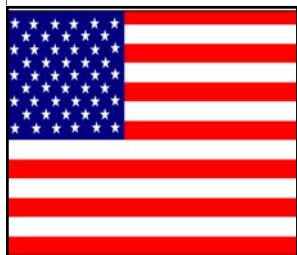


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Thanks to Associate Member URA's Matt Smuts, Massaro's Mike Tarle & Rev. Calvin Cash for a successful **LEED** the Way to Green Buildings Workshop. Members & guests learned about the LEED Certification & Accreditation process. Mark your calendars for September 28th, the 4th & final workshop.

Supporting Member Lisa Schroeder gave an outstanding electronic tour at June's Power-Breakfast Meeting on RiverLife with plenty of little known facts, & lots of what we can look forward to down by the riverside.

We hope Members who participated in last month's New Members Orientation found it beneficial.

The 6th Annual Community Partners Concert, starring Chaka Khan with the Pittsburgh Symphony was classic. Chaka & we thank you for your ticket purchases

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 at 412-392-0610.

July 13th

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Port Authority's Transit Development Plan Workshop

Stephen Bland, CEO Fetteroff Room

Regional Enterprise Tower \$5 (includes lunch)

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

August 18, 2009

2:00—4:00 PM

Point Park University
201 Wood St., 4th Floor Room 409

Your announcement has been sent. Member President Paul Hennigan & his senior team are looking forward to sharing business opportunities. **You must RSVP** to 412-392-0610.

FY\$!

The SBA will guarantee **interest free** emergency bridge loans up to \$35K

for small businesses having a hard time paying off existing non-SBA loans. **Act quickly**; the money will run out within months. Call Member Carl Knoblock @ 412-392-6560.

Tapping Into The Stimulus

Allegheny County is expecting final approval to spend over \$4 million on sewer system upgrades. For projects & contracting opportunities go to: alleghenycounty.us/recovery/CDBG.

"G-20 Summit" September 24th & 25th

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Associate Member Joe McGrath & staff, & the Allegheny Conference, the Group 20 Summit, will take place in our city. Led by President O'Bama, 20 leaders from foreign countries will hold meetings for 2 days on key issues impacting the global economy. The choice of Pittsburgh represents the first time the meetings will be held outside the nation's capital. Included are hundreds of foreign dignitaries & the media, estimated to be over 2500. Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato & Pittsburgh Mayor Luke

Ravenstahl, Co-Chairs of the Summit, announced the formation of The Pittsburgh G-20 Partnership to conduct a series of three community brainstorming sessions to solicit public input for us to welcome the meeting of the heads of state of the 19 countries & the European Union on how to best welcome our guests. Presidential Roundtable Member John Surma (& Chairman of Allegheny Conference) & your Chamber President (is Chairman of Visit Pittsburgh) are the co-chairs of The Pittsburgh G-20. The public sessions produced over 400 ideas, & more than 1000 people have signed up to volunteer. Thru the public/private partnership, almost \$500K has been raised by Allegheny Conference to defray costs! To volunteer or offer input, go to: www.visitpittsburgh.com & click on G-20 Summit.

10 FULL Scholarships
Syracuse University's School of Architecture has 10 full scholarships available to African Americans for a 5 year professional degree program. Contact Dean Mark Robbins @ 315-443-2256.

The City is Hiring
The City of Pittsburgh has several positions open including a Director of Personnel. A B.S. in HR Management or related degree & 9 years experience preferred. Apply @ www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/pers-depo/announcements/.

Members Events

New Corporate Supporter Rivers Casino set to open August 9th.

JAZZLIVE

**Every Tuesday 5-7PM
Agnes Katz Plaza
7th & Penn**

Sponsored by BNY Mellon & the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

Tee Off For the Y

23rd Annual YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh Golf Tournament
August 3 - 11AM
412-227-5315.

CONGRATULATIONS

Member Floyd Cephas on the North Side Christian Health Center being one of the 126 new *full status* Federally Qualified Health Centers approved nationally by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act; **Member Andrew Bullard**, honored as a Pittsburgh Pirates' Community Champion; **Member Bob Agbede** on Chester Engineers' ranked in the top 500 Design Firms in the U.S. by Engineering News Record; **Member Greg Spencer**, presented with a gratitude plaque @ B-Pep's fundraiser. **Member Judge Joe Williams & Dr. Audrey Murrell** honored at the Northside Old Timers Awards Banquet; **Member Peggy Harris** on a successful Open House at 3 Rivers Youth. **Corporate Supporter Joyce Bender** as Chair of the Epilepsy Foundation Board; **Member United Way** on raising more than \$31M; **Associate Member Green Building Alliance** gets LEED Platinum Certification; **Associate**

Member Dr. Schuyler "Sky" Foerster leaving the World Affairs Council to become the inaugural Brent Scowcroft Professor of National Securities Studies at the Air Force Academy; **Associate Member Ann Dugan**, nominated for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

IN THE NEWS

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Chase Patterson, Keynote & panelists Jada Grandy & Dr. Audrey Murrell at the African American Leadership Summit; **Members James Williams III, & Royce Woods**, Young Black Professionals; **Members Lois Martin & Elise Yanders**, @ Bethlehem Haven's dinner featuring PBS's Gwen Ifill; **Member Chuck Sanders'** Urban Settlement Services among the Nation's top 100 Black businesses; **Members Dr. Mona Generett, Jackie Dixon & Peggy Harris** at 3 Rivers Youth Nellie Leadership Awards; **Member Floyd Cephas** receiving \$60K from Dominion Resources for the Northside Christian Health Center; **Member Peggy Harris** at the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy's Spring Hat Luncheon; **Members Aaron Walton & Jackie Dixon** at the "Do The Write Thing Challenge". Highmark hosted the dinner, & the Alcoa Foundation will fund a trip to DC for students, parents & teachers for the National Campaign

to Stop Violence; **Corporate Sponsors** Manchester Bidwell Corp., Giant Eagle & the Pirates donated prizes; **Members Russell & Cathy Bynum** enjoying Melba Moore @ New Horizon Theatre; **Member Dara Ware Allen** at the Youth Workforce Development Conference; **Member YWCA's** Magdeline Jensen & Mary Smith Peters & Jackie Dixon at the Y's Tribute to Women Leadership Luncheon, **Member Dwelling House** will stay open for business; **Member Esther Bush** at the League's Black Male Leadership Development Institute at Robert Morris; **Member Cindy Cavalucci & Bishop Donald Clay** at the opening of Imani Christian Academy's new location; **Member Sylvester Pace**, Judge Joseph Williams & Kevin Chase Patterson @ the Mason's Symposium for the Center for Advanced Studies students.

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