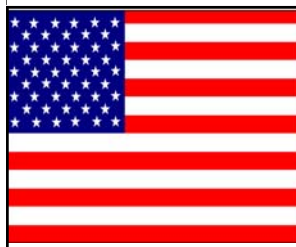


#### Dates For Your Calendar

- ♦ June 11th: Special workshop @ CCAC
- ♦ June 16: Social Media Workshop
- ♦ June 18th: Power-Breakfast with Allen Kukovich, Power of 32
- ♦ June 22nd: Mixer @ Manchester Bidwell
- ♦ June 24: Gloria Gaynor
- ♦ Members Events
- ♦ Welcome New Members



#### 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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#### June 2010

**This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. Pa.**

It was so rewarding to see so many members & guests at this year's Annual Meeting & Luncheon; Chancellor Nordenberg spoke to a packed house on the benefit of this non-profit. A special presentation was made to Murry Gerber, Executive Chairman-EQT at the Members Meeting, thanking him for six years of service as Chairman of our Presidential Roundtable. (We look forward to introducing you to our new Chairman, Gregory Babe/Bayer Corporation, in Dec.) We were appreciative to PNC Bank who served as our luncheon sponsor, & the H. J. Heinz Company, our gift sponsor. Welcome New Chamber & Foundation Board Members:

**Chamber Board:** James Cooper/Sterling Contracting; Jada Grandy/Fifth Third Bank; Arlinda Moriarty/Moriarty Consultants & James Rice/Rice Enterprises. **Chamber Foundation Board:** Bridgette Driver, FEDEX Ground & Chauncey Smith, Heinz. Members. Rotating off the Chamber Board are John Laymon/JRL Enterprises; & Cheryl McAbee/ River

Development. Rotating off the Chamber Foundation Board are: James Diggs, PPG & Ernestine Harris, GlaxoSmithKline. We thanked each one for all their service!

Corporate Sponsor Prudential hosted a grand Networking Mixer @ the Roberto Clemente Museum. A big thanks to Supporting Member Linda Clautti/Northside Urban Pathway Charter School for bringing the 'Sounds of Steel', who stole the show!

**Attention All Members**  
**"Special Meeting"**  
**June 11th - 3 PM-5 PM**  
**CCAC - Byers Hall**  
**President's Board Room**

**808 Ridge Ave.**  
**Northside**

Whether you are a contractor, consultant, or engineer, this meeting is for everyone to meet the majority partners involved in building the new K. Leroy Irvis Science Center. RSVP by 6/9 to: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com).

**Social Media Workshop**  
**June 16th**  
**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Regional Enterprise**

**Tower 425 Sixth Ave.**  
**23rd Floor Cost: \$5**  
If you use Myspace, Facebook, if you *tweet* or you're LinkedIn, this workshop, featuring Yvonne Campos, CEO Campos, Inc., Ian Rosenberg, Strategic Images, & John Hiemstra, Social Media Learning Institute will present the different types of social media tools & how they can benefit your business. RSVP to 412-392-0610.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**  
**June 18th, 7:30 AM**  
**Rivers Club**  
**Oxford Centre**  
**Power of 32 Initiative**  
Executive Director Allen Kukovich will present the Regional Visioning Project where 32 counties in MD, PA, OH & W.VA come together as one & the value it will bring.

**Members Mixer**  
**June 22nd**  
**5 PM - 7 PM**  
**Manchester Bidwell Corp.**  
**1815 Metropolitan Street**  
Join Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland for a special treat as we network around the fountain inspired by the work of famous Architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

**Gloria Gaynor & The Pittsburgh Symphony**  
**June 24th 7:30 PM**

### **Heinz Hall**

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

### **Members Orientation**

**July 8, 2010**

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Regional Enterprise Tower Cost: \$5**

We welcome new & existing members to learn about chamber benefits & the value of being part of an organized body. RSVP July 6th.

### **Chamber Cuff Links**

Chamber logo cuff links are still available for just \$25. Call 412-392-0610.

### **Members Events**

**Duquesne University**

**Small Business**

**Development Center**

**Entrepreneur's**

**Growth Conference**

**June 10th, 8 AM-5 PM**

Register @ 412-396-1633 or @ [www.duq.edu/egc](http://www.duq.edu/egc)

### **Carlow Women of Spirit Institute**

The summer workshops begin June 22nd. For more info, go to: [www.carlow.edu](http://www.carlow.edu)

### **SMC Golf Outing**

**June 22nd**

**1 PM - Shotgun**

Valley Brook County Club

To register, call:

412-342-1622

### **Johnny Mathis & The Pittsburgh Symphony**

**July 9th & 10th - 8 PM**

**Heinz Hall**

Tickets will sell out quickly. Call 412-392-4894.

