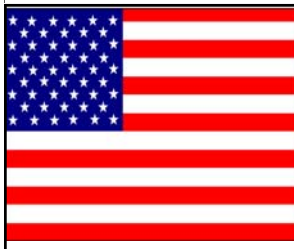


#### Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ FedEx Ground to present @ 9/17 PowerBreakfast
- ◆ October 22nd iGate @ PowerBreakfast
- ◆ October 7th Legislative Briefing & Reception
- ◆ 7 Casino Operators attend Mixer at the Renaissance Hotel
- ◆ 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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#### September 2010

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

We appreciated Representative Curtis Thomas (Phila.), & Member of the House Gaming Oversight Committee, bringing his 'Time to Get Connected' Reception to our Chamber in W. PA. Rep. Thomas called from his hospital bed to stress to the **seven** Casino Operators & Reps in attendance the importance of buying products from Women & Minority owned firms. A big thanks to Member Rep. Joe Preston for welcoming the full house of companies, & reinforcing the need to first establish a business relationship before asking for the order. Also presenting was Mozelle Daniels/ Gaming Control Board & DGS Member Elizabeth Bowers. A big thanks to Chairman Circle Member Chuck Sanders/Urban Lending Solutions for serving as our Co-sponsor.

#### PowerBreakfast Meeting September 17th 7:30 AM Rivers Club FedEx Ground

James Golding, Managing Director-Purchasing, will discuss the different FedEx companies and the procurement process for FedEx Ground, & how you

can become part of their vendor network.

#### Legislative Briefing & Reception October 7th 4:30PM — 7:00 PM Duquesne Club Sponsored by Comcast

Come learn from the discussion with both the PA Chamber of Business & Industry's Jim Wilshier & the Greater Pittsburgh's Chamber President Assoc. Member Barbara McNees, information on topics like details of the proposed FY 2010-11 budget, what items passed, line items of interest to business, & a review of advocacy initiatives beneficial for our region. Also tabled will be the key issues for the new administration, & a discussion on the gubernatorial candidates.

#### PowerBreakfast Meeting October 22nd \* Note: the 4th Friday\* 7:30 AM Rivers Club iGate

Co-Chairman Sunil Wadhvani will discuss the company's procurement policies & the importance of a diverse

& inclusive workplace.

#### Annual Business Luncheon

**December 2nd  
Omni William Penn Hotel 12:00 Noon**

Mark your calendars for our annual event. This year we will welcome our guest speaker & the new Chairman of our Presidential Roundtable Member Gregory Babe, President & CEO, Bayer Material Science.

#### Members Events

**Dream. Discover. Design  
Pittsburgh Science & Technology Academy  
September 14th - 6 PM  
107 Thackeray St.  
Oakland**

Join Member Paula Castleberry/Pittsburgh Public Schools for the grand opening. RSVP @ 412-622-3618.

#### Retaining a Diverse Workforce in Today's Economy

**September 15th  
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
City County Building  
#920 Downtown**

Presented by the Western PA Diversity Initiative. Register @ [www.wpdiversity.org](http://www.wpdiversity.org).

**New Pittsburgh Courier  
50 Men of Excellence  
Awards Reception  
September 23rd - 6 PM**

**Heinz Field  
West Club Lounge**  
RSVP @ 412-781-3486

**Then & Now  
September 24th  
11 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Omni William Penn Hotel**  
Join Associate Member  
Magdeline Jensen/  
YWCA as activist Gloria  
Steinem leads a panel  
on a *Retrospective of  
Women*. Register online  
@ [www.ywcapgh.org](http://www.ywcapgh.org).

**Working To Eliminate  
Health Disparities in  
Pennsylvania  
September 25th  
7:30 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**Herberman Conference  
Center - 5150 Centre  
Ave., Shadyside**  
Join the Gateway Medi-  
cal Society for this *free*  
Town Hall Meeting.

**Pittsburgh  
Transportation Group  
Annual Golf Tournament  
September 27th - 10 AM**  
**South Hills Country  
Club-Shotgun**  
Join Member Joyce Lee  
for a full day of activities  
to benefit Camp Kon-O-  
Kwee/Spencer. Register  
@ 412-323-0417.

**The 2010 Elsie Awards  
September 29th  
Carnegie Museums**  
*Honoring George L.  
Miles, Jr. with special  
guest, Marvin Hamlish.*  
RSVP by September  
21st @ 412-622-1371.

**African American  
Heritage Day Parade  
October 2nd - 11 AM**  
Parade starts @ Mellon  
Arena & ends @ the  
August Wilson Center.  
For information call  
412-392-0322.

