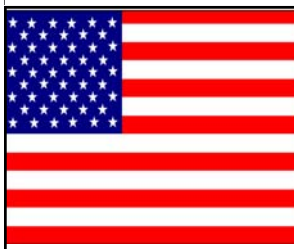


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Don't forget to Vote!

Members Elizabeth Bowers, PA DGS & Massaro's Jason Sigal & Joe Matsko delivered a thorough presentation on the estimating process at last month's Getting the Estimate *Right* Workshop: Very helpful.

Washington County Commissioner J. Bracken Burns, explained in detail, the opportunities for our entire region with the Marcellus Shale project, a deposit of natural gas reserves. Over 173k jobs are estimated to be created by 2020!

Rivers Casino Manager Ed Fasulo welcomed our members & his team of George Matta, Rhonda Gilchrist & Janet Foley gave an informative session on Doing Business with Rivers Casino. If you are interested in becoming a registered vendor with the PA Gaming Control Board, go to: www.pcgb.state.us.

Presidential Round-table Member Highmark & Standard Properties hosted a great Chamber Mixer, with gifts & great discounts at the stores.

Energy Savings Workshop

November 10th

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Regional Enterprise Tower

Join Member Frank

Torbert/FLT Trading, Chamber Choice & On-Demand Energy Solutions & learn how to reduce your energy payments & save!

Federal Reserve Bank Economic Forecast

November 13th

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Duquesne Club

Sponsored by:

K. Bealer Consulting, LLC

Dr. Mark Sniderman, Executive VP & Chief Policy Officer, Federal Reserve Bank, Cleveland will present the economic forecast nationally & for our region. **RSVP** to the office by November 10th.

"Seasonal Celebration"

November 30th

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

August Wilson Center

Sponsored by

Nationwide Insurance

Join us at the region's newest cultural center. You may bring **One Guest !** **RSVP** by November 27th, & don't forget to wear your logo pin!

Annual Business Luncheon

December 2nd

12Noon

Omni William Penn

Our guest speaker will be Presidential Round-table Member Robert Kelly, Chairman & CEO of BNY Mellon. Your invitation has been mailed.

Business Plan Competition

Member Mel Pirchesky announced the development of the annual multicultural business plan competition for this region, that includes your Chamber, is nearing completion. The 2nd phase is now underway-establishing an endowment for the winners.

New Website Feature

View clips with sound from past Chamber Annual Meetings & Business Luncheons events on our website. Go to: www.aaccwp.com & click on *Events*. Catch clips of past speakers remarks on names highlighted in gray.

Check Your Profiles

Your Membership Profile Form has been sent for the 2010 Membership Directory. Be sure we have your most recent information. No response means no

changes.

Members Events
Urban League's
State of Black Pittsburgh
Opportunity Fair & Town Hall Meeting
November 6th
3:30PM - 9:00 PM
Carnegie Mellon University Center
Associate Member Esther Bush welcomes sponsors for the fair & your presence to hear Keynote Speaker, award winning **Journalist Roland Martin**. Call 412-227-4233 to register.

Reflections on Race & Residence in Pittsburgh
November 8th - 1:30PM
Frick Art Museum
Associate Member Bill Bodine invites you to this insightful lecture. Call 412-371-0600 for details.

Walk for Life
November 8th
Join Member Deb Hartman for the Kidney Foundation walk at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium. For more info, go to: www.kidneywalk.org

"Mechanics of Starting a Small Business"
November 13th 7:30AM
Mervis Hall
University of Pittsburgh
For more information on Pitt's Small Business Development Center's **free** workshop, call 412-648-1542.

YWCA
Racial Justice Awards
November 16th-6:30PM
Westin Convention Center Hotel
Associate Member Magdeline Jensen invites everyone to this special annual recognition. Call 412-255-1466 for

details.

New Pittsburgh Courier
50 Men of Excellence
Awards Reception
November 19th
6:00 PM—8:30 PM
River's Club
Tickets: \$75
There is still time for being a sponsor as Member Rod Doss & staff salute men in our region. Call Stephen Broadus for details @ 412-481-8302.

"Century Cycle"
November 11th-22nd.
An August Wilson 4-play series Go to: www.augustwilsoncenter.org

Season of Giving Gala
December 5th
Oakmont Country Club
Join Associate Member Eric Mann & his Board of Directors for their 3rd Annual Gala. For details, go to: www.ymcapgh.org. Associate Member Ellen Kight announced The Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development is taking applications for their Capacity & Development Programs for operating support in select communities. The deadline is **Dec. 7th**. For more info, visit their site: www.ppnd.org.

Learn more about PA's Minority & Women Business Opportunities: www.portal.state.pa.us/bureau_of_minority_and_women_business_opportunities.

Starting an online business? Download your **free** electronic Online Business Guidebook. Go to: <http://businessguidebook.org/ebook>.

Federal Contracting
Small business owners can learn about national

opportunities @ www.fedbizopps.gov.

Heads UP Nonprofits
You are eligible to join with school districts in applying for Investing in Innovation Fund grants. Go to: www.ed.gov/programs/innovation.

Jobs with the Bucs
The Pirates have positions open for an Account Executive & Manager, Ticket Services. Go to: <http://careers.pirates.com>.

GREEN NEWS
Three PNC Plaza, 5th & Liberty Downtown, is one of the nation's largest green mixed-use projects, & our 1st new high-rise in 20 years. Associate Member Holly Childs on the Green Building Alliance's LEED Platinum Certification for their offices. Did you know the United Nations Environment Program has chosen Pittsburgh for its World Environment Day in North America in 2010.

Congratulations
Members Grace Robinson, on receiving the YWCA Racial Justice Award. Members Charles Sanders & Keith Keys were honored at the WPMSSDC Walk of Excellence Awards; Associate Member Magdeline Jensen on the YWCA's 140th anniversary symposium on "Women Who Dare". The United Way on receiving more than 700 volunteer applications for the "Be a 6th Grade Mentor" Program: Corporate Supporter Fifth Third Bank's new Hill District Branch.

IN THE NEWS
New Pittsburgh Courier
Member Mark Lewis appoints Karris Jackson as the new VP of Poise Foundation. Member Candi Castleberry-Singleton, as keynote speaker for UPMC's Connect: Reconnect Member Chuck Sanders as the keynote speaker for MED Week; Member Dawn Webb Turner for Our House Development's benefit; Board Member Oscar Worthy in *Pittsburghers Speak Out*; The YWCA's Pink Ribbon Luncheon, & Petra International Ministries Women of Faith & Prayer Luncheon; Senator Wayne Fontana as the lead sponsor for the African American Heritage Day Parade.

Whirl Magazine
Members Marva Harris, Dennis Yablonsky, Chaz Kellem & Shawn Gibson featured at the August Wilson Center Premier.

Pittsburgh Business Times
Associate Member Joe McGrath featured about the publicity generated by Visit Pittsburgh around the G20 Summit. Member Marva Harris at the August Wilson Center's World Premier, & Chairman Circle Member Robert Agbede featured in the "Workforce Development" story.

Welcome New Members
Regular Members
Thelma Spells
Spells International
Supporting Members
Sylvia Gholston Mosley
Novations Group

Vote Early!!.....