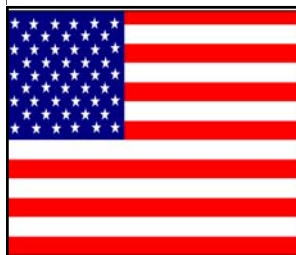


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#### MISSION STATEMENT

*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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information about regional efforts surrounding the Summit. Go to: [www.pittsburghg20.org](http://www.pittsburghg20.org).

**Dr. Kenneth Melani's Healthcare presentation is now available on DVD for \$8.00. Call the office to purchase your copy.**

**Member Dennis Yablonsky** gave an outstanding presentation at our Special Breakfast Meeting, making us all proud of our region's natural resources, & Allegheny Conference's plans for the region.

A special thanks to the ALCOA Foundation for sponsoring Dr. Kenneth Melani's presentation on healthcare to the Foundation & Corporate Community.

**Member Steve Bland's** team provided useful information on the Port Authority's plans for improved transit service. Members & guests left with lots of information.

**How To Do Business with Point Park University**  
**August 18, 2009**  
**2PM - 4PM**

**201 Wood St. 3rd Floor**  
Join us as Member Paul Hennigan & his senior management team present how to do business with their various departments. RSVP by 8/14 @ 412-392-0610.

#### PowerBreakfast

**September 18th - 7:30AM**  
**Rivers Club**

#### Sponsored by Comcast

Join us as we welcome Senator Wayne Fontana who will give us a budget update. RSVP by 9/16 @ 412-392-0610

#### "Lead the Way to Green Buildings" Workshop

**Monday September 28th**  
**12noon - 4:00 PM**

#### Regional Enterprise Tower

Join us for the final workshop with Phipp's Conservatory Executive Director, Richard Piacentini on Phipps & Sustainability, & Artemis Environmental President Janice Donatelli on Green Building products. RSVP by 9/25 @ 412-392-0610.

#### Members Mixer

**September 30th 5-7PM**  
**625 Liberty Ave. Suite 1700**

Join us EQT hosts us at their new facility, "where energy meets innovation". RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

#### "G-20 Summit"

**September 24th & 25th**  
**Pittsburgh PM Magazine** will distribute the City Guide in nearly 400 cabs & hotels during the G-20 Summit. The Pittsburgh G-20 Partnership web-site is the channel for

#### Members Events

**Pittsburgh Pirates Shirts Off Our Back Saturday, August 8th**  
**Member Chaz Kellem** is recruiting volunteers to assist with a new event to raise funds for Pirates Charities. The event requires volunteers to canvas the ballpark & assist with the selling of \$2 scratch-off tickets, for 25 lucky winners who will receive an autographed Pirates' jersey in an on-field postgame ceremony prior to SkyBlast! event. Email Chaz at: [chaz.kellem@pirates.com](mailto:chaz.kellem@pirates.com) for details to sign up.

Your Chamber has joined with United Way, Urban League, CCAC, & Pittsburgh Public Schools for the **Career & Education Mentoring Project** for 6th graders. Help students develop career dreams, understand the value of an education, & equally important, have an adult role model who is concerned about their development. Please volunteer 45 minutes each week at a mentee's school, & help our young people. Go to: [www.bea6thgradementor.org](http://www.bea6thgradementor.org)

### **FY\$!**

The SBA will guarantee **interest free** emergency bridge loans up to \$35K for small businesses to pay off existing non-SBA loans. **Act quickly**; the money is expected to run out soon. Call Member Carl Knoblock @ 412-395-6560. Also, the government may use TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) funds to boost lending to small firms.

### **URA Seeking RFPs**

The URA is looking for companies interested in developing a 55k sq. ft. Lawrenceville site. The deadline for proposals is 8/31. For RFP's go to: [www.ura.org](http://www.ura.org) & click on Hatfield Street, or call 412-255-6617. They are also seeking proposals for the former Miller Elementary School @ 61 Reed Street in the Hill District. (Pgh. Public Schools is seeking developers). **Proposals are due September 18th**. For an RFP go to [www.ura.org](http://www.ura.org) & click on Bids & Proposals

### **City of Pittsburgh Bid Submissions**

Vendors interested in reviewing a complete, submission-worthy bid package as a sample should go to [www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance), or call 412-255-2485.

