to 412-392-0610.

Networking Mixer

**The Mattress Factory
May 21st 5 – 7:00 PM.**

Nationally recognized Artist Thaddeus Mosley will be featured with a tour of the museum. Don't miss this exhibit.

**Getting Leed Certified
LEED/Green Workshop
June 8th 12:00 - 4PM
Regional Enterprise Tower**

Don't miss learning the mechanics of completing the forms & process on becoming Leed Certified. Space is limited so RSVP early. Cost: \$15.00. RSVP to: 412-392-0610.

PowerBreakfast

**June 19, 2009
7:30AM Rivers Club
River Life Presentation
Sponsored By:
Nationwide Insurance
Member Lisa Schroeder,**

the Executive Director, will update us with an electronic tour on the developments around the three rivers & how you can get involved. RSVP to: 412-392-0610.

New Members Orientation

June 23, 12-1:30 PM. This luncheon is open to new & existing members. Learn more about being part of this Chamber's organized body & the benefits You must RSVP to 412-392-0610.

**Chaka Khan & The
Pittsburgh Symphony
June 25th 8PM
Heinz Hall.**

As a Community Partner, your ticket purchases will benefit the Chamber. Call 412-392-4894, & use code 11752.

Special Breakfast Meeting

**July 10, 2009 8:00 AM*
Rivers Club
Dennis Yablonsky CEO
Allegheny Conference
on Community Development**

Join us as we welcome the new CEO & learn of his plans for our region.

Remember..next month cell phone numbers are being released to tele-marketing companies & you will start to receive sales calls. You could be

charged for these calls. To prevent this, call 888-382-1222 from your cell phone to the National DO NOT CALL list: only takes a minute to block your number for 5 years. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked.

Members Events
May 7th-8th
33rd Annual Business Opportunity Fair
David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Member Nick Nichols's Western Pennsylvania Minority Supplier Development Council (formerly PRMPC) has an exciting day planned. Call 412-391-4423 to register.

May 14, 8-10AM Mechanics of Starting a Small Business
Comfort Inn Washington, PA

Presented by Pitt's Small Business Development Center, they will cover getting help with financing & more; *No Cost!* Call 412-648-1542 for details.

May 20, Noon
YWCA's 27th Annual Tribute to Women
1:30PM, Westin Convention Center Hotel
Member Magdelaine Jensen hopes to see you at this annual regional event. Call 412-255-1257 for more info.

9th Entrepreneur's Growth Conference Smart Growth
May 21, 9AM-5PM
David L. Lawrence Convention Center.
Join Supporting Member Court Gould & Sustainable Pittsburgh for the 9th Annual Smart Growth

Conference with Keynote Speaker Douglas Farr, author of "*Sustainable Urbanism*". Call 412-258-6643 for more info.

June 4, 8AM-5PM
Duquesne University
Associate Member Mary McKinney's Small Business Development Center will host workshops for your business. Register at 412-396-6233.

May 26th 4:00 PM
Josh Gibson Field Opens Ammons Center

Member Sean Gibson will celebrate the opening of the new baseball field, in honor of grandfather, baseball great Josh Gibson (who played for the Pittsburgh Crawfords & Homestead Grays). Proceeds benefit the Josh Gibson Foundation.

SBA Workshop
May 27, 9AM-12PM
Registration is open for the 8(a), SDB & HUB-Zone Certification & Contracting Workshops. Register by calling 412-395-6560.

May 30, 2009.
August Wilson Center Community Day
Member Neil Barclay invites you to take part in Community Day as they prepare for the formal Grand Opening. For more info, call 412-258-2700; you don't want to miss it.

Urban League Mature Workers Program
Non-profit organizations may benefit from Member Urban League's Mature Workers Program designed to train seniors-on site at no cost. For more info on becoming a Host Agency call Rodney

Brown at 412-325-3927.

Member United Way of Allegheny County is looking for a Manager of Community Outcomes for Seniors/Persons with Disabilities: must have a minimum 5 years related experience. Email your resume to Jody Berbach At: jody.berbach@uwac.org.

Welcome
Chatham University's Center for Women's Entrepreneurship's new Director, Ms. Rebecca U. Harris.

CONGRATULATIONS
Member Sylvester Pace on NEED's 46th Annual Benefit Dinner, & was named Alumni of the Year by Cheyney Univ.

Member Howard Graves nominated by the Governor to PA's Architects License Board. Member Lucy Dabney on the 40th Anniversary of PACE. Member Lisa Schroeder was selected for the Pittsburgh Foundation's expanded Board.

In The New Pittsburgh Courier
Member Peggy Harris on Three Rivers Youth's Ribbon Cutting.

Member Sylvester Pace, (NEED) & Esther Bush (Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh) at NEED's Gala & Scholarship Dinner.

In The Pittsburgh Business Times
Corporate Sponsor CCAC's President Dr. Alex Johnson on the school's new initiative to help workers develop new skills.

In WHIRL Magazine

Member Rod Doss on the New Pittsburgh Courier's Feb 40 at the Heinz History Center. Member Jackie Dixon was also in attendance. Associate Member Evan Frazier at Hill House Association's 45th Anniversary Soul Gala; Members Peggy Harris, Pitt's Dr. Larry Davis & Adagio Health's Richard Baird at PACE's 40th Anniversary Luncheon; Presidential Roundtable Member Ralph Papa (Citizen's Bank) at Associate Member LaRoche College's Founder's Gala.

Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland at the IUP Legacy Gala.

In The Pittsburgh Post Gazette
Member Greg Spencer as the Honorary Chair for Member PACE's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

We were saddened to inform you of the passing of our dear Member Don Carter, Deputy Director, SBA. He will be deeply missed.

Welcome New Members Regular Members

Mike Fulmore
Bug Eyed Pest & Warranty Services

Eric Roberson
HNMS, Inc.

Supporting Members
Joe Diven
Specialized Security Response, Inc.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL MEETING AT 11:00 MAY 12TH!

