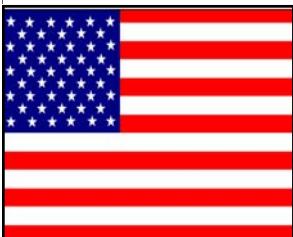


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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Member Frank
Torbert/FLT Trading & OnDemand's Damon Skiles offered members great energy savings information @ the Energy Savings Workshop sponsored by your Chamber. When this benefit is available to regular customers, we will let you know.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland's Senior Research Economist Dr. Kenneth Beauchemin, gave an in-depth & compelling economic outlook of the nation's economy during last month's "Economic Forecast Luncheon". A very significant statement Ken made was: 'The deeper the drop, the more rapid the recovery'. Thank you to Member Kay Bealer/K. Bealer Consulting for serving as our sponsor.

Thanks to our Corporate Sponsor Member Nationwide Insurance for sponsoring our Seasonal Celebration at the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, which was the

perfect setting for this year's Seasonal Celebration. Member Beau Catering did a delicious job on the refreshments. Everyone enjoyed themselves as we brought in the season meeting & greeting old & new friends.

Help a Charity While You Shop @ Fifth Avenue Place

**December 15th
4PM - 6PM**

Join Chamber members on December 15th @ Fifth Avenue Place, Downtown. Grab a free cup of coffee & do some holiday shopping. A portion of all member purchases will go to charity.

Members Mixer **January 8th 5PM-7PM Rivers Casino North Shore**

Start the New Year off with other members at the 1st Mixer of the year with Corporate Supporter & Host Rivers Casino.

PowerBreakfast Meeting **January 15th 7:30AM Rivers Club Oxford Center**

Join us as member Mark Peterson, President, Bridgeway Capital presents Bridgeway's

services & financing opportunities for small business owners. RSVP to 412-392-0610 by 1/13.

New Website Feature

Did you know that now you can view clips with highlights from past Chamber Annual Meeting events on our website. Go to: www.aaccwp.com & click on Events. Catch clips of past speakers remarks that are highlighted in gray.

Members Events

Mardi Gras Gala

**February 16th - 6:30PM
Westin Convention Center**

Join Associate Member the Epilepsy Foundation for Fat Tuesday. Presidential Roundtable Member Greg Babe, Bayer President & CEO, will be crowned King of Mardi Gras. For more information call 412-322-5880.

Help Connections

Member United Way offers info on social services to help your employees & co-workers. Go to: helpconnections@uwac.org

Food Drive

Corporate Supporter Rivers Casino is hosting food drives each Mon-

day thru December 21st at the casino. Bring only non-perishable food items.

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

Let's Make Sure

The Region's Federal Stimulus Dollars are Being Distributed EQUITABLY

The Regional Equity Monitoring Project an initiative of the Black Political Empowerment Project & Hill House, will provide trained monitors to help local governments ensure equitable distribution of these resources. Volunteer to become a citizen monitor. Call 412-728-4849.

Employment Opportunity at Bethlehem

Member Bethlehem Haven is seeking a Clinic Coordinator to work with homeless men & women. Learn more @412-391-1348.

Internships with the Bucs

Supporting Member Pittsburgh Pirates has several Spring & Summer internship opportunities available. Apply online @ <http://careers.pirates.com>.

OPEN POSITION Director, Land Protection

Associate Member Western PA Conservancy is seeking a Director of Land Protection. go to: www.paconserv.org & click on Employment.

Temporary Clerical Work

The IRS is seeking full time *temporary* clerical workers beginning January 11th. Learn more @ www.usajobs.opm.gov

Executive Order Signed

Gov. Rendell has signed an Executive Order following the American Recovery Act that creates opportunities for small & disadvantaged businesses. For opportunities call Kathy Waters Perez @ 717-783-3119.

Manage & Expand

The SBA in Pittsburgh offers several programs to small businesses for help with management and expansion. Go to: www.sba.gov.

Certified Weatherization Training

Over \$1 Million of state funds will be used to provide Certified Weatherization Training to 1000 individuals. Enroll now @ www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us Enrollment is limited

Active Projects

Get a look at the total active American Recovery Act projects for the entire U.S. @ www.recovery.org/for_businesses

GREEN NEWS

Pittsburgh is being called the City of Green Champions. Find out why at: www.gbpgh.org/greenfirsts.asp

Congratulations "Men of Excellence"

Your Chamber proudly congratulates our members who were honored among the New Pittsburgh Courier's "50 Men of Excellence": Jeffrey

Anderson, Russell Bynum, Floyd Cephas, Roderick Craighead, Evan Frazier, William Generett, Jr., Sean Gibson, David Hopkins, Mark Lewis, Marc Little, State Representative Joseph Preston, Charles Sanders, Irvin Williams & Oscar Worthy.

Congratulations

Associate Member Esther Bush on the Ronald H. Brown 2009 Leadership Awards Gala & a very enlightening State of Black Pittsburgh in October with speaker Journalist Roland Martin; Member Grace Robinson on the YWCA Racial Justice Award for Community Engagement, Corporate Sponsor BNY Mellon's Hope Vacarro joins the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board; Supporting Members Lisa Schroeder on RiverLife's 10th Anniversary & Mon Wharf Renovation; Linda Clautti on a Northside Urban Pathways Charter School teacher awarded the national Milken Educators Award; Presidential Roundtable Member Heinz, finalist in Duquesne University's Beard Center *Green to Gold* awards, & the 15th Annual Heinz Awards in DC; Corporate Sponsor Nova Chemical's new CEO Randy Woelfel; Supporting Member Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation named Outstanding Philanthropic Organization by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

IN THE NEWS

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Peggy Harris, & Rod Doss @ the Hill of Hope Gala; Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland, Chairman's Circle Bob Agbede, Member Greg Spencer & Presidential Roundtable Member Mark Nordenberg, honored as the Distinguished Alumni at Pitt's homecoming; Associate Member the American Heart Association's Heart Walk.

Pittsburgh Business Times

Corporate Supporter Ed Fasulo, President & CEO, Rivers Casino is retiring.

Pittsburgh Magazine

Member Robert Chambers featured in the 40 Under 40 recognition.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Dr. Rochelle Oaks
The Oaks Group, LLC
Andrew Lee
Executive Cigars

Associate Members

Petra Mitchell
Catalyst Connection

Chairman's Circle Members

Larry Brinker
Brinker Group

Enjoy a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!