### **Become an Allegheny County Supplier**

The County uses an electronic bid distribution system in addition to hard copies. To be considered for county contracts go to: [www.allegghenycounty.us](http://www.allegghenycounty.us) & click on

[enycounty.us](http://enycounty.us) & click on Information for businesses.

### **PA Governor's Conference for Women** **September 17th**

Register for this year's conference in Philadelphia. Go to <http://pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org>; your Chamber discount code is **paeb09**.

### **Tapping Into The Stimulus**

Allegheny County is expecting final approval to spend over \$4M on sewer system upgrades. For a list of projects & contracting opportunities, go to [alleghenycounty.us/recovery/CDBG](http://alleghenycounty.us/recovery/CDBG).

### **IRS Events**

Free phone forums & webinars for small businesses. Go to [www.irs.gov/businesses/small](http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small).

### **Job Corps Grads**

Trained, ready & able to work for you in several fields including Health, Business Technology, & Manufacturing. Call 412-441-8700.

### **FAIR PAY ??**

The City of Pittsburgh has released a report on wage equity practices in city government...very *enlightening!* go to: [www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/council](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/council).

### **EQUAL PAY ACT**

The EPA requires that men & women be given equal pay for equal work in the same establishment. Jobs do not have to be identical, but they must be substantially equal. Job content, **not Title**, determines wheth-

er jobs are substantially equal. Virtually all employers are subject to provisions of the EPA.

### **Get Motivated Seminar** **Tuesday August 11th - 8AM - 4:45PM**

#### **Mellon Arena**

Featuring Gen. Colin Powell, Troy Polamalu & more. For information go to [www.getmotivated.com](http://www.getmotivated.com)

### **Summer Camp**

Hill House has summer programs for kids including an employment program. 412-392-4449.

### **Rivers Casino**

Our Supporting Corporate Supporter is set to open August 9th.

### **JAZZLIVE**

Every Tuesday 5-7PM  
Agnes Katz Plaza  
7th & Penn  
Sponsored by BNY Mellon & the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust.

### **Mon Valley Initiative** **2009 Golf Outing**

August 18 - 9:30AM  
Grandview Golf Club  
North Braddock  
412-464-4000

### **GREEN NEWS**

Did you know that the David L. Lawrence Convention Center was the first LEED Green convention center in the World, & nationwide Pittsburgh had the 1st green bank building - PNC, & 1st green dorm, CMU's gold rated Stever.

### **LEED Leadership**

Pittsburgh City Council has voted in favor of all City owned buildings & building projects using Tax Increment Financing

(TIF) dollars must be built to **LEED's** Silver under the U.S. Green Building Council's Rating System.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Member Jessica Schmidt on a record number of Chaka Khan concert ticket sales in the 6 year history of the Pittsburgh Symphony's Community Partners program. Member Sean Gibson on his successful Gosh Gibson Foundation Fundraiser.

### **IN THE NEWS**

#### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Member Sean Gibson at the Alpha Phi Alpha *Nights Over Egypt*; Member Dennis Yablonsky speaking at your Chamber Breakfast Meeting. Corporate Sponsors Chauncey Smith & Dr. Alex Johnson @ the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund Awards Luncheon; Member Howard Graves on his appointment to the PA Licensure Board for Architects. Member Max Miller, featuring his firm: Raise Your Spirits.

### **Whirl Magazine**

Members Peggy Harris, Jada Grandy, Elise Yanders & Magdeline Jensen @ the YWCA Women's Leadership Awards Luncheon; Lois Martin @ Ambiance Boutique's Open House to benefit Bethlehem Haven.

### **Welcome New Members**

**Corporate Sponsors**  
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*Have a great Summer!*