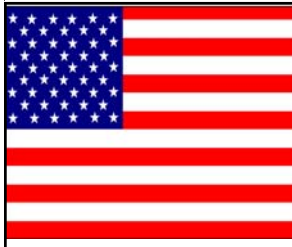


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MISSION STATEMENT

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 to Member Dr. Paul Hennigan & his team for hosting a comprehensive How To Do Business With Point Park University Workshop. The first step for Chamber members is to complete a profile form. go to www.pointpark.edu/About/AdminDepts/ProcurementandBusinessServices/Informationforsuppliers/media/About/AdminDeptProcurement/supplierprofile.pdf. Don't forget to provide your certification & classification status.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
Senator Wayne Fontana
Friday Sept. 18th
7:30AM - Rivers Club
Sponsored by Comcast
Join us as we welcome the Senator to update us on the budget & state business. RSVP by 9/16 to 412-392-0610.

"LEED the Way to Green Buildings"
Workshop
Monday, Sept. 28th
12 Noon - 4:00 PM
Regional Enterprise Tower
This final workshop of our four-part series will

feature Member Richard Piacentini on Phipps Conservatory's Sustainability Project & Member Janice Donatelli, CEO of Artemis Environmental Products on purchasing green building products. RSVP by 9/24 @ 412-392-0610.

Members Mixer
Hosted by: EQT
Wednesday Sept. 30th
5PM - 7PM
625 Liberty Ave. Suite 1700
We look forward to seeing you at EQT's new location, "Where Energy Meets Innovation". RSVP by 9/28 @ 412-392-0610.

Doing Business with Rivers Casino
Wednesday, Oct. 21st
12 Noon - 2:00PM
Rivers Casino, Northshore
Come learn what goods & services are needed & how your firm can partner with their procurement team. **There is limited space.** RSVP by 10/10 to 412-392-0610.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
Washington County Commissioner
J. Bracken Burns
Friday, Oct. 16th

7:30AM - Rivers Club
Join us as we welcome our guest speaker. We will hear about exciting developments in Southwestern PA. RSVP by 10/14 @ 412-392-0610.

Members Mixer
Sponsored by HIGHMARK
Thursday Oct. 22nd
5:15PM - 7PM
Fifth Avenue Place
120 Fifth Ave., Lobby
Join us for an evening of networking, shopping, & special discounts at Member Lydell's.

Dr. Kenneth Melani's healthcare presentation, loaded with healthcare history & current data, is still available for \$8. Call the office to purchase your copy.

Pittsburgh Summit
September 24th & 25th
For daily updates, go to www.PittsburghG20.org. There is still a need for volunteers. Please help.

Members Events
Breaking Into The Trade Game
Learn how your company can increase profits by entering world markets. Sessions begin 9/17 @ Duquesne Univ. SBDC. Call 412-396-6233 for more information..

Pitt's Center for Executive Education offers fall programs. Go to: business.pitt.edu/CEE.

UPMC Recruiting
Wednesday, Sept. 9th
10AM - 4PM
5150 Centre Ave.
Shadyside

Several opportunities are open. Pre-register @ careerevents@upmc.edu or @ 866-648-8495.

The Pirates are seeking an Inside Sales Rep. Go to: <http://careers.pirates.com>.

August Wilson Center

This month marks the official opening of the center with the World Premier Tribute Ceremony; Lalah Hathaway; & Philadanco. Go to: Augustwilsoncenter.org & click on *events*.

8-TRACK

Now thru Sept. 27th
The Sounds of the 70's
CLO Cabaret
Theater Square.

For Tickets, call 412-456-6666.

K. Leroy Irvis **Science Center - CCAC**

The groundbreaking ceremony is on 9/18, 9:30AM, North Campus. Call 412-237-2525.

Environmental Festival

ALCOSAN Open House
Saturday Sept. 19th
9AM-4PM
Call 412-732-8002

Help Our **Young People**

Volunteer 45 minutes a week to the Career & Education Mentoring Project & help a 6th grader develop dreams & understand the value

of an education. Go to: bea6thgradementor.org

September 17th

PA Governor's **Conference for Women**

Register for this year's conference in Philly @ pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org. The code for the Chamber discount is **paeb09**.

Sept. 24th, 9AM-Noon **Department of General** **Services**

Bidding Workshop
Gannon University, Erie.
For more information, go to: sbdcgannon.org.

FY\$!

SBA Loans Still Available
Interest free emergency bridge loans, up to \$35K, are available for small businesses. Call Member Carl Knoblock @ 412-395-6560.

Urban Youth Action is recruiting an Executive Director for the organization. Send your resume & related information to: uyasearch@gmail.com.

Business Opportunities

Small business owners can find out about federal contracting opportunities @ www.fedbizopps.gov

URA is accepting applications from contractors for residential/home improvement projects. Go to: ura.org, click on *contractor application*.

Become an Allegheny **County Supplier**

To be considered for county contracts go to alleghenycounty.us & click on *Information for Businesses*.

Attention Contractors

Mayor Ravenstahl's Executive Order now counts **labor** on construction projects & **construction services contracts** as MBE/WBE participation, & the **Equal Opportunity Review Commission** is ordered to **review** MBE/WBE contracts submitted to the city. Check out the EORC @ city.pittsburgh.pa.us: click on *Commissions*.

RFP Coming Soon

The Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny Co. will soon release an RFP for a detailed traffic study for the proposed Sports & Athletic complex in Moon Township. If interested, call 412-350-1044.

Did You Know?

Minority owned small businesses total nearly 735,000 nationwide compared to nearly 70 million non-minority small businesses.

GREEN NEWS

PA is #2 among states with the most LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified buildings.

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Willie Bush, father of Member Esther Bush.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chairman Circle Member Howard Graves confirmed by Senate as the First African American to serve on the State Licensing Board for Architects., Members Dr. Dara Ware Allen, appointed, *by the Mayor*, to the School Board;

Rhonda Carson Leach & Dr. Mona Generett, Pittsburgh Courier "Women of Excellence"; Gail Moss on the NAACP *Heal Thy Self* event; Chairman Circle Member Bob Agbede reappointed to the National Coal Council; we congratulate the management of the Rivers Casino on a successful opening. Member Richard Piacentini on Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens being chosen to host the opening reception for the Pittsburgh G20.

IN THE NEWS

New Pittsburgh **Courier**

Dr. Alex Johnson for enrollment & financial contributions increase @ CCAC; David Allen featured; Ken Mann @ the Frogs Formal; Esther Bush accepting a donation from Rivers Casino, & your Chamber President on the Pittsburgh Summit.

Pittsburgh Business **Times**

Members Judge Joe Williams & Sean Gibson 'After Hours'.

Tribune Review

Member Joyce Bender honored for placing people with disabilities.

Welcome New Members **Regular Members**

Shawn Hopson
N-Motion Entertainment

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