**2010 Tavis Smiley  
"On Your Side Tour"**

**October 9th - 9 AM  
David L. Lawrence  
Convention Center**

Join Corporate Sponsor  
Nationwide for this *free*  
financial literacy workshop.  
Your Chamber President  
will be among the  
panelists. Register @:  
[www.nationwide.com/  
about-us/about-tavis-city-  
tour.jsp](http://www.nationwide.com/about-us/about-tavis-city-tour.jsp).

**"Your Time is Now"  
Pennsylvania Governor's  
Conference for Women  
October 14th**

**David L. Lawrence  
Convention Center**  
Keynote speakers are  
Ellen Alemany, Kelly  
Corrigan, Eve Ensler, and  
Mae Jemison. The day  
also includes workshops,  
a Career Fair & hundreds  
of exhibits. There is still  
time to receive the special  
discounted registration  
rate of \$125 per person  
until September 10th. Go  
to: [www.pagovernorscon-  
ferenceforwomen.org](http://www.pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org).

**Power Of 32  
Community Conversation  
September 7th - 6 PM**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
For more information go  
to: [powerof32.org](http://powerof32.org)

**Bid Solicitation**  
The Allegheny County  
Community Infrastructure  
& Tourism Fund will solicit  
bids for a library expansion  
project in Sharpsburg. The  
RFP will be emailed once  
it is prepared.

**Get Help for Existing &  
New Businesses**  
Allegheny County Econo-  
mic Development partners  
with local & regional organ-  
izations for businesses  
growth. Get a list of  
partner organizations @  
[http://economic.alleghe-  
nycounty.us/economic\\_dev/](http://economic.alleghe-<br/>nycounty.us/economic_dev/)

[business\\_resource.aspx](#)

**Tax Exempt Financing**  
Allegheny County  
Economic Development  
Authorities offer tax  
exempt financing to help  
borrowers fund *large-  
scale* projects. Go to:  
[http://economic.alleghe-  
nycounty.us/authorities/  
tax\\_exempt\\_financing.  
aspx](http://economic.alleghe-<br/>nycounty.us/authorities/<br/>tax_exempt_financing.<br/>aspx).

**Health Insurance**  
If you know someone  
who has been denied  
health coverage due to a  
pre-existing condition,  
they may be eligible for  
coverage thru PA Fair Care  
Go to: [www.pafaircare.com](http://www.pafaircare.com)  
**Enrollment is limited!**

**New CD**  
Member Sylvester  
Kaunda/Vena Technolo-  
gies, has a new CD,  
"Moving On". Go to:  
[www.ddmlc.org](http://www.ddmlc.org) & click  
on **Products**.

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

Members Andrew  
Cheeseboro/Small  
Seeds Development, Dr.  
Steven Evans/UPMC,  
Fulton Meachem/  
Housing Authority of  
Pgh., Max Miller/Raise  
Your Spirits, Victor  
Roque/Hill House, Frank  
Torbert/FLT Trading, &  
Louis Waller/Waller  
Corp.

**Congratulations**  
Members Rochelle  
Oaks on conducting  
training @ the National  
Blacks In Government  
Conference; Sean  
Gibson/Josh Gibson  
Foundation on the  
scholarship winners @  
the African American  
Heritage Weekend;  
Associate Member

Fulton Meachem on the  
Housing Authority  
awarding \$10.5K  
scholarships to student  
residents; Presidential  
Roundtable Members  
Greg Babe/Bayer on the  
new "green" conference  
center in Robinson &  
Presidential Roundtable  
Member Dr. Ken Melani  
on the new affiliation  
agreement between  
Highmark and Blue  
Cross Blue Shield of  
Delaware.

**IN THE NEWS**  
**New Pittsburgh Courier**  
Member Andrew

Cheesboro/Small Seeds  
Development's Mother to  
Son recognition dinner;  
Chuck Sanders/ Urban  
Lending Solutions,  
Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh  
Community Services &  
your Chamber President  
@ the donation ceremony  
for Sanders' \$100K to the  
Pittsburgh Initiative to  
Reduce Crime; & Oscar  
Worthy/Oscar's LTD @  
the Pirate's African  
American Heritage  
Weekend.

**Pittsburgh Quarterly  
Presidential Roundtable**  
Chairman Greg Babe/  
Bayer featured in [CEO  
Profile](#).

**Whirl Magazine**  
Members Peggy Harris/  
Three Rivers Youth @  
Bastille Day; & Rod Doss/  
New Pittsburgh Courier @  
the Courier's Women of  
Excellence awards.

**Welcome New Members**

**Regular Members**  
**Victoria Hill**  
Numeritics

**James R. Overton**  
Overton Financial Group