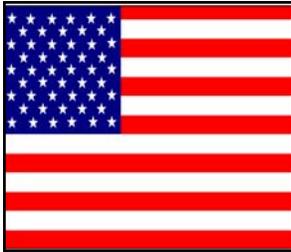


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MISSION STATEMENT

*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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**July 2009**

**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 quick-ly**; 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](http://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](http://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/](http://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.

**"Magical Musical Icon"**  
**We Will All Miss The Phenomenal Talent of Michael Jackson**

**Welcome New Members**  
**Regular Members**

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The Penn State Center

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