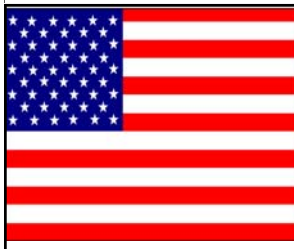


Dates for your Calendar

- ◆ Legislative Briefing & Reception 10/07
- ◆ PowerBreakfast on October 22nd
- ◆ October 28th - Networking Mixer @ Fifth Avenue Place
- ◆ December 2nd - Annual Business Luncheon
- ◆ 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.

The African American Heritage Day Parade was fun filled for participants & spectators. Thanks to sponsor Senator Wayne Fontana!

"Job Opportunities in our Region"

Check out this *new* feature on your Chamber's website. Go to: www.aaccwp.com & click on **Job Opportunities in our Region** to search for over 20 thousand jobs available now!

Thanks to James Golding, Managing Director - Purchasing, FedEx Ground, for an interesting discussion on FedEx during our PowerBreakfast Meeting.

Legislative Briefing & Reception October 7th

4:30PM — 7:00 PM

Duquesne Club

Sponsored by Comcast

Come learn from the discussion with the PA Chamber of Business & Industry's Jim Willshier & Greater Pittsburgh Chamber President Associate 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 Wadhwani will discuss the company's procurement policies & the importance of a diverse & inclusive workplace.

Networking Mixer

October 28th

5:15 PM - 7:00 PM

Fifth Avenue Place

120 Fifth Avenue -

Lobby

Join Member Highmark, Fifth Avenue Place, & retailers for a fun mixer.

Seasonal Celebration

Vatican Splendors

Heinz History Center

November 29, 2010

5:00PM — 9:00 PM

You will be receiving a special invitation to this year's event. Pittsburgh is one of three cities

chosen for the exhibit, & the Chamber will take part in seeing the over 200 rare Vatican art & artifacts on exhibit. This one time when you must RSVP on time, so tickets can be purchased for you tour: don't forget!

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 & new Presidential Roundtable Chairman, Gregory Babe, President & CEO, Bayer Material Science, LLC. Don't miss it!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

January 21st - 7:30 AM

Rivers Club - Downtown

LANXESS Corporation

President and CEO

Randall Dearth will share his vision for the future of LANXESS & other chemical companies in Western Pennsylvania.

Members Events

PNC Presents

Riverlife's

Party at the Pier

October 8th

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Market Street Pier

North Shore

For more information go to: partyatthepier.com

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 with radio & TV host Tavis Smiley. Member Rhonda Carson Leach/Savvy Consulting, and your Chamber President will be among the panelists. Register @:
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 register: Go to:
www.pagovernorsconferenceforwomen.org.

Celebrate Inclusion
Fall Festival

October 16th - 11 AM
Schenley Plaza - Oakland
Join UPMC's Center for Inclusion & Allegheny County for this **free** & open to the public event.

National Energy
Landscape
October 20th

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Regional Enterprise
Tower

Associate Member, the Allegheny Conference & the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce will host guest speaker Karen Alderman Harbert, President & CEO of the

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st Century Energy. Register @ 412-281-4783.

Addison Behavioral Care
Anchors Away Awards
October 21st - 6:30 PM
Churchill Country Club

Join member Bernadette Turner as local news anchors are honored for charitable contributions. Call 412-731-2353 for ticket information.

Think Big For Women
Sales & Innovation
October 22nd
7:30 AM - 12 PM

Join Chatham University's Center for Women's Entrepreneurship for this panel discussion with keynote speaker Beth Kaplan, President & CEO, Marketing & Merchandising, GNC. Register @: <http://www.chatham.edu/cwe/events/thinkbig>

Nancy Wilson Live
Presented by BNY Mellon
October 15th & 16th
Manchester Craftsmen's
Guild

1815 Metropolitan St.
Northside
For tickets call 412-322-0800

Bill Cosby 'Live'
October 30th - 5:30 PM
Heinz Hall
For tickets call 412-392-4900.

Attention
Prospective Lenders

The SBA has financial programs that address the needs of small businesses. Learn how to become a Lending Partner with the SBA. Go to: www.sba.gov/financialassistance & click on **Prospective Lenders**.

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.

Attention Small
Business Owners

If your small business is still using 8109 coupons, there are **IRS changes** going into effect January 1, 2011. Know where your money is going & that your taxes are paid. Go to: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/O..id=98005.00.html>

Connect To The
August Wilson Center
Become a Volunteer, Intern or Docent. Call 412-338-8730.

Port Authority Transit
Route & Schedule
Changes

Find out more @ portauthority.org

Did You Know

Board and Chairman Circle Member James Rice/Rice Enterprises has been #1 on the Pittsburgh Business Times' Book of Lists minority owned businesses in the Pittsburgh area for 5 consecutive years? Associate Member Joe McGrath on VisitPittsburgh moving on to represent PA for the national award of being Psychologically Healthy (having placed #1 in their category locally).

Kudos to Associate Members Lois Mufuka Martin/Bethlehem Haven on a great video- BethlehemVoices (www.bethlehemhaven.org), & Maggie Jensen/YWCA on hosting luncheon speaker Gloria Steinem.

Congratulations!

Members Rob Jones/Ingood Company named Chairman of the Regional Asset District Board of

Directors; **Member** State Rep. Jake Wheatley sponsoring Community Day; Rev. Kevin Cooper/Mulberry Community Church on their 10th Anniversary; Presidential Roundtable Member Mark Nordenberg/Univ. of Pgh on exceeding **\$1.5Billion** in scholar-ship pledges & gifts; Supporting Member Rosemarie Perla/Perla Group, attended the annual McLean/Harvard Medical School Coaching in Medicine & Leadership conference.

IN THE NEWS

New Pittsburgh Courier
Member Russell Bynum /Bynum Marketing attending the Funds for Haiti fundraiser, & State Rep. Member Joe Preston at the Wilksburg Weed & Seed Youth Forum.

Pittsburgh
Business Times

Supporting Member Linda Clautti/Urban Pathways Charter School on a 30 thousand sq. ft. expansion, & Presidential Roundtable Member Charles Bunch/PPG on the launch of the PPG Solar Performance Group.

Welcome New Members

Regular Members
Wesley Dean Carter

Turns & Seeds

Glenn Waters

Waters Insurance

Supporting Members

Peter Dailey

Renewable Manufacturing Gateway

Associate Members

Melanie Harrington

Regional Opportunity Center

Sharon Tragesser

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Fall Has Arrived!