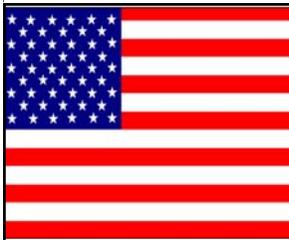


Dates to record on your Calendar

- ◆ April 16th: Rob Stephany/URA
- ◆ April 20th: Legal Workshop
- ◆ April 29th: Candidates Forum
- ◆ May 19th: Annual Meeting & Luncheon
- ◆ May 25th: Mixer @ Clemente Museum
- ◆ June 18th: Alan Kukovich/Power of 32 Initiative



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.

Kent McElhattan
 Chairman of Industrial Scientific presented his company's products & the importance of industrial & public safety at March's PowerBreakfast. Thanks to Member Peggy Harris for hosting our Networking Mixer at Three Rivers Youth's new facility. Congratulations on 130 years!

PowerBreakfast Meeting
April 16th 7:30AM
Rivers Club
Urban Redevelopment Authority
 Associate Member & Executive Director Rob Stephany will discuss their plans, new projects, & opportunities for members. Don't miss it!

Legal Issues Workshop
April 20th
11:30AM - 1:30PM
Regional Enterprise Tower A.E. Hunt Room
 Take advantage of this unique opportunity to again, "Ask The Experts" questions on legal matters you as small business owners are confronted with. The panel will be Counsel from Reed Smith, Jones Day, Tucker Arensberg,

& K & L Gates, so come prepared to engage them.

Candidates' Forum
April 29th, 4:30PM-7PM
Rivers Club
Sponsored by: Comcast
 We will first host the candidates for Governor, followed by the candidates for Lt. Governor. All have been invited to discuss their plans for PA & the future of small business in our region. Come prepared with your questions. The forum will be aired 'LIVE' so bring a guest & plan to arrive when the doors open at 4:30 PM. Cash bar & light refreshments will be served.

Annual Meeting & Luncheon
May 19th
Annual Meeting: 11:00 AM
Luncheon: 12:00 Noon
Sponsored by: PNC
 Our luncheon speaker will be Mark Nordenberg-Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh. Please make every effort to attend the Annual Meeting @ 11:00.
Networking Mixer
May 25th 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Roberto Clemente Museum
3339 Penn Avenue
Sponsored by: Prudential

The museum & reception hall will be open to view his sports memorabilia, as well as letters & notes sent, propelling this player into history. RSVP by May 21st.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
June 18th 7:30AM
Rivers Club
Power of 32
 Executive Director Allen Kukovich will present the regional visioning project & the value it will bring in the future.

Chamber CuffLinks
 Don't forget you can purchase Chamber logo cuff links for just \$25. Call the office.

Members Events
Diversity & Inclusion Workshop
April 12th & 20th
UPMC Heberman Conference Center
 Presented by UPMC's Center for Inclusion in Health Care, the program will broaden your understanding. Call 412-864-3582 to register.

Soul Gala
April 16th, 5:30PM
Carnegie Music Hall
 This annual event to benefit the Hill House is sure to be a success! For tickets & more info, call 412-392-3149.

The Temptations & The Four Tops

**April 18th - 7:30PM
Heinz Hall**

Sponsored by: The Pittsburgh Symphony

Join them for this special night down memory lane. For tickets & more information, call 412-392-4900.

Certification Made Simple

**April 21st, 9AM-11AM
700 River Avenue**

Learn the step-by-step application process for becoming certified as a minority or WBE business owner. *YOU MUST REGISTER.* Call 412-442-5872 & speak with Elizabeth Bowers.

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Legends in Leadership Dinner

**April 23rd, 6PM
Heinz Field**

East Club Lounge
Corporate Sponsor Dr. Alex Johnson looks forward to you being a part of their evening. For more info, contact Rose DiCola @ 412-237-6517.

SBA Certification & Contracting Day

**April 28th - 9AM - 4PM
700 River Avenue**

Hourly appointments available. MBE/WBE & Veteran owned firms are encouraged to attend. Call 412-395-6560 X109.

Three Rivers Youth "An Evening in Paris"

**April 29th 6PM - 9PM
Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens**

Join Member Peggy Harris as they celebrate 130 years of giving light to the future of our youth. Call 412-441-5020.

Pittsburgh Community Services Annual Meeting & Luncheon

**May 7th 11:30 AM
Marriott City Center**

Member Cecilia Jenkins invites you to hear about the past year's highlights. Call 412-392-4430.

American Heart Assoc. Sister Power Now Seminar

May 1st, 8AM-1:30PM
Omni William Penn Hotel Register @ 412-702-1195

Gloria Gaynor & The Pittsburgh Symphony

June 24th - 7:30PM

Heinz Hall

Your Chamber is again a Community Partner & will benefit from your ticket purchases. Call 412-392-4900 & use code **18184**.

Looking for Potential Capital?

Member Carl Knoblock (SBA) invites you to a borrower lender matchmaking event May 20th @ their offices. Bring your lunch; seating is limited, *YOU MUST REGISTER (no fee)*. Call 412-395-6560.

Have a Greater Voice

Volunteer to become a Power of 32 facilitator. You will be trained to facilitate community conversations on how to make our region- 32 counties across 4 states- a better place. For more info, call 412-648-9301.

Historic Health Care Facts

- ◆ Everyone must now be covered by health insurance.
- ◆ Financial penalties may be applied to employers with 50 or more employees who choose not to sponsor health insurance;
- ◆ An individual cannot

be denied health insurance due to pre-existing medical conditions.

- ◆ Employers with fewer than 50 employees who currently sponsor group health insurance may see a tax credit in 2010.

Learn more @ www.healthcarebill2010.info

Chamber Choice Benefits Information

Members can obtain a 90 day supply of prescription medications. Call 1-800-377-3539.

Did You Know

According to the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives, nationwide, Chamber members possess better credit scores compared to businesses at large.

GREEN NEWS

Mayor Ravenstahl has proposed environmentally preferred purchasing, which would require the city's procurement managers to purchase products with minimal environmental impact.

Congratulations

Member Sylvester Pace on NEED's annual dinner, awarding scholarships to 400 from the area. You can still make a tax deductible contribution @ www.needid.org.
Dr. Mona Generett/ Dollar Bank received Celebrate & Share's Women of Achievement Award; The Fab 40 under 40 honorees included: Members Roland Criswell, Jada Grandy/Fifth Third Bank; Chaz Kellem/ Pirates, Bernadette Turner/ Addison Behavioral

Care, Dawnita Wilson/UPMC & Royce Woods/PNC; Member Deb Hartman & the National Kidney Foundation on their 60th Anniversary.

IN THE NEWS
Pittsburgh Business Times

Corporate Sponsors Dr. Mona Generett, Toni Silva, & your chamber President honored as Top 25 Women in Business.

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Fred Kender-son at the reception recognizing 100 years of African American history; A. Fulton Meachem/ Pittsburgh Housing Authority @ Citiparks' African American History Month Tribute; Ruth Byrd-Smith, Allegheny County Department of M/W/DBE speaking @ the Micro 2 Millions Microenterprise Symposium, & your Chamber President on how the City of Pittsburgh's proposed "bundling of contracts" limits access to contracts for Minority/Women/Disabled Business Enterprises.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Lin Thomas

Alpha Office Supplies

Sharon Watkins

WGBN 1150 AM

Associate Members

Jesse McLean, Jr.

Every Child, Inc.

Presidential Roundtable Members

Jay Ferguson

Fifth Third Bank –
Western Pennsylvania

Spring is finally here!