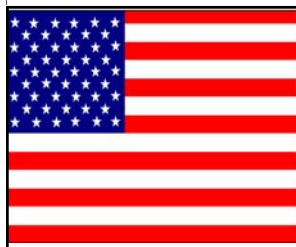


Dates For Your Calendar

- ♦ August 26th Net-
working Mixer with
Gaming Operators
- ♦ September 17th
PowerBreakfast
with FedEx Ground
- ♦ Hats off to Member
Chuck Sanders
- ♦ 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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August 2010

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

New & existing members learned about Chamber benefits & the value of being part of an organized body at our Members' Orientation: great turnout!

Thanks to Associate Member Dennis Davin & to Darnell Moses of the Allegheny County Economic Development for hosting last month's How To Do Business Workshop. Department heads representatives for municipalities presented the specifics and fielded questions from the audience.

Special Networking Mixer

**August 26th ,
6:00 PM—8:00 PM**

**Renaissance Pittsburgh
Hotel**

107 Sixth St. Downtown

The Honorable W. Curtis Thomas, State Representative (Phila.) & Member of the PA Gaming Oversight Committee, is bringing the Casino operators to town to discuss more business opportunities in the gaming industry throughout PA. Although contracts can be awarded up to \$100k without a license, remember you must be registered with the PA Dept. of

Revenue as a certified W/MBE. Your Chamber & Urban Lending Services are the sponsors. **RSVP by August 23rd.**

PowerBreakfast Meeting September 17th 7:30 AM

**Oxford Centre
Rivers Club
FedEx Ground**

Mr. James Golding, Managing Director of Purchasing will discuss the procurement process for goods & services.

Bid Proposals & Drawings

For construction of CCAC's K. Leroy Irvis Science Center are available at your Chamber office. **BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10TH.**

Your Chamber office has a set of drawing & specs for your review.

Developers

The URA is seeking developers for 2 projects. Download Requests for Proposal @ www.ura.org & click on **Working With Us/Proposals & Bids**

State Grant Incentive Programs

Learn about energy efficiency grants for small

businesses up to \$7,500. Go to www.dsireusa.org, & click on **PA**.

Members Events Lunch on Liberty

**Each Thursday
11 AM - 2 PM**

**August Wilson Center
980 Liberty Ave**

Live Entertainment

On The Patio

Bring Your Own Lunch!

National Kidney Foundation

**Cadillac Golf Classic
Latrobe Country Club**

August 6th

Supporting Member Deb Hartman promises an enjoyable event. Call 724-799-3542 to register.

Green Building Alliance Webinar

**How To Market Green
Building Products
August 11th & 18th**

Register @

www.gbapgh.org

Herbie Hancock

**August 17th - 7:30 PM
Heinz Hall**

Join Corporate Sponsor BNY Mellon for this 1 night only musical event. For tickets call 412-392-4900.

SMC Golf Outing August 17th - 1 PM Shotgun

Sewickley Country Club
Includes lunch buffet, golf, cart & dinner. Call 412-342-1622 for details.

**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.

**SMC's Alive at Five
August 19th 5 PM-7 PM
Hofbrauhaus Pittsburgh
2705 South Water St.
South Side**

Associate Member Tom Henschke will host the networking event overlooking the river. Register @ www.smc.org/node/444.

**SBA
Free Certification &
Contracting Workshop**

**9 AM - 12 PM
700 River Ave.**
Register @ 412-395-6560

**Minority Enterprise
Development Week
Conference**

**August 25th - 27th
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D.C.**
To more info, go to: www.Medweek.gov/conference/register.

**SBA Surety Bond
Program**

Learn if your small business is eligible for the program. go to: www.mbda.gov & click on **Financing**.

**Pennsylvania
Marketplace**

Your one-stop shop for bidding, awards & contract information. View the upcoming procurement opportunities @ www.emarketplace.state.pa.us & click on Upcoming Procurements.

Attention Contractors
If you have contracting

& subcontracting opportunities you would like to post, go to: web.sba.gov/subnet/search & click on **Post**.

Meet One-On-One

If you have questions related to MWDBE Certification & Allegheny Co. contracting, consulting is available each Wednesday @ the Diversity Business Resource Center, 700 River Ave. Call 412-322-3272 for an appointment.

**Become a
Registered Supplier**

If you would like to be considered for Allegheny County Requests for Bid, Requests for Proposal or Requests for Quote call 800-677-1997 X214.

City Contract Bids

Learn about current proposals, construction projects & professional services agreements with the Pittsburgh Department of Finance. Go to: www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/finance/html/contract_bids.html#currentproposals

Members' New Location

Associate Member Mark Lewis/Poise & Member Lucille Dabney/PACE have relocated their offices to: Two Gateway Center, Suite 1700, 603 Stanwix St. Downtown.

**Available Now
Thousands of Positions**

Learn more about jobs in a 10 county region @: www.imaginepittsburgh.com. Click on **Working Here**, then click imaginemynewjob.com

**Congratulations!
New Pittsburgh Courier
Women of Excellence**

Members Lisa Haley Huff/ PNC Financial Services, Sheila Washington/Washington Consulting Group,

Valerie Wheatley/YWCA & Elise Roby Yanders/ Merrill Lynch/Bank of America.

Congratulations

Member Chuck Sanders for his \$100k donation to PIRC for urban youth! **Members Rochelle Oaks/ The Oaks Group**, participating in the Minority Business Roundtable Annual Meeting @ the White House. Presidential Roundtable Member Fifth Third Bank on their Corporate Report: **Responsibility Begins Here**, Associate Members Holly Childs/Green Building Alliance open house, & Victor Roque/Hill House on the groundbreaking ceremony for a Hill District supermarket. Supporting Members Linda Clautti/Northside Urban Pathways Charter School's 100% acceptance rate for this year's grads! Arthur Ziegler/ Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation awarding 5 scholarships to area college bound students.

**IN THE NEWS
New Pittsburgh Courier**

Members Dr. Rhonda Johnson/Highmark speaking @ the "Gateway To Wellness" health event, Esther Bush/ Urban League @ the announcement of a Duquesne Univ. Pharmacy in the Hill District, Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh Community Services @ a Micro Business Institute event, & State Senator Jim Ferlo accepting PCSI's Gwen Elliott President's Award; Dwight Mayo, Transportation Solutions & Candi Castleberry-

Singleton/UPMC @ UPMC's "Partnering To Make A Difference", Associate Members Esther Bush/Urban League @ the Annual Jazz & Art Gallery's Walt Harper Jazz Awards, A. Fulton Meachem/ Pittsburgh Housing Authority @ the Allegheny Dwellings Fitness Center ribbon cutting ceremony.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Chairman's Circle Member Chuck Sanders/Urban Settlement Services & your Chamber President; Sanders donating \$100K to the Pittsburgh Initiative to Reduce Crime.

Whirl Magazine

Member Bob Chambers/ Massaro, featured as one of "Pittsburgh's Finest"

Soul Pitt Quarterly

Kudos to new Member, Donna Baxter/Soul Pitt Media on a great 2nd issue, Chairman's Circle Member Chuck Sanders/ Urban Settlement Services featured in the cover story on his new Savoy Restaurant & Lounge set to open in September.

We mourn the loss of our long-time member & Entrepreneur, **Mr. Robert R. Lavelle, Sr.**

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Enjoy the Summer !