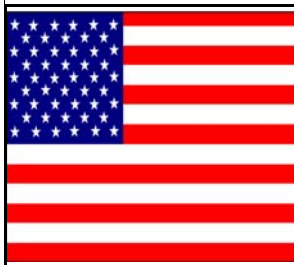


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Thank you for attending the Annual Meeting & Luncheon on May 12th. Three new Members were elected to the Board of Directors: Louis Alexander – Byars & Alexander, Cheryl McAbee-River Development & Fulton Meachem–Housing Authority, City of Pittsburgh. Board Members Jennifer Cash Wade, Shelia Washington, Ted Roberts were thanked for their service as they rotated off the board. Your feed-back on Presidential Round-table Member Dr. Ken Melani's presentation on health-care was powerful. Stay tuned for clips on our website.

Our Members & guests enjoyed a fun May Mixer at the Mattress Factory. The exhibit, featuring local artist Thaddeus Mosley, runs thru July 19th.

Getting LEED Certified LEED/Green Workshop
June 8, 12 Noon-4PM
Regional Enterprise Tower \$15
Don't miss this session on the mechanics & the

process on becoming LEED Certified. Massaro Construction & the URA are the facilitators. Rev. Calvin Cash-John Wesley AME Zion Church will present his group's plan for a "Green Corridor" in the Hill District. Includes lunch & materials. RSVP 412-392-0610.

PowerBreakfast **June 19 - 7:30AM** **Rivers Club**

River Life Presentation **Sponsored By Nationwide Insurance**

Member Lisa Schroeder will update us on developments along the 3 rivers & how you can get involved. RSVP 412-392-0610.

New Members **Orientation**

Enterprise Tower **June 23, 12-1:30PM**

This is open to new & existing members. Join us & learn about being part of this organized body & the benefits associated. RSVP to: 412-392-0610.

Special Breakfast Meeting
July 10 - 8AM
Rivers Club
Dennis Yablonsky, CEO
Allegheny Conference
on Community

Development

Join us as we welcome the former PA cabinet member & hear his plans for our region. You must RSVP.

Port Authority's **Transit Development** **Plan Workshop** **Stephen Bland, CEO** **July 13th, 11:30AM-1PM**

\$5 (includes lunch)
Fetteroff Room
Regional Enterprise Tower

Our Associate Member has asked for your input on their plans to make service more efficient. Call 412-392-0610 to register; info will be sent.

Chaka Khan & The **Pittsburgh Symphony** **June 25th 8:00PM,** **Heinz Hall**

Remember, your Chamber is a Community Partner that will benefit from this *SPECIAL* event. To purchase tickets, call 412-392-4894 to, & use **code 11752; thank you.**

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Associate Member Joe McGrath & his staff, the G-20 Economic Summit will be coming to our city in September. This will be our chance to showcase our city to the world! Information on the summit

is evolving & we will help keep you informed. Go to: www.visitpittsburgh.com & click on G-20 Summit for updates & more information. Their newsroom is in development & will soon begin postings.

FY\$!

The SBA will now guarantee emergency bridge loans up to \$35,000 for small businesses having a hard time paying off existing non-SBA loans. Call Associate Member Carl Knoblock @ 395-6560.

Member Events **Get to the Forefront of** **The Customer Mind**

**Tuesday June 9,
7:30-10:30AM
PAA, 4215 - 5th Ave.
Small Business Development Center &
Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence**
Learn how to get the most out of your website with Search Engine Optimization. Guest speaker is Kristopher Jones, one of the world's leading SEO experts. Space is limited & your registration is required. Call 412-648-1542.

Free Computer Classes
For ages 50+ at the MLK Center. Register by June 25th at 412-681-0461.

**June 11 - 8pm
An Evening with
Meshell Ndegeocello**
August Wilson Center
980 Liberty Ave.
For more information,
call 412-258-2700.

**June 18th - June 21st
Music of Ray Charles
PNC Pittsburgh**

Symphony POPS Heinz Hall

Featured is the protégé of Ray Charles, Ellis Hall. Call 412-392-4900.

Tuesdays 5-7PM JAZZLIVE Agnes Katz Plaza 7th & Penn Avenue

Join Associate Member Kevin McMahon for after work entertainment, sponsored by BNY Mellon & the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

Highmark is seeking a Segment Mgr. Business or Marketing Degree + 5 years experience. Apply at www.highmark.com.

A Political 1st for Harrisburg

Harrisburg City Council President Linda Thompson will probably become the Commonwealth Capital's 1st African American female mayor, having defeated the incumbent in the primary and no GOP candidates filed for the fall.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Neil Barclay on the Community Day Celebration for the August Wilson Center for African American Culture. **Member** Jack Simmons on Shuman Center's 35th Anniversary; **Member** Sean Gibson's Grand Opening of the Josh Gibson Field; **Member** Richard Witherspoon on the Hill District Federal Credit Union receiving funding from **Member** BNY Mellon's contribution to the Hill District Neighborhood Partnership Program; **Presidential Roundtable** Chairman Murry Gerber on

EQT named among the national *BusinessWeek* 50-Best Performers; **Member** Holly Childs on becoming the Green Building Alliance's new Executive Director; **Corporate Sponsor** Nova Chemical's new President & CEO Christopher Pappas; **Member** Dr. Alex Johnson on CCAC's 1st Vanguard Diversity Awards.

In The News

Pittsburgh Courier

Member Oscar Worthy on Oscar's Ltd.; **Member** Urban League's Esther Bush emceed BASH's A Little Black Dress Affair.

The Pittsburgh Business Times

New Member Specialized Security Response, Inc.; **Presidential Roundtable** **Member** PNC for putting together more business loans to mid-sized companies during the 1st quarter than any bank in the country; **Member** firms All Purpose Cleaning Service, Rice Enterprises, Chester Engineers, JRL Enterprises, Sci-Tek, Urban Settlement Services, & Waller Corp. listed among the 25 largest minority-owned firms in the Pittsburgh area. **Supporting** **Member** Jerry Cozewith on the Regional Youth Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition.

Pittsburgh Magazine

Member Max Miller-Raise Your Spirits & **Presidential Roundtable** **Member** Citizen's Ralph Papa at KidsVoice Kite Tails & Cocktails event; **Member** Allegheny Conference on Economic De-

velopment's Dennis Yablonsky at the Pirate's Kick-Off Luncheon.

Pittsburgh Quarterly

Member August Wilson Center for African American Culture "A Downtown Dynamo".

The Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Member Neil Barclay is heading to Atlanta to become CEO of the National Black Arts Festival; **Member** Chuck Sanders, Urban Settlement Services, *Right Place, Right Time*; **Member** Manchester Craftsmen's Guild after school students in "Chalk Shoes"; **Member** Evan Frazier on the Hill House receiving funding for 9 community organizations.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Shantel Bellinger
Sparkling Clean Janitorial Corporation

Supporting Members

Wayne Alling
Alling Agency Nationwide Insurance & Financial

Stephen Drazick
Drazick Agency
Nationwide Insurance

Associate Members

Lawrence Swanson
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