### **Start - Grow - Succeed**

Manage your small business from start to

finish with the SBA's Small Business Planner. Go to: [www.sba.gov/sbir](http://www.sba.gov/sbir). Click on *Small Business Planner*.

### **Purchase City & URA Properties**

Learn where they are & how to purchase them @ [www.buyintheburgh.com/citysale.htm](http://www.buyintheburgh.com/citysale.htm).

### **PA eMarketplace**

Your one-stop shop for Bidding, Awards & Contract information. Go to: [www.emarketplace.state.pa.us](http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us)

### **FY\$!**

### **Attention Suppliers**

Register as a new or existing supplier for state contracting opportunities. Go to: [www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/bureau\\_of\\_minority\\_and\\_women\\_business\\_opportunities/1358](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/bureau_of_minority_and_women_business_opportunities/1358). Click on Procurement, then click on Find State Contract Opportunities.

### **1000 Jobs**

### **For County Youth**

Allegheny County will hire 1000 disadvantaged young people from low income communities this summer. Learn more @ [alleghenycounty.us/dhs/wiyouth.aspx](http://alleghenycounty.us/dhs/wiyouth.aspx)

### **Green News**

### **Big Ways**

### **Small Businesses Can Go Green**

Nearly 27 million small businesses have found ways to turn their companies green. For tips on 'greening' your small business go to: [http://smallhomebusiness.suite101.com/article.cfm/small\\_business\\_going\\_green](http://smallhomebusiness.suite101.com/article.cfm/small_business_going_green)

### **3 Rivers Arts Festival** **June 4 - 13**

Free & open to the public. For information go to [pgharts.org](http://pgharts.org).

*We mourn the loss of our Member Leonard Johnson, Owner- Bidwell Technical Services*

### **Congratulations**

Member Andrew Lee/ Executive Cigars LLC featured on the cover of Robert Morris University's magazine. Nice inside story as well. **Members** Cecelia Jenkins on the Pittsburgh Community Services Annual Meeting & Luncheon; Gayle Moss on the NAACP's Human Rights Dinner; Eric Mann, YMCA on the grand opening of the new PNC YMCA; Faye Ritter, Allegheny Fabricating & Supplies on the joint venture with Schaedler Yesco; Keith Key, KBK Enterprises on the \$13M Pittsburgh Public Schools project in NorthView Heights; for a Rod Doss, New Pittsburgh Courier on their All City Football & Basketball Awards Luncheon; Paula Castleberry, Pittsburgh Public Schools on the Business Opportunity Extravaganza; David Hopkins, PNC whose 6th grader placed 2nd in the Point Park University LEAD Diversity Art Expression Contest; Linda Clautti, Northside Urban Pathways Charter School on winning the Pittsburgh Regional African American Quiz Bowl; Mark Peterson, Bridgeway Capital named National Small Business Financial

Services Champion of the Year; & the new President & CEO of the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Andre Kimo Stone Guess.

### **IN THE NEWS**

### **New Pittsburgh Courier**

Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland @ Bidwell Training Center's graduation celebration; Greg Spencer/Randall Industries & Victor Roque/Hill House @ the Hill House Gala; Robert Hill/Pitt, Peggy Harris, & Presidential Roundtable Member Jay Ferguson/Fifth Third Bank at Three Rivers Youth Anniversary Celebration @ Phipps Conservancy. Pitt Chancellor Mark Nordenberg @ the Chamber's Annual Meeting Luncheon.

### **Pittsburgh**

### **Business Times**

Associate Member Dennis Yablonsky in *Commentary*; Presidential Roundtable Member Jim Rohr, PNC featured in *Executive Compensation*; & your Chamber President @ the Diamond Awards

### **Whirl Magazine**

Members Carl Knoblock, SBA presenting a workshop; Eric Mann, YMCA @ the Fairmont Pittsburgh Sip & Sample; Pirate's Grand Opening of the Cambria Club; & Society of Contemporary Craft Out-of-Hand benefit;

### **Welcome New Member**

### **Associate Member**

Doug Blanchard  
Mays Chemical Company

**Summer Arrives June 21st!**