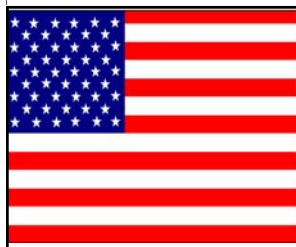


Dates For Your Calendar

- ◆ Member's Orientation-July 8th
- ◆ How To Do Business With Allegheny County Economic Development - July 14th
- ◆ SBA Workshop - July 28th
- ◆ We are ranked 11th Largest Chamber
- ◆ 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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This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. Pa.

Thanks to Yvonne Campos, CEO Campos, Inc., Ian Rosenberger, Strategic Images, & John Hiemstra, Social Media Solutions for an eye-opening presentation on making the social media work for small businesses. Due to the requests following the workshop, we will conduct a follow-up!

Allen Kukovich, the Executive Director of the Power of 32 gave a compelling presentation on the Regional Visioning Project @ the June Power-Breakfast meeting. We were honored to have the students from Tomorrow's Future join us, thanks to Member Grace Robinson.

Kudos to Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland for hosting a lovely June Mixer around the fountain at the Manchester Bidwell Corp.

Members Orientation July 8th

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Regional Enterprise
Tower - Cost: \$5**

New & existing members are invited to learn about chamber benefits & the value of being part of an organized body.
RSVP @ 412-392-0610

How To Do Business With Allegheny County Economic Development

July 14th

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Enterprise Tower

425 Sixth Ave.

Downtown

7th Floor Theater

Representatives from all departments & municipalities will present their requirements for doing business, & their processes of notification of upcoming bids. RSVP to 412-392-0610.

Thanks to all Members who responded to the type of financial & legal workshops you are interested in. We are currently developing programs that will be offered this fall.

Members Events

**Johnny Mathis & The
Pittsburgh Symphony
July 9th & 10th - 8 PM
Heinz Hall**

Tickets will sell quickly, so call 412-392-4894.

Raise Your Spirits

Member Max Miller is offering memberships to experience some of the finest Spirits & products available. This special

offer is available to Chamber members for only \$200, or \$300 for two. Call 724-799-3542, or email him: max.miller@raiseyourspirits.net.

Space Available

Member Cheryl McAbee, has business incubator space available at the River Development Corp. Call 412-922-3050 for more information.

Cosmopolitan Pittsburgh July 16th Cultural District

Join Associate Member J. Kevin McMahon for Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's gallery crawl thru the cultural district that will end with an evening of food, entertainment & dancing. For tickets call 412-456-6666.

Build Day July 17th

**8:00 AM - 2:30 PM
7810 Tioga Street**

Join Member Dianne Swan for Rosedale Block Cluster Inc.'s special building day that will be filled with food, fun, music, and children's activities. All ages are welcome!

SBA Certification & Contracting Workshop

**July 28th
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Riverside Center**

**for Innovation
700 River Avenue
Northside**

Member Carl Knoblock encourages attending this workshop for doing business with the federal government. Register by calling 412-395-6560.

**National Kidney
Foundation
Cadillac Golf Classic
Latrobe Country Club
August 6th**

Supporting Member Deb Hartman promises this will be an enjoyable event. Register by calling 724-799-3542.

**Mon Valley Initiative's
Annual Golf Outing
August 17th
11 AM—Shotgun
Grandview Golf Club
North Braddock**

Associate Member Laura Zinski looks forward to hosting you. Call 412-464-4000 for details.

Help For The Gulf

If you have products or services that may be helpful for the gulf oil disaster, go to: www.disastercontractingassistance.gov & click on **Contract Services**.

**Haitian Reconstruction
Effort**

For information on contracting opportunities for the Haitian relief & reconstruction effort, go to: www.fbo.gov & enter Search Word **Haiti**.

Sell To The Government

If you are interested in growing your business thru the sale of products & services to the federal government go to: www.sba.gov/contractingopportunities/index.html

Eat Healthier

4 ways to eat healthier & great tips on taking better care of your body. Check out the National Kidney Foundation Newsletter @: www.kidney.org/news/newsletters

**Pittsburgh Pirates
Community Champion
Awards**

If you know of a special "community champion" & would like to nominate them for the Pirate's Community Champion Award, you can request a nomination form @: chaz.kellem@pirates.com. Forms due no later than July 23rd.

EMPLOYMENT

**City of Pittsburgh
Assistant Fire Chief**

The City of Pittsburgh is seeking to fill a position for assistant Fire Chief & several other positions. Go to: www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/employmentcenter/joblistings.aspx

Start-Up Capital

Resources on financing a new business are available at the Minority Business Development Agency. Visit www.mbda.gov & click on **Financing**.

Congratulations

Members Elise Yanders, Merrill Lynch, New Pittsburgh Courier's Women of Excellence awardee; Larry Davis, Univ. of Pitt on hosting the Race in America; Restructuring Inequality National Conference: over 700 people attended; Member Tom Henschke/SMC Business Councils has been named President of the Business Councils.

IN THE NEWS

New Pittsburgh Courier

Members Larry Davis, Univ. of Pittsburgh hosting the Race in America Conference; Rev. Nathaniel Colvin at the "Sunday Evening Best"; Member Grace Robinson/State Farm & her Tomorrow's Future Students at your Chamber PowerBreakfast; Members Malcolm Blount/BNY Mellon & Foundation Board Member & Corporate Sponsor Chauncey Smith/H.J. Heinz *Speaking Out* on the Conference on Race; Members Donna Baxter/The SoulPitt, Presidential Roundtable Member Jay Ferguson & Board Member Jada Grandy/Fifth Third Bank received the African American Leadership Association award for innovative inclusion; Member Jacqueline Wilson/Three Rivers Adoption Council at the It's Not Just Black & White Diversity Conference. Presidential Roundtable Member Ralph Papa/Citizens Bank presenting a community work donation to Hosanna House; Member Bernadette Turner/Addison Behavioral Care received Urban League Young Professional's VIP Award, & Esther Bush/Urban League attending the Gala; Member Russell Bynum/Bynum Marketing for presenting a check at the Annual African American History Essay Contest; Associate Member Esther Bush as Honorary Chair

for the Sister to Sister PowerNow Seminar; Rod Doss received the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation's Robert L. Vann Award.

**Pittsburgh
Business Times**

Your Chamber is listed as the 11th largest Pittsburgh area Chamber of Commerce!

**Members Featured in
Whirl Magazine**

Associate Members Esther Bush/Urban League; Corporate Sponsor Dr. Greg Dell'Omo/Robert Morris University, Members Gayle Moss/NAACP, & Robert Chambers/Massaro Corporation.

**Robert Morris
Foundations Magazine**

Members Arlinda Moriarty/Moriarty Consultants featured in *Guardian Angel*, & Andrew Lee/ Executive Cigars, on the cover & featured on *Executive Ambition*.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Donna Baxter
Soul Pitt Media

Rufus Idris

Christian Evangelistic
Economic Development

Curtis Morehead

Emerald Electrical
Services

Associate Member

Shannon Austin

Department of Labor &
Industries/Office of
Vocational Rehabilitation

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Stay Cool!