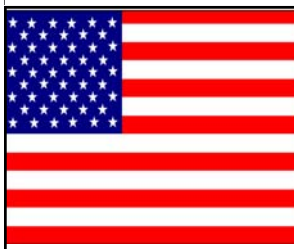


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

President O'Bama congratulated Allegheny County & the City of Pittsburgh for an excellent showcase during the G-20 Pittsburgh Summit 2009. To everyone who volunteered their time to help make it a success, we say thank you.

Member Joe McGrath/ Visit Pittsburgh, City Council President Doug Shields, County Councilman Bill Robinson, & Bill Flanagan/Allegheny Conference presented all aspects of the plans & concerns on the upcoming Summit at last month's PowerBreakfast, rated one of the best meetings!

Members Janice Donatelli/Artemis Environmental Products & Richard Piacentini/Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens concluded our 4 part LEED Workshop Series, presenting the value of sustainability & purchasing green building products, thanks to the Pittsburgh Foundation, the series sponsor.

The entire procurement staff was on hand to welcome us to EQT's new headquarters in

downtown. Kudos to Members Audric Dodds & John Obrist for hosting us.

Getting The Estimate RIGHT

**October 14th
12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM
Regional Enterprise Tower
Open to all professions**

Corporate Sponsor Massaro's estimators, & the PA Department of General Services will lead this workshop on developing estimates that may produce better contracts. RSVP by October. 9th.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**October 16th
7:30AM - Rivers Club
Washington County
Commissioner J. Bracken Burns**
Join us as we welcome our guest speaker. We will learn from our Regional Partner about the exciting developments in South-western PA. RSVP by October 14th.

Doing Business with Rivers Casino

**October 21st
12 Noon - 2:00PM
777 Casino Drive
North Shore**
This is a members only event. Learn what goods & services the casino uses & the protocol for

doing business with their purchasing team. Space is limited. RSVP by October 16th.

Members Mixer **October 22nd 5:15PM - 7PM**

**Fifth Avenue Place
Sponsored by HIGHMARK**
Join us for a fun evening of networking prizes, & shopping with special discounts @ Member Lydell's. RSVP to the office by October 15th.

New Electricity & Natural Gas Pools **November 10, 2009 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Regional Enterprise Tower**

Join Member Frank Torbert/FLT Trading, & OnDemand Energy Solutions to learn how to reduce your energy payments & save!

The Federal Reserve Bank Economic Forecast

**November 13, 2009
11:30AM - 1:30PM
Duquesne Club**
Mr. Mark Snikerman, Executive Vice President & Chief Policy Officer, Federal Reserve Bank - Cleveland will share with us the forecast nationally & for our region. An invitation letter will be sent.

Annual Business Luncheon **December 2nd**

**12Noon - 2PM
Omni William Penn**

Our guest speaker will be Presidential Roundtable Member Robert Kelly Chairman & CEO of BNY Mellon. An special invitation will be mailed.

**Business Plan
Competition**

Member Mel Pirchesky recently announced the annual multicultural business plan competition, that includes your Chamber, is nearing completion for this region. He is now in the second phase of the project which is to establish an endowment for the winners (millions).

Members Events

Bethlehem Haven

October 15th

2:00 PM

**1015 Forbes Ave.,
Volunteer & Donor
Recognition &
Open House**

Member Lois Mufuka Martin will honor those individuals who work to end homelessness. Open to the public. Call 412-391-1348.

October is Disability Awareness Month & Member Chaz Kellem is scheduling a special presentation on "Ability". For more information call 412-913-6357.

SBA Certification

**Wednesday, Oct. 28th
700 River Ave. Northside
12:00 NOON**

Learn about the programs designed to help expand into federal contracting. **NO FEE.** Register @ 412-395-6560

**National Kidney
Foundation Walk
November 8th**

**Pittsburgh Zoo &
PPG Aquarium
Take The 1st Step**

Join Member Deb Hartman for this exciting event. For details, go to: www.kidneywalk.org.

**Pink Ribbons & A Week
Without Violence**

October 17, 2009

11AM - 2:00 PM

**Westin Convention
Center Hotel
At The YWCA**

The YWCA's *Pink Ribbon Luncheon & Week Without Violence*, Oct. 18 - 24. For more info, call 412-255-1466.

Meet The Lenders

October 13th

9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

**Duquesne University
Rockwell Hall**

Join Member Dr. Mary McKinney & get the answers to how your firm can be funded. Register @ wbdc.duq.edu/event.

FY\$!

**SBA Loans Still
Available**

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

The Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development is accepting applications for their *Capacity & Development*

Programs for operating support in select communities. The deadline is December 7th. For details, go to: www.ppn.org

Federal Contracting

The Obama's Administration is pushing federal agencies to award small businesses their share of government contracts needed for them to meet the goals. Small busi-

ness owners can also learn about opportunities nationwide @ www.fedbiz opps.gov.

GREEN NEWS

Heads Up

The National Assn. of Home Builders says the demand for **green building professionals** is increasing tremendously.

Congratulations

"Women of Excellence"

Your Chamber proudly congratulates our Members who were honored among the New Pittsburgh Courier's "50 Women of Excellence": Kathy Bynum, Lucille Dabney, Dr. Helen Davis Darryl Ford-Williams, Dr. Mona Generett, Rhonda Carson Leach, Lyzona Marshall, Dawn Webb & Cameil Williams

We are saddened by the passing of our Member, dear friend & civil rights activist Harvey Adams, Jr.

Congratulations

Members August Wilson Center on the 9/19 Grand Opening Gala; Bob Agbede on acquiring View Engineering in Maryland; Visit Pittsburgh on the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh Racial Justice Award nomination.

IN THE NEWS

**New Pittsburgh
Courier**

Members Dr. Dara Ware Allen, sworn as Pittsburgh Public School Board Member; Evan Frazier & Greg Spencer @ ribbon-cutting for 1st Source Center; Terri Michele @ Pittsburgh Cares Circle launch; Dr. Alex Johnson @ the

groundbreaking of CCAC's K. Leroy Irvis Center; United Way's annual Women's Leadership Council breakfast & your Chamber's Power Breakfast on the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit.

Onyx Woman

Member Arlinda Moriarty, featured as the Entrepreneur of the Year.

Whirl Magazine

Member Royce Woods, Pittsburgh's 50 Finest; Orlana Darkins, Shyne Awards;

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

Members Phyllis Comer & Cameil Williams "Across Town"; Velma Monteiro Tribble @ the August Wilson Gala; Dennis Yablonsky "Steelers Kick-off Luncheon".

**Pittsburgh Business
Times**

Members Dr. Dara Allen Ware's Mayoral appointment to the Pittsburgh School Board & Orlana Darkins "After Hours".

Welcome New Members

Supporting Members

Jerry Cozewith
Entrepreneur Youth

Elliot Wagner
Toshiba Business
Solutions

Associate Members

Linda Roundtree
Geneva College

Chairman's Circle

(Membership Upgrades)

Howard Graves
Graves Architects, Inc.

Chuck Sanders
Urban Settlement Services

*The fountain at the
Point is **Pink!***